

The Wednesday Word, March 7, 2018: Is Jesus Enough for Our Reward - Part 2

FEAR NOT, ... I AM thy SHIELD, and thy exceeding GREAT REWARD.

Gen. 15:1

All believers are headed for glory and our reward. But what exactly will that be? Let's ask ourselves, what do we want it to be? Do we want the reward of a big mansion or a castle in glory? Or, would Jesus be enough?

Do we want Him?

Do we love Him?

Can we say with the Psalmist, "Whom have I in heaven but thee? and there is none upon earth that I desire beside thee" (Psalm 73:25).

Is Jesus enough?

Every believer, when our work has been examined at the Judgment throne, will receive a reward. Since Christ's works have been imputed to us, we will be judged righteous, so what reward do we want it to be? Do we want literal crowns and mansions? They may be there. But so what?

I am persuaded that our greatest reward is Him, the Lord Jesus.

Consider the Levites of the Old Testament; they received no inheritance in the land, but they were given Him (Deuteronomy 10:9; 18:1-2). The Lord was their inheritance and they had the privilege of ministering to Him.

They got the best deal in Israel!

The Lord is our reward. He told Abraham, "I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward" (Genesis 15:1). Isaiah 40:10 tells us; "Behold, the Lord GOD will come with strong hand, and his arm shall rule for him: behold, his reward is with him."

Is He enough for our reward or do we want more?

I love what the hymn writer wrote about this; he said;

Finish then thy new creation:
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation,
Perfectly restored in thee;
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

We will cast our crowns before Him for He is enough. What a sublime thought!

So what exactly will Heaven and life there be like? We don't know for eye has not seen, nor ear heard, neither has it entered into the heart of man, the things which God has prepared for them that love him (1 Corinthians 2:9). But this much we do know; in Heaven, we not only encounter Jesus but we also encounter Heaven in Jesus:

He is the Light of Heaven.
He is the Bread of Heaven.
He is the Delight of Heaven.
He is the Glory of Heaven.
He is the Joy of Heaven.
He is the Reward of Heaven.

His presence there makes Heaven into Heaven. If He left, it would no longer be Heaven! Jesus is the centre of Heaven, Jesus Himself is heaven and heaven is Jesus.

Jesus is enough.
And that's the Gospel Truth!