

Victorious Christian Living

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PART 18 ACCORDING TO WHAT YOU HAVE DONE Joshua 19:49-51

- I. Review of chapters 13-24
 - A. These chapters deal with **living life** in the Promised Land.
 - B. **Daily** living life in the land was the hard part.
 - C. God allotted the Promised Land according to: size of tribe, previous promises, the casting of the lot and **reward**.
- II. The 19th chapter begins with **Simeon's** allotment and ends with **Joshua's** allotment...and they are quite different.
 - A. Simeon's **consequence** is listed in Genesis 49: 1,5-7 (cf. Num. 26:14; Deut. 33; Josh. 19:9; I Chron. 4:27, 38-43).
 - B. In contrast compare the **reward** of Joshua according to what he (and Caleb) had done (Josh. 19:49-50).
- III. How can we be encouraged to pursue our daily walk with Christ?
 - A. By realizing we will be rewarded **according to** what we have done (Matt. 16:27).
 - B. What more do the Scriptures teach us regarding reward?
 1. Judgment for **service** occurs at the "Judgment seat of Christ" judgment. No **unbeliever** will appear at this judgment (II Cor. 5:10; cf. I Cor. 3: 11-15).
 2. Judgment for not trusting Christ's **salvation** occurs at the "Great White Throne" judgment. No **believer** will appear at this judgment (Rev. 20:11-12,15).
 3. We will be rewarded for our obedience and service...not solely according to what we have done but also according to what we have been **entrusted** with (Luke 12:48b).
- C. What kinds of things will we be rewarded for (list not exhaustive)?
 1. Spiritual service of **all kinds** (Col. 3:23-24b; Eph. 6:7-8a).
 2. **Suffering** and **sacrifice** for the cause of Christ (Matt. 5:11-12, 19:29).
 3. **Giving** to those in need (Matt. 6:3-4; Prov. 19:17).
 4. Leading people to trust **Christ** as their **Savior** (Dan. 12:3b).
 5. For not treating our **enemies** as they **deserve** (I Sam. 24:19; Matt. 5: 43-46).
 6. For following the **principles** of God's Word (Ps. 19:11).
 7. For some of the things we did but maybe didn't think was all that big of a deal but were done with a heart of love, service and compassion (Mark 9:41).
- D. Are there any Biblical people who anticipated their reward for their work for God?
 1. **Moses** (Heb. 11:25-26).
 2. **Jesus Christ** (Heb. 12:2).
 3. **Paul** (Phil. 3:14).
- IV. What will these rewards be and what will we do with them?
 - A. **Crowns!** (I Cor. 9:25; II Tim. 4:8).
 - B. Beyond the crowns, we are not told in detail what our rewards will be. But we can conclude they will be according to what we have "**sown**" (Gal. 6:7-10).
 - C. Further, the Bible gives us a hint that those who are faithful with what they have already been entrusted with we will be given "**more**" (Matt. 25: 21).
 - D. We will give the crowns back to Him in an act of **worship** (Rev. 4:10).
- V. Just remember, there is one reward that cannot be earned...
 - A. **Eternal life** (Eph. 2:8-9).
 - B. If you do not have eternal life through trusting Christ as your Savior, all your **labor is in vain** until He is your Savior (Matt. 7:21-23).



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If Christ were to come today and give to me according to what I have done, what would my reward be?