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I. Overview of Eternal Rewards

1. A Great Theme of Jesus Teaching was Eternal Rewards

- Jesus constantly taught about seeking Eternal rewards, and the need to pursue them
- *"For the Son of Man will come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then He will reward each according to his works."* (Mat.16:27)

2. There are very Many Different types of Rewards

- In Rev.2-3 Jesus names many different rewards for those who Overcome specific challenges and trials
- The many Eternal Rewards that are described potentially form an important part of our Eternal Destiny
- We need to be familiar with the significance and importance of the different rewards revealed.
- Understanding what is at stake gives us great motivation for perseverance and transformation
- **It requires a response from each of us daily**
*"Bondservants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh, not with eye-service, as men-pleasers, but in sincerity of heart, fearing God.
 And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, **knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance**; for you serve the Lord Christ.
 But he who does wrong will be repaid for what he has done, and there is no partiality"* (Col.3:22-24)

3. Rewards are Not Given Automatically...Only to those who fulfil specific Conditions

- *"To him who **overcomes** I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne"* (Rev.3:21)
- *"If anyone serves Me, let him **follow** Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also. If anyone **serves** Me, him My Father will honor"* (Jn.12:26)
- Note that in each of these scriptures receiving a reward is conditional upon our works and actions in response to Jesus
- "Overcome"....to subdue, conquer, gain victory over

4. Our Small Sacrifices Now have Huge Recompense Eternally

- *"You were faithful over a **few things**, I will make you **ruler over many things**."* (Mt. 25:21)
- *"Well done...you were faithful in a **very little**, have **authority over ten cities**."* (Lk. 19:17)
- God greatly values our small expressions of obedience in our mind, emotions and will
- He remembers them and rewards them in a much much greater proportion
- God is a "Rewarder" (Heb.11:6) and He is extremely generous!
- *"Everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My name's sake, **shall receive a hundredfold**, and inherit eternal life."* (Mt. 19:29)

5. God rewards those that Honor and Serve Him

- [Joh 12:25](#) *He who loves his life will lose it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life.*
- [Joh 12:26](#) *If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also. If anyone serves Me, him My Father will honor.*

II. A Summary of these Many Rewards

- The many Rewards mentioned in the Bible could be listed under the following possible headings:
- **Reward 1. Eternal Intimacy**
 Our communion with God will vary according to our spiritual capacity.
 - [Mat 25:10](#) *And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding; and the door was shut*
 - [Rev 2:17](#) *"He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give some of the hidden manna to eat. And I will give him a white stone, and on the stone a new name written which no one knows except him who receives it."*

- *“He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go out no more. I will write on him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God. And I will write on him My new name” Rev3:12*
 - Jesus will reward some by writing the Father’s name on them.
 - This includes receiving insight about God.
- **Reward 2. Eternal Authority**
We will all have different work assignments with varying measures of authority and responsibility
“...because you were faithful in a very little, have authority over ten cities.” (Lk.19:17)
- **Reward 3. Eternal Glory**
God’s glory will be manifested in our resurrected bodies in varying measures.
“The righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father.” (Mt. 13:43)
- **Reward 4. Eternal Garments**
Garments will vary in glory according to how believers lived
“He who overcomes shall be clothed in white garments,”(Rev.3:4)
There may be many different types of clothing with unique designs, fabric, brightness, color, etc.
- **Reward 5. Victor’s Crowns**
Some will receive crowns to publicly honor their private victories
*“Blessed is the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the **crowns of life** which the Lord has promised to those who love Him”(Jam1:12)*
- **Reward 6. Honour & Praise**
Each will receive varying praise from God
The Lord comes...then each one’s praise [affirmation] will come from God. (1 Cor. 4:5)
“...likewise he said to him, “You also be over five cities.” (Lk. 19:17-19)
- **Reward 7. Riches & Treasure**
Jesus’ call to gain treasure in heaven includes many different things
“...but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. (Mt.6:20).
- **Reward 8. Vindication**
Being vindicated before one’s enemies
“Indeed I will make those of the synagogue of Satan, who say they are Jews and are not, but lie—indeed I will make them come and worship before your feet, and to know that I have loved you” (Rev.3:9)
- 6. The First Three of these Rewards Deserve Special Attention**
- This is because God’s original design for man is to be a Son
- Having Intimate Relationship with Father....Knowing the depths of His heart and communing with God
 - Exercising Authority on behalf of Father.....Working with Him to extend His Kingdom
 - Representing Father.....Revealing through words and actions His Character and Glory
- One of the Rewards mentioned more than any other is Ruling and Reigning with Christ
- **All rewards are conditional on our love and serving Christ..Living a life that honours Him**
- Rom 2:6 who *“WILL RENDER TO EACH ONE ACCORDING TO HIS DEEDS”:*
 - Rom 2:7 *eternal life to those who **by patient continuance in doing good seek for glory, honor, and immortality.***

III. Keep your Heart free from defilement

1. Live in Hope of Jesus Return

- Great theme through the Bible...the Kingdom of God
- Kingdom...invisible within...Coming in great power and Glory
- 1Jn 3:2 *Beloved, now we are children(teknon) of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.*
1Jn 3:3 *And everyone who has this hope in Him **purifies himself**, just as He is pure.*
 - Purify...cleanse from defilement

2. Generation is arising Free from Defilement

- Daniel....Prophetrevelation of the endTimes

- Daniel and his friends were captives in Babylon after the Kingdom of Israel fell
- [Dan 1:8](#) *But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's delicacies, nor with the wine which he drank; therefore he requested of the chief of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself.*
- **Babylon worshipped many gods.....Key one The Queen of heaven**
 - Queen of Heaven was an adversary to God's people all through the Bible
 - Babylon spread its worship of the mother goddess throughout the world
 - The worship and defilement of this spirit was also a problem to Thyatira...an endtime church
 - [Rev 2:19](#) *"I know your works, love, service, faith, and your patience; and as for your works, the last are more than the first.*
 - [Rev 2:20](#) *Nevertheless I have a few things against you, because you allow that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, to teach and seduce My servants to commit sexual immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols.*
 - [Rev 2:21](#) *And I gave her time to repent of her sexual immorality, and she did not repent.*
 - [Rev 2:22](#) *Indeed I will cast her into a sickbed, and those who commit adultery with her into great tribulation, unless they repent of their deeds.*
 - Jezebel was causing the church to become defiled
 - False teaching lead to permissiveness and defilement ...seduced them from faithfulness
 - Warning to the church...**Don't tolerate Jezebel**...and its **defilement** (sexual immorality and eating foods sacrificed to idols) ...music, media Tolerate.....allow to operate with no resistance
- **The King of Babylon sought to change their identities**
 - [Dan 1:6](#) *Now from among those of the sons of Judah were Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah.*
 - [Dan 1:7](#) *To them the chief of the eunuchs gave names: he gave Daniel the name Belteshazzar; to Hananiah, Shadrach; to Mishael, Meshach; and to Azariah, Abed-Nego.*
 - He gave them new names...name means identity, character,
 - These names were related to the gods Babylon served
 - The King of Babylon sought to defile them
- **God rewarded Daniels Faithfulness**
 - [Dan 1:17](#) *As for these four young men, God gave them knowledge and skill in all literature and wisdom; and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams.* (Prophetic...the Magi)
 - [Dan 1:20](#) *And in all matters of wisdom and understanding about which the king examined them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and astrologers who were in all his realm.*
 - [Dan 2:48](#) *Then the king promoted Daniel and gave him many great gifts; and he made him ruler over the whole province of Babylon, and chief administrator over all the wise men of Babylon.*
- **The Promise to Overcomers in Thyatira**
 - [Rev 2:26](#) *And he who overcomes, and keeps My works until the end, to him I will give power over the nations—*
 - [Rev 2:27](#) *'HE SHALL RULE THEM WITH A ROD OF IRON; THEY SHALL BE DASHED TO PIECES LIKE THE POTTER'S VESSELS'—as I also have received from My Father;*
 - [Rev 2:28](#) *and I will give him the morning star.*

3. Man with an unclean spirit

- [Luk 4:33](#) *Now in the synagogue there was a man who had a spirit of an unclean demon. And he cried out with a loud voice,*
- [Luk 4:34](#) *saying, "Let us alone! What have we to do with You, Jesus of Nazareth? Did You come to destroy us? I know who You are—the Holy One of God!"*
- [Luk 4:35](#) *But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be quiet, and come out of him!" And when the demon had thrown him in their midst, it came out of him and did not hurt him.*
- [Luk 4:36](#) *Then they were all amazed and spoke among themselves, saying, "What a word this is! For with authority and power He commands the unclean spirits, and they come out."*
- [Luk 4:37](#) *And the report about Him went out into every place in the surrounding region.*
- **Defilement:**
Defile:= Stain, pollute, contaminate
- **Man in the synagogue**
 - Defilement by unclean spirits...tormented
 - Deliverance....evidence of the Kingdom of God overcoming the Kingdom of Darkness
- **Doors of defilement:**
 - Occult. Ezek.20:7

- Bitterness. Heb.12:15
- Idols. Exec.37:23
- Occult. Lev.19:31
- Witchcraft
- Sexual sin. Lev.18:20-
- Violence. Is.59:3
- Words. Matt.15:8
 - [Jas 3:6](#) *And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity. The tongue is so set among our members that it **defiles the whole body**, and **sets on fire the course of nature**; and it is set on fire by hell.*
- False doctrine1Tim.4:1

4. Steps to Freedom

- [Col 3:1](#) *If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God.*
- [Col 3:2](#) *Set your mind(affection) on things above, not on things on the earth.*
- [Col 3:3](#) *For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.*
- [Col 3:4](#) *When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will **appear with Him in glory**.*
- [Jas 4:7](#) *Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.*