

Six Life Events (Review)

Birth → Death → Destination → Resurrection → **Repayment** → Eternity →

Jesus on Eternal Securities

Matthew 6:1-4 (MSG) “Be especially careful when you are trying to be good so that you don’t make a performance out of it. It might be good theater, but the God who made you won’t be applauding. “When you do something for someone else, don’t call attention to yourself. You’ve seen them **in** action, I’m sure—‘play-actors’ I call them—treating prayer meeting and street corner alike as a stage, acting compassionate as long as someone is watching, playing to the crowds. They get applause, true, but that’s all they get. When you help someone out, don’t think about how it looks. Just do it—quietly and unobtrusively. That is the way your God, who conceived you **in** love, working behind the scenes, helps you out. ...”

Matthew 6:19-21 (MSG) “Don’t hoard **treasure** down here where it gets eaten by moths and corroded by rust or—worse!—stolen by burglars. Stockpile **treasure in heaven**, where it’s safe from moth and rust and burglars. It’s obvious, isn’t it? The place where your **treasure** is, is the place you will most want to be, and end up being.

Luke 12:33-34 (MSG) “Be generous. Give to the poor. Get yourselves a bank that can’t go bankrupt, a bank **in heaven** far from bank robbers, safe from embezzlers, a bank you can bank on. It’s obvious, isn’t it? The place where your **treasure** is, is the place you will most want to be, and end up being.

*You go to Heaven based on what Jesus did on the Cross.
Your reward in Heaven is based on what you do with the life He gave you.*

Payday (Final Judgment)

Revelation 20:11-15 Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. The earth and the heavens fled from his presence, and there was no place for them. And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. **The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books.** The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and **each person was judged according to what they had done.** Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death. **Anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the lake of fire.**

The TEACHING of the Final Judgment

1. Satisfies our inward sense of a need for JUSTICE in the world.
2. Enables us to FORGIVE others freely.
3. Provides a motive for RIGHTEOUS living.
4. Provides a great motive for EVANGELISM.

The Gold Standard

1 Corinthians 3:8, 11-15 Now he who plants and he who waters are one, and each one will receive his own reward according to his own labor. ... For **no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ**. Now if anyone builds on this foundation *with* gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, **each one's work will become clear**; for **THE DAY** will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the **fire will test each one's work**, of what sort it is. If anyone's work which he has built on *it* endures, he will receive a reward. If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.

Three Litmus Tests

1. The RELATIONSHIP Test

- **John 15:5** "...without me YOU can do nothing." (Jesus)

2. The MOTIVE Test

- **Matthew 6:1** "Take heed that you do not do your charitable deeds before men, to be seen by them. Otherwise you have no reward from your Father in heaven." (Jesus)

3. The LOVE Test

- **Luke 6:35** "But **LOVE** your **ENEMIES**, do **GOOD** to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then ***your reward will be great***, and you will be **children** of the Most High, because **HE** is kind to the ungrateful and wicked." (Jesus)



My Notes
