

Intro. Sal by grace but rewards by works. Speak to Xn and of rewards which God offers. False piety to feign disinterest in rewards. Jas (1 of earliest) holds out hope of reward for enduring temp, 1:12. P's thots go to reward waiting him at end of life, 2Tim4:8. Peter encourages elders with c of glory, I 5:4, 1 of last promises of risen X concns rewards, Rev 22:12. Most familiar with CP-1 Cor 3:4. Not ? of sal, v15 but of heaven rewarded or un. Illus in terms of what survives fire and what doesn't. Criterion in v 13-what sort. Quality, not quantity. But what are the specifics of quality control over works which can be rewarded? Suggestions as to ans in other passages re rewards.

I. Matt 6:1-8.

Subjects-almsgiving and prayer. Alms is giving to poor, 1-4. Do not announce but do anonymously so not to embarrass poor. If make show have reward; if not, God will give. Prayer, 5-8. Some do it to be seen, 5; some repeat to be heard, 7. Impress men or God. Have reward. Let it be heart to heart. Point is that reward is determined by motive. If motive is to be acclaimed by men, then men will reward. If to please God, He will. Works of right sort, quality, are motivated by desire to please God alone.

II. Matt. 20:1-16.

Beg, 3rd, 6th, 9th hours.

Lord is just, 15 in spite of what we think. All are rewarded. No man can rightly estimate his worth. Acc to Master's estimate He shall reward, whatever is right, 7. Point is that rewards are based on His estimate of our work.

III. Matt. 25:14-30. The illus of judg of Is end of trib, Essek 20, gives us a principle. Endowing, 14-15. Employing, 16-18. Reckoning, 19-30. Talent largest weight man could carry, 66 lbs. If silver =several thousand \$. Same commendation of 5 and 2. Condemnation of 1 who didn't use. Point in v15. Distribution acc to capacity. Gifts to match our abilities. Reward is for working to capacity.

IV. Luke 19:11-27. At Jericho. Archelaus went to Rome to get Kg from Augustus. Sent delegates who opposed. When got it, he slaughtered those who opposed. Endowing here is equal-1 pound to each. =100 days^o work. v 13. Instructions, 13=occupy=trade, use. Examination, 16-27. Diff rewards bec apparent-ly all could have worked hard enuf to have gained 10fold. Point is work wisely. and diligently.

Quality works are those done from pure motives, acc to His estimate, acc to our full capacity, and with ^{& diligent} wise effort.

Motive=1 Cor 4:5

His estimate=1 Cor 4:3-4

Capacity=some can produce gold, some silver, prec stones.

with effort and work or diligence--guilt,
3:12.