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THE NARROW WAY PART 13 - THE JUDGEMENT SEAT OF CHRIST PT 3

In this third part of The Judgement Seat of Christ we will delve deeper into 1 Corinthians 3, unpacking verses 14 and 15. We must pay close attention as we look at these verses, as failure to be built in the way of the Spirit will see us incurring a loss when God's fire goes through us.

1 Corinthians 3:14-15 If any man's work which he has built on it remains, he will receive a reward. If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.

These two verses show us that we will receive a reward or a loss according to the quality of what our lives have been built with. As stated previously, we aren't able to build anything eternal, but we do get to live an eternal life now, and this is what will determine the quality of the materials we build with.

If we are true worshippers, our lives will be built on spirit and truth as the scriptures declare. We will be empowered to live a life based upon what Jesus modelled here on earth. We will accomplish spiritual works by faith and will receive the reward that Jesus brings with Him when He returns. However, if we build our lives on flesh and our version of the truth, we will make God into our own image, we will accomplish works by our own flesh. Although we are saved or justified as verses 14 and 15 state, we will end up suffering a loss as we were false worshippers.

God's fire will test whether our works were of Him (Spirit), by faith in Him, or of our good intentions (flesh). The works of the flesh will be turned to ash, while the works of the spirit by faith will remain.

It is only those who have lived a life of righteousness by faith, who will receive the reward Jesus brings. How can we expect to receive the prize of our inheritance, if we have not lived a life worthy of the Gospel by the power of the Spirit? In other words, if our lives, and indeed us as His disciples, are not a reflection and expression of the glory of God



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manifested unto the earth, how can we expect to receive an inheritance from Him?

Remember we are not talking about our justified position, but our inheritance as faithful and obedient sons to the Father's will.

This would be extremely poor parenting on God's behalf to reward children who did what they wanted, when they wanted to do it and had complete disregard and disrespect for the Father's will, design and purpose.

This is the reason five virgins didn't get to enter into the wedding feast and heard "I don't know you". It is also the reason that the servant who buried the talents he was entrusted with ended up in the outer darkness in the kingdom of God. These two examples given by Jesus show two very different spiritual realities. The five virgins and the servant with the talents were justified but weren't entitled to, nor received, a reward. The other five virgins and the other two servants were being transformed into His image and were empowered to love God with their entire being and live for Him and His will wholeheartedly, which entitled them to receive His reward.

The reward for living a life of righteousness unto Christ, is that we will get to be part of the bride who marries the Christ and becomes His wife. We will find ourselves at the wedding feast celebrating the marriage of the Lamb to His spotless and blameless bride.

Revelation 19:7-9 "Let us rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb has come and His bride has made herself ready." It was given to her to clothe herself in fine linen, bright and clean; for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints. Then he said to me, "Write, 'Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.' " And he said to me, "These are true words of God."

Revelation 21:9 Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came and spoke with me, saying, "Come here, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb."



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These people will also find themselves being part of the first resurrection and reigning with Christ in the thousand year reign back on earth, where Christ will establish His literally governmental kingdom upon the earth.

Revelation 20:6 Blessed and holy is the one who has a part in the first resurrection; over these the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with Him for a thousand years.

These people who will become the bride are also known as bondservants. They will find themselves spending eternity in proximity to Christ in the new heaven and earth. They will see His face, have His name written on their foreheads and be found serving the Lord.

Revelation 22:3-4 There will no longer be any curse; and the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and His bond-servants will serve Him; they will see His face, and His name will be on their foreheads.

QUESTIONS

1. What stands out the most for you from what you have just read?
2. What impact has what you have just heard had on you?
3. Why is there a separation between those who live a life by faith and those who live a life by flesh?
4. What revelation do you carry of the three inheritances listed above, (Wedding, thousand year reign, and bondservants) and how is this changing your life?

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