

Heaven, Hell & Here: Eternal Reward

MAY 3 - Matt 25:19-28, Revelation 21 & 22

What will Eternal Reward be Like? (Matthew 25)

1. Shared reward, “Share your masters Happiness!”.
2. Individual reward, “...take the bag of gold and give it to the one who has ten.”
3. Important Assignments, “I will put you in charge of many things.”

Eternal Reward is not Eternal Retirement.

What will the Eternal Home be Like? (Rev 21 & 22)

1. New
 - a. Heavens (21:1)
 - b. Earth (21:1)
 - c. Jerusalem (21:2)
 - d. Eden (22:1)
2. Healed
 - a. Bodies
 - b. Psychies (21:4)
 - c. Spirits (21:3,7)
 - d. Nations (22:2)

Life Group Prep

We encourage you to reflect on and write out answers to these questions before you meet with your life group to discuss the Sunday message.

1. Read Matthew 25:14-30 and Revelation 21- 22:1-5 and review the sermon. What thought, idea or concept most stands out to you from this passage?
2. What is the happiest you have ever been? What made it a happy season for you and how has that happiness faded away?
3. Jesus says to the faithful, “share your master’s happiness” and Dallas Willard said that God is “the most joyous being in the universe.” Have you ever considered that God is full of joy? What might it be like to share in God’s eternal happiness?
4. Understanding that there will be greater and lesser rewards after the Resurrection of the Dead, does that compel you to live differently now? If so, in what ways?
5. How does the idea of important assignments and meaningful work for eternity hit you? What does that tell us about the significance of work and rest for God and human happiness?
6. What is your favorite part about Revelations' description of our eternal home? Would you rather live in the New Jerusalem or in one of the other nations, and why?
7. After learning all this, how have your thoughts and feelings about the second coming of Jesus changed?

