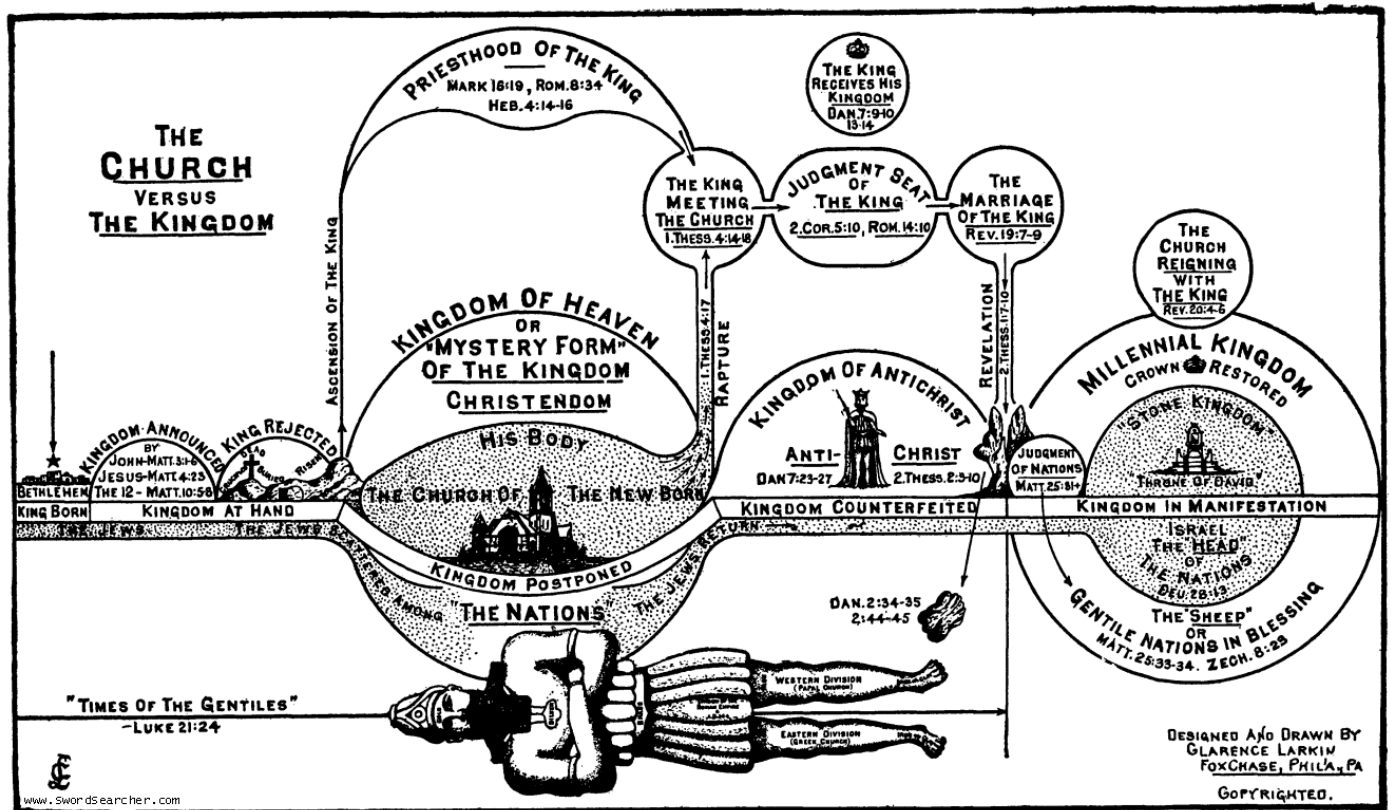


**REVELATION: Lesson 161**  
**Chapter 19 Preparation: Crowns and Rewards**

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**1 Cor 3:12-15** Our works will be tried at the Judgment Seat of Christ to see what sort they were. If they were the right sort, our rewards will not be reduced. If they were the wrong sort (wrong motive, selfish purposes, etc.), our rewards will be reduced by that much.

- The Judgment Seat does not determine a person’s salvation. It determines what percentage of a saved person’s rewards they will get to keep.
- At this judgment, we may be ashamed that we didn’t do more for the Lord when we had a chance.
- The Lord’s purpose is not to shame us, but to perfect our relationship with Him so we can draw closer to Him.

**THE CROWNS AVAILABLE TO THE BELIEVER**

1. **THE CROWN OF GLORY (1 Peter 5:1-4).** This crown is given for faithful oversight in the sphere of influence which God has given you.
  - a. You do it willingly for the benefit of the people you are leading, not for personal gain.
  - b. The size of your area of responsibility does not matter.
  - c. God is not judging the quantity of the work. He’s judging the quality.
2. **THE CROWN OF LIFE (James 1:12, Revelation 2:10).** This crown is for those who remained faithful during trials and tribulations by denying their flesh and staying faithful to the Lord even unto death.
  - a. **“I die daily”** (1 Cor 15:31) and **“I am crucified with Christ, nevertheless I live”** (Gal 2:20).
  - b. This reward is given for what you didn’t do. You did not yield to the flesh.

3. **THE INCORRUPTIBLE CROWN (1 Corinthians 9:24-26)**. This is given for those who were temperate while striving for the mastery. They maintained a proper balance and did not over-indulge in any of the things God provided for them to enjoy in this life. They kept their body in subjection.
    - a. Don't go too far to the left or right or you'll end up shipwrecked (1 Tim 1:19) and castaway.
  4. **THE CROWN OF REJOICING (Philippians 4:1, 1 Thessalonians 2:19-20)**. This crown is given to those who have brought men and women to saving faith in the Lord Jesus Christ (Soul-winner's crown).
    - a. The reward is determined by your motive in winning souls. Did you do it for you, or did you do it for the lost souls?
  5. **THE CROWN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS (2 Timothy 4:8)**. Reward for those who love Jesus' appearing.
    - a. They aren't simply looking for Jesus to return because of the benefits they will immediately enjoy (new body, no pain, no sorrow, no troubles, no heartaches, reunion with loved ones).
    - b. This crown is for those who are truly excited to see the Lord Jesus Christ and be with Him.
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### **OTHER REWARDS**

1. **Matthew 5:11-12**. A reward for willingly putting yourself in danger of ridicule and persecution by speaking up for Jesus Christ.
  2. **Mark 9:41**. A reward for demonstrating kindness and love to the brethren, in Christ's name.
  3. **1 Corinthians 9:17-18**. A reward for those who preached or taught the gospel without expectation of any sort of compensation.
  4. **Colossians 2:18-19**. A reward for maintaining fidelity and loyalty to the Jesus Christ of the Bible (the Head of the Body of Christ). Not letting yourself get sidetracked by unbiblical distractions, doctrines, and teachings. Stay true to the Holy Bible.
  5. **1 Timothy 5:18**. A reward for honest labor.
  6. **2 John 8**. When we get saved, we start with a full reward. The challenge is to get through life without losing any of that reward.
    - a. We need to be concerned with our own reward. We need to make sure our own heart is right with God. Don't lose your rewards trying to keep the brethren straight.
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**Food for thought:** the people who mistreat you and take advantage of you are the very people who are giving you opportunities to earn rewards for Christ's glory. Don't be too quick to break off those relationships.

- Practice ways to react to the mistreatment so that you honor the Lord and earn a reward in the process.
  - Keeping the Judgment Seat at the forefront of your thoughts will help you to live a righteous life.
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