

# JAMES

## Lesson 6: Rewards for the Faithful in Christ (Part 2)

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### THE TIME AND PLACE OF THE AWARDS CEREMONY

#### 1 Corinthians 5:1-10

THE PLACE: The Judgment Seat of Christ (vs 10).

THE TIME: After we leave our earthly body and stand before the Lord in our new body.

WHAT IS TRIED: Our works; not to determine salvation, but to determine rewards.

WHO ARE THE INVITED GUESTS AT THIS CEREMONY? Only saved believers in Christ.

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### DON'T SPEND YOUR DAYS JUDGING YOUR BROTHER

#### Romans 14:10-13

We must avoid the temptation to judge others. Our ability to judge is flawed at best. When we look at others, we may see their outward actions without knowing all the facts and misjudge them.

Our time is best spent preparing ourselves, making sure that when we stand before the Judgment Seat of Christ, we can rest assured that we have done our best to do everything God told us to do personally.

We can warn the brethren, refute error, expose false doctrine, and teach the truth from the Bible, but we must allow the Holy Spirit to convict the hearts and then leave the judgment to the Lord Jesus Christ.

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### THE TRYING OF OUR WORKS

#### 1 Corinthians 3:10-15

Judgment is performed by fire. Fire reveals the quality of the thing being judged (vs 13).

The believers' judgment does not test a person for salvation. It tests a saved person's works to see if those works are of the sort worthy of reward (quality is being tested, not quantity). Works done with a right heart and motive for the glory of the Lord will abide the fire and be rewarded. Works that were done for selfish purposes will be burned up (no reward)

There is no punishment at the judgment seat; only reward (or lack thereof).

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## **MORE ABOUT CROWNS**

**2 Timothy 4:8** The Lord Himself will personally give us a crown.

**Revelation 4:10** We'll be compelled to give our crown back to Jesus Christ, the One who made it possible for us to accomplish the things that earned us the crown.

**Proverbs 12:4** A virtuous woman is a crown to her husband. She enables her husband to live a life that is pleasing to the Lord. She doesn't hinder his spiritual walk.

As the bride of Christ, we can live a proper life and earn crowns to present to Him. Sin in the church grieves the Lord "as rottenness in his bones."

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## **PROVING OURSELVES; EARNING POSITIONS IN THE LORD'S KINGDOM**

**Luke 19:12-27** What we do for the Lord while He is away determines what we will do in His Kingdom on Earth when He gets back.

The Lord's enemies are put to death.

The unfaithful servant lives but receives no reward; no cities to govern.

The faithful servant lives and is rewarded. His "pounds" are exchanged for "cities." Being faithful in what the Lord gives us today will result in greater rewards when He returns.

Of what sort are your works?

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