

Matt 10:40-42

Reward of the Disciple

1. Reception, heavenly reward, apostles, salvation (receive father)
2. Righteous' Reward – earthly reward, prophet/righteous – sanctification
3. Servant's reward – Fatherly reward, disciples – service – 3 Jn 8

The disciple is rewarded by seeing others become disciples. Others are rewarded for receiving (taking on board) the righteous' instruction. Anyone who cares in the slightest for a disciple is rewarded

But rejectors will be judged. So reception is the key – people need to receive the truth, then their reception and their service is rewarded.

Intro: going after a reward; competing to win; trouble of modern culture – loss of reward

1 Co 9:23-27 run to win;

2 Co 5:1-10 judgment seat;

Matt 25:14-30 well done...enter in;

Phil 3:1-10 leave and press on

Big Idea: God rewards the effort of his disciples

Prop: 3 rewards God grants to the receptive, so that we will be encouraged in the battle

Distinctive - Rewarded

I. Heavenly Reward – 40

- Context – price for service – persecution, division of family, giving up self
- 3 JN 4
- Laid our lives on the altar, no longer about me
- Some are receptive
- That's why we go, that's why we endure, that's why we take up our cross
- Long sections for cross-refs
- 2 Co 3
 - 1-3 – the example –
 - 4-6 – God is the worker
 - 7-11 – greater glory of the gospel
 - 12-18 – our response, God's work

II. Godly Reward – 41

- Righteous person's reward – heaven, sanctification, persecution
- Matt 18:1-11

III. Fatherly Reward – 42M

- common grace

- Matt 25:31-46

Distinctive - Rewarded

Portrait – Anita

Distinctives –

Teachable

Commissioned

Instructed

Alert

Ready

Mature

Focused

Rewarded

Matt 11:1 & the disciples went

Mk 6:31-2, 30-34

So we (Traci and I) went and now have gone on by His grace