

Today's Focus: Revelation on Promises for Our Services, Pt. 1

There are Promises made by God to you, which are valuable for the NOW and the FUTURE.

Hebrews 6:10-12

10 For God is not unfair. <u>How can he forget your hard work for him</u>, or <u>forget the way</u> you used to <u>show your love for him</u>—and still do—by helping his children? (Hebrews 6:10, TLB)

11 And we are anxious that you keep right on loving others as long as life lasts, so that you will get your full reward. (Hebrews 6:11, TLB)

12 Then, knowing what lies ahead for you, you won't become bored with being a Christian nor become spiritually dull and indifferent, but you will be anxious to follow the example of those who receive all that God has promised them because of their strong faith and patience. (Hebrews 6:12, TLB)

Mark 10:29-30

"And Jesus replied, "Let me assure you that <u>no one has ever given up</u> <u>anything</u>—home, brothers, sisters, mother, father, children, or property—for love of me and to tell others the Good News. (Mark 10:29, TLB)

Who won't be given back, a hundred times over, homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children, and land—with persecutions! "All these will be his here on earth, and in the world to come he shall have eternal life." (Mark 10:30, TLB)

Lessons from Jesus' Words

- 1. The Promise is for everyone who gives up anything for the sake of the kingdom of God. –*no one has given up anything*.
- 2. Being a disciple will cost you.

Examples in Mark 10:29-30

- a. A Location house
- b. Relationships brothers, sisters, father, mother, etc.
- c. Your Business or Employment

Examples in the life of Jesus' disciple

- **James** executed with a sword on the order of Herod Agrippa.
- **Peter** was crucified upside down.
- Andrew was crucified.
- Matthew was beheaded.
- **Phillip** crucified.
- **James**, the son of Alphaeus thrown off from the top of the Temple but he survived, injured, and still wouldn't recant so they clubbed him to death.
- Nathaniel (Bartholomew); Flayed and crucified
- Simon the Zealot: Crucified in Syria.
- **Judas Thaddeus:** Beaten to death by sticks in Mesopotamia.
- Thomas killed in India
- **Matthias:** hung on a cross then stoned to death.
- 3. The cost of being a kingdom disciple is always associated with our public allegiance to the kingdom of God.
- 4. God promises that you will never lose anything you sacrifice.
- 5. God's promises include persecution.

6. Don't expect to receive all your blessings now. Most of your reward is kept for you in the age to come – it is a hundred times more than anything you leave behind.

CONCLUSION

1 Corinthians 15:58

So, my dear brothers, since future victory is sure, be strong and steady, always abounding in the Lord's work, for you know that <u>nothing you do</u> for the Lord is ever wasted as it would be if there were no resurrection. (1 Corinthians 15:58, Living Bible)

Next Steps:

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