

# LIST OF FUTURE REWARDS IN THE BIBLE

## ARRANGED IN CATEGORIES



### REWARD (rewarded with)

### WORK / SERVICE (rewarded for)

#### ETERNAL LIFE (FREE GIFT OF GRACE)

1. *eat of the tree of life, not hurt by the second death, and name not erased from the book of life* for overcoming the world; i.e., for believing that Jesus is the Son of God (Rev 2:7, 11; 3:5; cf. 1 Jn 5:4–5)

#### PRAISE, GLORY, AND HONOR (PAYMENT AND REPAYMENT WITH PRAISE, GLORY, AND HONOR)

2. *praise* ["Well done, good and faithful servant!"] for being faithful in working for Jesus (Mt 25:21, 23; Lk 19:17)
3. *glory* [δόξα] and *honor* [τιμή] for perseverance in doing good works (Rom 2:6–7)
4. *praise, glory, and honor* for faith proven to be genuine in testing (1 Pet 1:6–7)
5. *eternal weight of glory* far beyond all comparison for enduring momentary light affliction (2 Cor 4:17)

#### SOCIAL STATUS (PAYMENT AND REPAYMENT WITH HONOR)

6. *crown of righteousness* for endurance and faithfulness in spiritual warfare—for fighting the good fight, finishing the course, keeping the faith, and fighting against unrighteousness (2 Tim 4:7–8)
7. *crown of life* for enduring testing (James 1:12) and being faithful in suffering, persecution, tribulation, and testing to the point of death (Rev 2:10)
8. *imperishable crown* for self-discipline (1 Cor 9:25); note that ἐγκράτεια is a fruit of the Spirit (Gal 5:23)
9. *crown of glory* for shepherding the flock of God, i.e., pastoring a local church (1 Pet 5:1–4)
10. *see or visit with Jesus* for living holy lives [experiential sanctification] (Heb 12:14; cf. ὁράω "to see someone in the course of making a friendly call, visit" [BDAG] in Heb 13:23)
11. receive *white robes* and *walk with Jesus* in his Kingdom in your white robes for not being spiritually dead (Rev 3:1), for not falling asleep (3:2), for fulfilling or completing your good deeds (3:1–2), for not soiling your clothes (3:4), for being worthy (3:4), and for overcoming enemies in spiritual warfare (3:5)
12. *hidden manna, white stone, and a new name* for overcoming enemies in spiritual warfare (Rev 2:17)
13. *name confessed by Jesus before God and elect angels* for overcoming enemies in spiritual warfare (Rev 3:5)
14. *inscribed with the names of God, the New Jerusalem, and Jesus' new name* for overcoming enemies in spiritual warfare (Rev 3:12)
15. *a memorial in the millennial Temple and a better name* for eunuchs forever for keeping Sabbaths, choosing what pleases God, and keeping the Mosaic Covenant (Isa 56:4–5)

#### ACCESS TO GOD AND TO JESUS (PAYMENT WITH HONOR)

16. *ministry with personal access to God* in the Temple for being faithful in times of apostasy (Ezek 44:10–16)
17. *presence in the millennial Temple, joy in Temple worship, and acceptance* of burnt offerings, sacrifices, and prayers of Gentiles in the Temple for ministering to, loving, serving God, keeping Sabbaths, and being faithful to the Mosaic Covenant (Isa 56:6–7)
18. *a pillar and permanent residence in God's Temple* for overcoming enemies in spiritual warfare (Rev 3:12)

#### POSITION AND PRIVILEGE (PAYMENT WITH GLORY AND HONOR)

19. high position and status [πρῶτος 'first'] in the Kingdom for making sacrifices and enduring persecution (Mt 19:29–30 = Mk 10:30–31). The opposite is to be 'last' [ἔσχατος] in the Kingdom.
20. high position and status [μεῖζων 'greatest'] in the Kingdom for being humble like a child (Mt 18:4)
21. called "*great*" in the Kingdom for doing and teaching the commandments in the Mosaic Law (Mt 5:19). The opposite is to be "least" [ἐλάχιστος] (Mt 5:19) and "smallest, insignificant, of least importance [μικρότερος]" in the Kingdom (Mt 11:11; Lk 7:28)
22. high administrative position *bearing God's signet ring* [ἰσχύριον] for obedience and service in building the second temple (Hag 2:23)
23. *put in charge of many things* in the Kingdom for being faithful in working for Jesus (Mt 25:21, 23)

#### POLITICAL AUTHORITY AND RULE (PAYMENT WITH GLORY AND HONOR)

24. *authority* over five or ten cities in the Kingdom for being faithful in working for Jesus (Lk 19:17, 19)
25. *ruling* over the twelve tribes of Israel for leaving everything and following Jesus (Mt 19:27–28)
26. *reign with Christ* for steadfastness and endurance in testing (2 Tim 2:12; Heb 10:36; James 1:12)
27. *authority to rule over the nations and to sit on Jesus' throne* for overcoming spiritual enemies and doing good deeds to the end of your life (Rev 2:26–27; 3:21)
28. *sit on thrones and reign with Christ* in his Kingdom for obedience, faithfulness, and martyrdom (Rev 20:4)
29. *King of kings and Lord of lords* for perfect obedience, faithfulness, overcoming all enemies, and martyrdom (Rev 19:16; cf. Jn 8:29; 16:33; Phil 2:8; Rom 14:9)

A reward may be (1) a *grace* gift (salvation, eternal life), (2) a payment *due, owed, or deserved* (pay, wages, remuneration) for work, service, or endurance of suffering, (3) a *just, due, or counter-balancing* repayment (recompense, compensation) for sacrifice, expense, or loss, or (4) an inheritance given for a family relationship between sons, daughters, and their heavenly Father.

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#### PAYMENT, WAGES, REMUNERATION (FOR WORK, SERVICE, AND ENDURING SUFFERING)

30. *wages* [μισθός] for labor, toil, or struggle that wearies [ἐκείνη] the Servant (Messiah), for exhausting his strength [ἐκείνη] 'I have exhausted my strength,' i.e., used up, consumed, or spent my strength], and for enduring persecution [implied by ἡ δικαιοσύνη μου μετὰ τὸν ΚΥ 'my justice is with the LORD'] (Isa 49:4). His wages are later revealed to be a *ruler over kings and princes*—lit. 'kings will see and stand up and princes will bow down' to him (Isa 49:7).
31. *pay, wages, remuneration, or reward* [μισθός] in heaven for practicing (ποιεῖω) righteousness (Mt 6:1)
32. *pay, wages, remuneration, or reward* [μισθός] for evangelizing ("planting" 1 Cor 3:8 and "reaps" Jn 4:36)
33. *pay, wages, remuneration, or reward* [μισθός] for preaching and teaching ("watering" in 1 Cor 3:8 and "building" in 1 Cor 3:9–15)
34. *pay, wages, remuneration, or reward* [μισθός] for willingly (ἐκόντων) preaching the gospel (1 Cor 9:16–17)
35. a *prophet's* and a *righteous man's* *pay, wages, remuneration, or reward* [μισθός] for hospitality (Mt 10:41)
36. a *disciple's* *pay, wages, remuneration, or reward* [μισθός] for giving a cup of cold water to disciples who lack importance, influence, or power but belong to Christ (Mt 10:42; Mk 9:41)
37. *great pay, wages, remuneration, or reward* [μισθός πολλός] in heaven for enduring insults, slander, and persecution (Mt 5:11–12). *Principle:* payment is given for mental endurance and repayment for physical loss.
38. *great pay, wages, remuneration, or reward* [μισθός πολλός] in heaven for enduring hatred, ostracism, insults, and slander (Lk 6:22–23). Cf. 'suffering harm as payment [μισθός] for unrighteousness' (2 Pet 2:13).
39. *great pay, wages, remuneration, or reward* for loving your enemies (comp. Mt 5:44 with 5:46; Lk 6:27 with 6:35)
40. *great pay, wages, remuneration, or reward* [μισθός πολλός] for doing good (ἀγαθοποιεῖω) for those who hate you (compare Lk 6:27 with 6:35)
41. *great pay, wages, remuneration, or reward* [μισθός πολλός] for lending money to your enemies without interest (Lk 6:35)

#### REPAYMENT, RECOMPENSE, COMPENSATION (FOR VOLUNTARY SACRIFICE, EXPENSE, AND LOSS)

42. *repay* [hiphil of נָשַׁב "pay as recompense" BDB] for righteousness and faithfulness in testing (1 Sam 26:23a)
43. *repayment* [ἀποδίδωμι] from God the Father for giving alms to the poor (Mt 6:3–4)
44. *repayment* [ἀποδίδωμι] from God the Father for praying (Mt 6:6)
45. *repayment* [ἀποδίδωμι] from God the Father for fasting (Mt 6:17–18)
46. *repayment* [ἀνταποδίδωμι] for feeding the poor, crippled, lame, and blind (Lk 14:12–14)
47. *great repayment, recompense, compensation, or reward* [μεγάλην μισθαποδοσίαν] for courage in spiritual warfare (Heb 10:35). Confiscated possessions are repaid with 'a better and lasting possession' (10:34).
48. receive [κομίζω] the *promise (of repayment)* for doing God's will when it requires physical loss (Heb 10:36)
49. *repayment* [κομίζω] from the Lord for doing (πράσσω, ποιέω) good or bad (2 Cor 5:10; Eph 6:8)

#### RICHES, WEALTH, TRÉASURE (PAYMENT AND REPAYMENT WITH MONEY AND VALUABLES)

50. *riches or treasure* [θησαυρός] in heaven for selling your possessions and giving the proceeds to the needy [=alms] (Lk 12:33)
51. *treasure* [θησαυρός] in heaven for giving all your possessions to the poor [=alms] (Mt 19:21=Mk 10:21=Lk 18:22)
52. 'storing up (as treasure) for themselves a *good foundation* [ἀποθησαυρίζοντας θεμέλιον καλόν] for the future' for doing good, being rich in good works, being generous and sharing (1 Tim 6:18–19)
53. *wealth* [πλοῦτος] that makes you *rich* [πλουτέω] toward God (Luke 12:21). The rich fool was poor and not rich toward God.
54. "*fruit, gain, profit, reward* [καρπός]" that continually increases in the ledger of your heavenly bank account for giving to (supporting) missionaries (Phil 4:17)

#### INHERITANCE (CONSISTS OF EVERYTHING WE WILL RECEIVE IN THE NEXT LIFE FROM OUR FATHER)

55. an *inheritance* in the Millennial Kingdom for providing food, drink, clothing, and lodging for the brethren, and for visiting sick and imprisoned brethren (Mt 25:34–40)
56. an *inheritance* for slaves as repayment [τὴν ἀνταπόδοσιν τῆς κληρονομίας 'the repayment of the inheritance'] for doing their work (jobs) faithfully to please the Lord (Col 3:23–24)
57. "*the better portion*" or "*the best portion*" of the inheritance Jesus receives from his Father for listening to God's Word (instead of prioritizing good works and serving) (Lk 10:42)
58. *promises of God* (Heb 6:12), *the earth* (Mt 5:5), *dwellings and land* (Isa 49:8b; Lk 16:9; Jn 14:2; Heb 13:14), *heavenly city* (Heb 11:10; 12:22; 13:14), *heavenly country* (Heb 11:13–16), *Millennial and Eternal Kingdoms* (Mt 5:3, 10; Jas 2:5; Rev 21:1–7), *eternal life* (Mt 19:29; Tit 3:7), *rest* (Heb 4:9–11), *et al.* for being in God's family