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Jesus, a Bridegroom with a Burning Heart of Love (Part 11)

The Nature of God: Love

A Love Paradigm of Eternal Rewards

Jesus taught on rewards and the way to greatness much more than any other man in Scripture. Eternal rewards express how Jesus feels about our love for Him in this life. Jesus will have great joy in giving us eternal rewards and we will have joy in receiving them (Mt. 25:21, 23).

21Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord. (Mt. 25:21)

Some see eternal rewards as a way to establish their honor and superiority before others.

This is a secular view of authority that is based on the “pride of being over people.” A godly person obviously would not see any value in seeking this type of authority and reward in heaven.

Jesus will openly declare the way that He feels about the way that you loved Him in this life. In the age to come, you will wear the expressions of His love in your garments, in the glory of your resurrected body, and in many other ways.

Rewards are not about being over people, but about our proximity to Jesus and our ability to be with Him where He is.

Jesus is so moved by the way that we love Him that He wants to express how He feels in what we wear and do.

We do not need to choose between living for God’s glory and denying God’s plans for rewards or any other expression of Jesus’ goodness or glory because it “feels selfish.” We can be sure that God does not lose anything when we gain something in our relationship with Him.

God does not lose any glory when we enjoy our participation in His glory. It is an expression of a religious spirit to draw back from Jesus’ blessings in fear that He will lose something in giving them.

Prayer:

Father thank you for your reward is with you! Jesus thank you that you are moved by the way we love you! We love you with all your hearts.