

Psalm 16 NIV

Preserve me, O God, for in You
I put my trust.

O my soul, you have said to the Lord,
“*You are* my Lord,
My goodness is nothing apart
from You.”

As for the saints who *are* on the earth,
“They are the excellent ones, in whom
is all my delight.”

Their sorrows shall be multiplied who
hasten *after* another *god*;

Their drink offerings of blood I will not
offer, Nor take up their names
on my lips.

O Lord, *You are* the portion of my
inheritance and my cup;
You maintain my lot.
The lines have fallen to me in
pleasant *places*;
Yes, I have a good inheritance.

I will bless the Lord who has given
me counsel;

My heart also instructs me
in the night seasons.

I have set the Lord always before me;
Because *He is* at my right hand
I shall not be moved.

Therefore my heart is glad,
and my glory rejoices;
My flesh also will rest in hope.
For You will not leave my soul
in Sheol,
Nor will You allow Your Holy One
to see corruption.

You will show me the path of life;
In Your presence *is* fullness
of joy;
At Your right hand *are* pleasures
forevermore.

“When We all Get To Heaven”

Sing the wondrous love of Jesus
Sing his mercy and his grace
In the mansions bright
and blessed
He'll prepare for us a place

Refrain:

When we all get to heaven,
what a day of rejoicing that will be!
When we all see Jesus
we'll sing and shout the victory.

Let us then be true and faithful,
trusting, serving every day;
just one glimpse of Him in glory
will the toils of life repay.

Refrain:

When we all get to heaven,
what a day of rejoicing that will be!
When we all see Jesus
we'll sing and shout the victory.

Onward to the prize before us!
Soon His beauty we'll behold;
Soon the pearly gates will open,
We shall tread the streets of gold.

Refrain:

When we all get to heaven,
what a day of rejoicing that will be!
When we all see Jesus
we'll sing and shout the victory.



TOWARD REWARD

“Give her the reward she
has earned!”

(Prov. 31:31)

Reward

- ✓ stimulus... a boost to reinforce a desired outcome
- ✓ return... Something given in recompense... fulfillment/payment/Thank You!
- ✓ always follows the performance (never precedes)

Rewards are **DELIGHTFUL**

- celebration of accomplishment
- satisfying... recognition of work/skill/dedication/status
- motivating... fuel for the journey

Rewards are **DANGEROUS**

- become the complete focus and block other important issues from our view
- become the complete motivation and eclipse other reasons for doing important things
- become our complete identity, so that we have no strength if not being rewarded

Behold, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to everyone according to what he has done.

(Rev. 22:12)

The Bible uses “reward” to refer to both positive and negative. This has the simple sense of what is **due** or **deserved**.

For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father’s glory with his angels, and then he will **reward** each person according to what they have done.

(Mt. 16-27)

POINT: This life has a **follow-up!**

a good deed...

✓ to serve God

✓ to glorify God

✓ to impress people

On impressing people... Jesus said, “human praise will be your **only** reward”

Does God notice my Attitude...
my Work... or my Results?

1. RESULTS

(accomplishment/achievement)

are God's enterprise.

No rewards for us.

I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God made it grow. So neither he who plants or he who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. The man who plants and the man who waters have one purpose, and each will be rewarded according to his own LABOR.

(1 Cor. 3:6-8)

2. Labor will be rewarded

according to **potential**

according to **motivation**

according to **faithfulness**

3. Joyfulness or Reluctance
(**ATTITUDE**) will be
a **consideration**
of reward

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as **WORKING FOR THE LORD**, not for men, since you know you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as your reward. It is the Lord Christ that you serve.

(Col. 3:23)

Amount/Type/Value of REWARDS
that God will give are beyond our
determination.

GOD DECIDES... who/what/why

AND... There can be no anger,
argument, or jealousy. WHY?

*Because all rewards are simply

MERCY!

For us...

a trophy/induction/ceremony
usually marks an “ending” i.e.
a **release** from **responsibility**

God's rewards have a very different orientation... credentials for greater responsibility.

What about “crowns” and “treasures”?
These are simply earthly symbols of
glory, honor, and immortality that are
the spiritual rewards of living in God’s
presence.

And the word of the Lord
came to Abraham in a vision,
“I am your shield and **your**
VERY GREAT REWARD.”

(Gen. 15:1)

“Soon and Very Soon”

Soon and very soon

We are going to see the King

Soon and very soon

We are going to see the King

Soon and very soon

We are going to see the King

Hallelujah, hallelujah

We're going to see the king

No more cryin there

We are going to see the King

No more cryin there

We are going to see the King

No more cryin there

We are going to see the King

Hallelujah, hallelujah

We're going to see the King

No more dying there,
We are going to see the King;
No more dying there,
We are going to see the King;
No more dying there,
We are going to see the King;
Hallelujah, hallelujah
We're going to see the king