

REWARDS IN REVIEW

WHAT IS MISTHOLOGY?

Misthology is the doctrine of rewards from the Greek word for reward, *misthos*. The doctrine of rewards teaches:

Jesus will reward faithfulness in this life with honor and authority in the next; likewise, Jesus will rebuke unfaithfulness in this life and deny us the honor and authority He so wants to give.

WHEN WILL WE BE REWARDED OR REBUKED?

The Bible reveals a day is coming when every Christian will stand before the Lord Jesus and give an account for his Christian life; it is called the Judgment Seat of Christ.

Romans 14:10-12; 2 Corinthians 5:10.

WHERE AND WHEN WILL THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST TAKE PLACE?

The Judgment Seat of Christ will take place in the 3rd heaven, between the time of the Rapture and the time of the Second Coming of Christ.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Revelation 19:6-16

FOR WHAT WILL WE BE JUDGED AT THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST?

Did we seek to serve Jesus?

Did we suffer with Jesus?

Did we shepherd the Church well?

Matthew 25:14-30; Romans 8:12-17; 1 Peter 5:1-4

WITH WHAT WILL WE BE REWARDED?

The New Testament reveals a number of rewards, but the core rewards will be crowns (laurel wreaths). The crowns will symbolize honor and authority to co-reign with Christ in the Millennial Kingdom.

The *crown of righteousness* for those who faithfully serve.

The *crown of life* for those who suffer with Jesus.

The *crown of glory* for those who shepherd well the Church.

2 Timothy 4:6-8; James 1:12; 1 Peter 5:1-4

IN WHAT CASE WILL GOOD WORKS NOT BE REWARDED BY GOD?

When good works such as giving, praying and fasting are done to draw praise from people. When such works are done sincerely in secret in God's service, they will receive God's reward.

Matthew 6:1-18

WHY SHOULD WE CARE ABOUT REWARDS?

Because serving with Jesus in His Kingdom is our ultimate destiny and the fulfillment of our salvation.

“Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay each one for what he has done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.”

~ Jesus ~

REVELATION 22:12-13