

Title: Learning to Receive 2
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Taste and see!

Psalm 34:8-10

⁸Oh, taste and see that the LORD *is* good; Blessed *is* the man *who* trusts in Him! ⁹Oh, fear the LORD, you His saints! *There is* no want to those who fear Him. ¹⁰The young lions lack and suffer hunger; But those who seek the LORD shall not lack any good *thing*.

1: Gifts

i. The gift giver

James 1:17

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.

2: Rewards

⁶But without faith *it is* impossible to please *Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and *that* He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

hebrews 11:6

i. Degrees of rewards

2 John 1:8

⁸Look to yourselves, that we do not lose those things we worked for, but *that* we may receive a full reward.

Ruth 2:11-12

¹¹And Boaz answered and said to her, "It has been fully reported to me, all that you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband, and *how* you have left your father and your mother and the land of your birth, and have come to a people whom you did not know before. ¹²"The LORD repay your work, and a full reward be given you by the LORD God of Israel, under whose wings you have come for refuge."

ii. Can be "stolen"

Colossians 2:18

¹⁸Let no one cheat you of your reward, taking delight in *false* humility and worship of angels, intruding into those things which he has not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind...

a: heavenly rewards

Matthew 5:12

¹²"Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great *is* your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Matthew 16:27

²⁷"For the Son of Man will come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then He will reward each according to his works.

b: temporal rewards

1. Righteousness

Matthew 6:1-18

¹Take heed that you do not do your charitable deeds before men, to be seen by them. Otherwise you have no reward from your Father in heaven. ²Therefore, when you do a charitable deed, do not sound a trumpet before you as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory from men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. ³But when you do a charitable deed, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴that your charitable deed may be in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will Himself reward you openly.

Psalm 58:10-11

¹⁰The righteous shall rejoice when he sees the vengeance; He shall wash his feet in the blood of the wicked, ¹¹So that men will say, "Surely *there is* a reward for the righteous; Surely He is God who judges in the earth."

Luke 6:35

³⁵But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is kind to the unthankful and evil.

Proverbs 25:21-22

²¹If your enemy is hungry, give him bread to eat; And if he is thirsty, give him water to drink; ²²For so you will heap coals of fire on his head, And the LORD will reward you.

2 Samuel 22:21 / Psalm 18:20

"The LORD rewarded me according to my righteousness; According to the cleanness of my hands He has recompensed me."

Proverbs 11:18

The wicked *man* does deceptive work, But he who sows righteousness *will have* a sure reward.

2: Obedience

Psalm 19:11

⁷The law of the LORD *is* perfect, converting the soul; The testimony of the LORD *is* sure, making wise the simple; ⁸The statutes of the LORD *are* right, rejoicing the heart; The commandment of the LORD *is* pure, enlightening the eyes; ⁹The fear of the LORD *is* clean, enduring forever; The judgments of the LORD *are* true *and* righteous altogether. ¹⁰More to be desired *are they* than gold, Yea, than much fine gold; Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. ¹¹Moreover by them Your servant is warned, *And* in keeping them *there is* great reward.

3. Labour

Job 34:10-11

¹⁰Therefore listen to me, you men of understanding: Far be it from God *to do* wickedness, *And from* the Almighty *to commit* iniquity. ¹¹For He repays man *according to* his work, *And* makes man *to find* a reward according to *his* way.

Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

⁹Two *are* better than one, Because they have a good reward for their labor. ¹⁰For if they fall, one will lift up his companion. But woe to him *who is* alone when he falls, For *he has* no one to help him up.

Revelation 22:12-13

¹²And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward *is* with Me, to give to every one according to his work. ¹³I am the Alpha and the Omega, *the* Beginning and *the* End, the First and the Last."

Colossians 3:23-25

²³And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, ²⁴knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ. ²⁵But he who does wrong will be repaid for what he has done, and there is no partiality.

Ecclesiastes 2:10

¹⁰Whatever my eyes desired I did not keep from them. I did not withhold my heart from any pleasure, For my heart rejoiced in all my labor; And this was my reward from all my labor.

4. Building

1 Corinthians 3:7-15

⁷So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase. ⁸Now he who plants and he who waters are one, and each one will receive his own reward according to his own labor. ⁹For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, *you are* God's building. ¹⁰According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it. ¹¹For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. ¹²Now if anyone builds on this foundation *with* gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, ¹³each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. ¹⁴If anyone's work which he has built on *it* endures, he will receive a reward. ¹⁵If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.

5: Prayer

Matthew 6:5-6

⁵And when you pray, you shall not be like the hypocrites. For they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the corners of the streets, that they may be seen by men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. ⁶But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who *is* in the secret *place*; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.

6: Fasting

Matthew 6:16-18

¹⁶Moreover, when you fast, do not be like the hypocrites, with a sad countenance. For they disfigure their faces that they may appear to men to be fasting. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. ¹⁷But you, when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, ¹⁸so that you do not appear to men to be fasting, but to your Father who *is* in the secret *place*; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.

7: Reception

Matthew 10:41-42

⁴¹He who receives a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward. And he who receives a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward. ⁴²And whoever gives one of these little ones only a cup of cold *water* in the name of a disciple, assuredly, I say to you, he shall by no means lose his reward."

The ultimate reward

Genesis 15:1

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, saying, "Do not be afraid, Abram. I *am* your shield, your exceedingly great reward."