



International Bible Lesson
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The Just Will Receive Eternal Rewards
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Luke 14:7-14

“And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just”
(Luke 14:14).

When Jesus taught about humility and giving, he indicated that some give to receive praise and exalt themselves in the eyes of others. In Matthew 6:2, Jesus preached, “Thus, when you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward.” They sought praise; they received praise; they received their reward; that is the end of the matter. Some give great amounts to help the greatest number of people; they use their wealth with compassion to benefit others. We cannot see into anyone’s heart and know their motivation, but God does know our motivations and reasons for giving. Some give to bless others; such as, “the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind.” Jesus said that the needy cannot repay us financially or grant us greater status in the world; however, givers do receive God’s blessing and the joy of giving. Jesus also promised that givers would be repaid at “the resurrection of the just.” The “just” live in a right relationship with Jesus, and when Jesus raises them from the dead, Jesus will repay them in ways beyond our understanding. However,

the “just” do not give because they want rewards in heaven; they give because they love God and their neighbors, and they want to help the needy. Still, Jesus has promised them that they will be repaid at the resurrection of the just, when they will rule and reign with Christ, and use His wealth with compassion and wisdom.

Thinking Further

1. Why does Jesus say you should take the lowest seat at a feast?
2. What kind of person does Jesus say will be humbled?
3. How happy do you think a person is who only does things for those who will repay or reward him? How happy do you think a person is who only serves God because he wants God to reward him?
4. Who does Jesus say you should invite to your feast? Why do you think He said this?
5. When do those who follow Jesus receive their rewards for serving those who cannot repay them?

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