

ARE YOU ON GOD'S PAYROLL?



TEXT: *John 4:35: "He that reapeth receiveth wages."*

Ezekiel 29:17-21:

17 And it came to pass in the seven and twentieth year, in the first month, in the first day of the month, the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

18 Son of man, Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon caused his army to serve a great service against Tyrus: every head was made bald, and every shoulder was peeled: yet had he no wages, nor his army, for Tyrus, for the service that he had served against it:

19 Therefore thus saith the Lord God; "Behold, I will give the land of Egypt unto Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon; and he shall take her multitude, and take her spoil, and take her prey; and it shall be the wages for his army.

20 I have given him the land of Egypt for his labour wherewith he served against it, because they wrought for Me," saith the Lord God.

21 "In that day will I cause the horn of the house of Israel to bud forth, and I will give thee the opening of the mouth in the midst of them;"

Do you realize, beloved ones, that we are going to be rewarded according to our works? Jesus said:

Revelation 2:23b: All the churches shall know that I am He that searcheth the reins and hearts and I will give unto everyone of you according to his works.

Jesus then tells us something about these rewards. There is the prophet's reward, a righteous man's reward, and a disciple's reward.

Matthew 10:41: He that receiveth a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward; and he that receiveth a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward.

A great reward is to be given to those who were scoffed at, reviled and persecuted.

Matthew 5:12: Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in Heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

We are told when we shall be rewarded and for what we shall be rewarded.

Matthew 16:27: For the Son of Man shall come in the glory of His Father with His angels; and then He shall reward every man according to his works.

Luke 6:35: But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest: for He is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil.

The Lord Jesus revealed to Brother Paul that every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labor. But wait a minute! Our works are first going to be tried by fire, ***“for the fire shall try every man’s work, of what sort it is. If any man’s works abide the fire, he shall receive a reward.”*** In other words, God is going to test our works for the motive and purpose for which it was wrought. Did we do all to the Glory of God and in Jesus’ Name because we love Him, with willing service, or because we wanted the praise of men, and for our own financial benefit?

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1 Corinthians 3:8: Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour.

1 Corinthians 9:17: For if I do this thing willingly, I have a reward: but if against my will, a dispensation of the Gospel is committed unto me.

The Blessed Lord Jesus revealed to John this message of warning:

2 John 1:8: Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward.

Jesus said:

Revelation 3:11: Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.

Revelation 22:12: And, behold, I come quickly; and My reward is with Me, to give every man according as his work shall be.

Our Lord Jesus tells us about the rewards to the faithful workers and the judgment upon the lazy Gospel shirkers. Yes, we shall be rewarded for our works, or else judged for not working for Jesus. If we are living for the Lord Jesus, then we are Christians and we are working for Him. We are on His payroll.

Matthew 25:14-30:

¹⁴ For the Kingdom of Heaven is as a man travelling into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods.

¹⁵ And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his several ability; and straightway took his journey.

¹⁶ Then he that had received the five talents went and traded with the same, and made them other five talents.

¹⁷ And likewise he that had received two, he also gained other two.

¹⁸ But he that had received one went and digged in the earth, and hid his lord's money.

¹⁹ After a long time the lord of those servants cometh, and reckoneth with them.

²⁰ And so he that had received five talents came and brought other five talents, saying, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me five talents: behold, I have gained beside them five talents more.

²¹ His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

²² He also that had received two talents came and said, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me two talents: behold, I have gained two other talents beside them.

²³ His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.



24 Then he which had received the one talent came and said, Lord, I knew thee that thou art an hard man, reaping where thou hast not sown, and gathering where thou hast not strawed:

25 And I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, there thou hast that is Thine.

26 His lord answered and said unto him, Thou wicked and slothful servant, thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I have not strawed:

27 Thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the exchangers, and then at My coming I should have received mine own with usury.

28 Take therefore the talent from him, and give it unto him which hath ten talents.

29 For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath.

30 And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

The biggest hindrance to the prevailing Gospel of Christ is not the Iron Curtain, but the plush curtain. Christians are slothful and lazy, slumbering and sleeping while the devil is fighting against Almighty God, and boasting of millions of souls held captive by chains or darkness. Sin-blighted, sin-benighted souls wait the light of the glorious Gospel of Christ to dawn upon their hearts. They sit in darkness and are waiting for the great Light to shine on them. Jesus said: ***Go into all the WORLD and preach the Gospel . . .*** Jesus did not say villages, towns, or cities.



Matthew 5:14: Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.

The devil is working feverishly and desperately to block the penetration of the Gospel into your heart and my heart. As much as he prevails here with us, then the strongholds of sin in our communities, the United States, and the remote parts of the

world go without evangelism. Satan has been so clever that today, amazingly enough, we find few Christians who are alarmed or even concerned at his great success in keeping millions from the saving knowledge of Christ.

The Church must be put on a war footing. Our mighty Savior must reign in the hearts of all mankind. Victory must be won over the world, the flesh, and the devil. The devil must succumb. His monopoly on the heathen must be broken. His foul forces must be met with a mighty demonstration of the Holy Ghost with mighty signs and wonders through gifts of the Holy Ghost in aggressive warfare.

“The Gospel to every creature!” must be our motto. Nothing can absolve us from this eternal obligation. We have the universal cure for sin’s universal disease and blight. Christ is not willing for anyone to perish. Are we? If we are Christ and He is in us, then His care and concern for the lost will show through in us: Only this generation can reach this generation with the Gospel.

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The withholding of the most precious and sweetest news that human ears can hear is the worst type of cruelty and wrongdoing. If our faith is so weak that we do not share it with others, then we do not have Bible faith.

The mission of our church is missions. The measure of our spreading of the Gospel is the measure of our love to Christ, and of our faith that the Gospel is the only hope for hopeless humanity. The whole Church must preach the whole Gospel to the whole world. There is a mighty GO in the Gospel and a mighty woe unto me if I preach not, teach not, witness not for the Lord Jesus. Our responsibility never ceases as long as there is one soul remaining without Christ.

Any disobedience to the Great Commission of our Lord Jesus, is the worst form of disobedience.

Matthew 28:18-20:

18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

Delayed obedience is disobedience. We must deal with the deadly disease of ease in Zion. Must we wait for a more convenient season? The road to hell is even paved with good intentions never carried out. We must push our battle with the devil to the very gates of hell. We must attack every citadel of the devil and pull down strongholds with spiritual weapons.

2 Corinthians 10:4: For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;

John 4:35-36:

³⁵ Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest.

³⁶ And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together.

The reapers, not the sleepers, are going to receive the crown of life. Millions have already slipped through our fingers, down into hell. We must get ready, be ready, and ever stay ready to do the will of God from our hearts, willingly and not grudgingly. Love serves gladly, and its absence makes sluggards and old mule-faced, grouchy hirelings or lazy bums.

Our mission is the Lord's commission. It is not a duty but a debt. We are debtors to give every soul a chance to find the Lord Jesus as Savior and Deliverer. God is calling us now to work in the harvest for it is ripe. It cannot be left to some indefinite future when we finally stir ourselves out of selfish interests in our own families. God wants the first fruits and not a bunch of moldy leftovers.



If we burn out our lives working to satisfy our own needs and leave God's work undone, then we are unfaithful servants, and our future is very gloomy with a blackness and darkness we'll face forever. The devil would not let us read God's Word.

Matthew 24:48: But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My lord delayeth His coming;

He began to raise Cain and live for himself. Jesus said:

Matthew 24:50-51:

50 The Lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for Him, and in an hour that he is not aware of,

51 And shall cut him asunder, and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

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God, deliver us from the awful, sinful crime against humanity of shut-mouth religion. The murder of souls by neglect is the crime of this century.

If we love Christ, we will keep His Commandments. Our so-called full Gospel, our knowledge of the Bible, being orthodox and Spirit filled is just make-believe and a sham unless we put legs to our prayers and witness from house to house, the Lord Jesus, and send forth the Gospel by printed page and by missionary effort around the world.

His commandment is that every creature, the whole world, not any should perish, but all

come to repentance. My God, let it be soon said of this church:

Acts 17:6: And when they found them not, they drew Jason and certain brethren unto the rulers of the city, crying, These that have turned the world upside down are come hither also;

For all the disciples were missionaries but one, Judas, and he was a traitor. God, grant our hearts such a conversion that we are more joyful over souls reborn of the Spirit than souls born of the flesh. We will then be going forward and no longer backward. Our time to work for Jesus is now.

John 9:4: I must work the Works of Him Who sent Me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.

Come on, saints everywhere, and get on God's payroll, for great shall be your reward in this life and in Heaven. God grant that this day some soul shall rejoice that we passed their way and told them of the Savior's love, and that today there shall be more joy in Heaven over one sinner that repents than over ninety-nine that need no repentance.



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