

Chapter Seven

THOSE WHO WILL TRIUMPH IN THE KINGDOM

To triumph, have God put His stamp of approval upon your life, and hear Him say, "Well done," is the greatest achievement available to man. That is exactly what God offers you and every human being who has ever lived.

That is God's wish and will for you. He designed a good, perfect, and acceptable plan that would end with each person standing in triumph before Him. He longs to bless, to honor, to reward, and say, "Well done, thy good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of thy Lord," to each one of His children. God so desires this for you that He gave His Son to suffer and die in order to make it possible.

However, so many of His children are distracted by the things of the world and lose their focus as a Christian. Others have never understood the purpose for God offering

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rewards, while others have been falsely led to believe that just getting to Heaven is a sufficient reward.

The Bible teaches that a person is saved by grace and grace alone. He reinforces that a child of God is saved by grace alone by adding the statement, "Not of works, lest any man should boast." Eph 2:9 However, the Bible is just as plain to point out that every child of God **will be rewarded according to his own works**, as it is to say a sinner is saved by grace.

Because God is a triumphant God, He wants his children to triumph also. God created man to have dominion or triumph over the earth. Gen 1:26

Adam was to have dominion over all the earth and the animal kingdom, and govern them for God. "Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet:" Psalms 8:6

Adam failed and forfeited his lordship when he sinned, but his failure did not change God's purpose for creating man; nor did it

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This nature to have dominion has been behind every war and every argument. But just because man has used every device, regardless of its brutality, to have dominion over others, it **has not changed God's plan** for man to have dominion over the earth.

MY WAYS ARE NOT MAN'S WAYS

Isaiah, the prophet, stated this principle in *Isaiah 55:8*, man believes "might is right." Get all you can, **regardless of who you hurt**.

In Luke 14, Jesus speaks of a king who plans on going to war, but first determines if he can win with his army. This illustrates the way man considers having dominion. Are we strong enough to win? Can we beat them?

Jesus told the apostles that, "This philosophy is the way of the world, **but it shall not be so with you.**" Then He stated something that is contrary to man's reasoning. He said that the one, who would become great, **let him be a minister** (server); and that he who would become chief (have dominion), **let him become a servant.** Matt 20:25-28

Paul commented on this reasoning in Philippians, Chapter 2, where he stated that Jesus was on the same level with God, but humbled Himself and took upon Himself the form of a servant.

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Then Paul gives the results of Jesus' humility by saying, "Wherefore God also hath **highly exalted him**, and given him a name which is above every name." Philippians 2:9 The key line of this illustration is, "Let this mind be in you,

which was also in Christ Jesus." Phil 2:5

Peter admonished pastors to be clothed with humility. He commanded ministers to, "Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time [either later in life or in the Millennium]." I Peter 5:6

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He states that, "**the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus,** after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you." I Peter 5:10

Jesus preached that if a man was going to follow Him and be one of His disciples, then he had to deny himself and take up the cross (purpose of life). If a man would do this, Jesus said, He would save his life (of service). But if a man saved his life for himself and the things he wanted to do, **then he would lose (or misspend) his life.**

Jesus then made the statement that so many misinterpret, "What profit a man if he gains the whole world, but loses or

misspends his life of service?"

Jesus asked this very pointed question that is generally misinterpreted, "What would a man give to go back after he had gained the whole world, at the expense of missing God's will and misspending his life (his purpose on this earth) to live a humble, submissive life for Christ?"

Now, he must face what Jesus states in Mark 8:38, that he has lived his whole life for himself, at the expense of his service for Christ and he will stand before Christ ashamed! Jesus said, "Whosoever therefore [because of his misspent life] shall be ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." Mark 8:38

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Man's way is to win by strength; God's way is to win **by giving his life in service**. Man's way is to win by taking; God's way is **to win by giving**. Man's way is to get what he cannot keep; God's way is **to give what His servant cannot lose**.

God's great desire for His children is to help them, by His grace, to have dominion and rule over this earth with Him. The way to achieve this and a have a full reward (II John 8) and the Lord's "well done" at the Judgment Seat is expressed in this old song: **"Let me lose my life and find it Lord, in thee. In my life, may my friends see only thee. Though it cost me grief and pain, I will find my life again. Let me lose my life and find it Lord, in thee."**

God's way is to win by giving his life in service.

For the obedient, there will be many great positions of triumph and fellowship during the Millennial Reign of Christ. In order to illustrate these different positions of triumph and leadership, the author **will refer to these positions as "clubs."** Bear in mind, **there will not** be any such clubs in the Millennium. The author is calling the various levels of rewards "clubs" in order to illustrate the various levels of leadership positions that will be honored in the Millennium.

There are some positions that hold greater authority and honor than other positions, but all reflect great triumph and achievement. Please study these suggested

levels in the light in which the author offers them - **to give emphasis to the fact** that God will greatly reward those who deny themselves, take up the cross (work), and follow their Lord.

The entry to all levels of recognition begins at the Judgment Seat of Christ, where each Christians' works **will be tried by fire.**

First, everyone at this judgment has the right foundation, which is Christ. 1 Cor 3:11 This means that all of them have accepted Christ as their Savior.

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Jesus is the foundation of every Christian's life. The Christian then begins to build his life upon this true foundation. If he builds with the materials of wood, hay or stubble, **his works will be tested by fire and burned up.** His whole life's work will be reduced to ashes, "...but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire."

I Corinthians 3:15

But if he builds upon his true foundation, works that will honor and glorify Christ, **then he will be rewarded and honored.**

TRIED AND TESTED CLUB

Those who will triumph will have built their life's work upon Jesus, according to His direction and Word. Their building materials will be gold, silver and precious stones. The judgment fires of testing will be applied to their works also, but will only burn out the dross and purify the materials. These tried and tested members will at least have some reward and commendation from their Savior. There will be a "well done."

Please note that this promise is in the abstract because it is referring to every believer who will appear before the Judgment Seat of Christ. But when you study this promise of reward in the light of other promises, you will find that rewards promised to individuals are concrete, while general promises of reward are in the abstract. "...every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour."

I Corinthians 3:8

Many of these will go on to the highest level of triumph and glory, but all will enter into the Millennium to rule with Jesus. Some will have saved more of their life than others, but all of them will have their

works tried and tested and will enter into the realm of those who are triumphing in Jesus.

100 FOLD CLUB

Some will Qualify to Occupy a Position in the 100 Fold Club

The 100 Fold Club is promised to every believer who has forsaken their lands, families, jobs and personal ambitions in order

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to follow Jesus in carrying out the Gospel and winning souls. They have done it for Jesus sake. In

Matt 19:29, Jesus promised them a pay check of 100 fold, which would be an everlasting inheritance.

The subject under consideration is rewards or pay checks for serving Christ. Peter and the apostles told Jesus that they had forsaken all and then asked Him, "...what shall we have therefore [or because of this sacrifice]?" Matt 19:27

Jesus promised that their reward would be to sit upon twelve thrones and judge Israel for 1000 years.

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which is offered by the grace of God and accepted by faith. To Christians who have accepted Jesus as their Savior by faith, God gives eternal life. But for those Christians who have forsaken families, jobs, lands, and personal ambitions in order to get people saved, God promises to give them an inheritance of upward to 100 fold.

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Please note that this promise is in the abstract, as far as talking to people, "everyone," but it is in the concrete as to the percentage of return on their investments, 100 fold.

Whatever personal gain a person forsakes, he will be paid 100 fold. Whatever he gives through tithes and offerings, God promises to repay him 100 fold. A reader may reason, "100% of what one gives? Boy, what a great rate of interest!" But 100 fold does not mean that your investment's return is 100%. It is ten thousand (10,000) times what the person gave or invested! What a tremendous return for the ones who

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obeyed the command of laying up treasures in Heaven! Ten thousand times what they have forsaken for Jesus in obeying Him and ten thousand times what they gave through tithes and offerings. In earthly language, some of these people would be millionaires. In Heavenly language, they are fulfilling God's plan for their lives – to have dominion over the earth.

It doesn't matter whether you describe their rewards in earth's language or in Heaven's. The bottom line is that they are numbered with the saints that have triumphed, **and it will be an everlasting inheritance.**

HELPER'S CLUB

Many have a mistaken belief that a person has to do something great before he would be in line for a reward. No doubt, the devil shoots this misinformation into the average person's mind for them to draw back in disbelief.

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The devil wages war against the Christian's mind by trying to magnifying what someone else does and at the same

time exploiting the Christian's poor self image by minimizing his works. He does this by pointing out and exaggerating the merits of the other person's life and accusing him of his failures and shortcomings.

It is true that some people have greater abilities and talents than others. Paul, speaking of a local church, referred to it as a human body. He said that the body is not one member, but many. I Cor 12:14

Then Paul explained that, "God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him." I Cor 12:18 He was teaching that the church is a team and every member of the church is part of the team. From the most talented to the least, all work together and are important. He stated that the smallest part of the body is absolutely necessary for the proper working of the team. He stated something that **every member**, who has been lied to by the devil regarding their usefulness to the team, **should treasure**. He said, "And those members of the body [church], which we think to be less honourable [important], **upon these we bestow more abundant honuor; and our uncomely parts** [less attractive as far as ability] have more abundant comeliness... but God hath tempered the body together,

having given more abundant honour to that part which lacked." 1 Cor 12:23-24

Now that is how God looks at each member of the church, or team. The **most insignificant member is important to God and, He especially wants to bless him.**

A person who has less talent can become part of the Helpers Club in many ways.

One who helps a prophet (preacher) shall receive a prophet's reward. Matt 10:41 We may help in babysitting for the preacher's kids. We may help by giving them a ride to church. We may help by cleaning the house or mowing the yard.

One who helps a righteous man (a fellow Christian) shall receive a righteous man's reward. If a fellow Christian's house is flooded, pitch in and help clean up the mess. If there is sickness in a fellow member's family, go sit with them in the hospital or take them food. There are many things a person can do that will place him in the Helpers Club. Jesus promised a reward to anyone who would give a cold glass of water to one of His little ones. Matt 10:42

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Paul told the Philippian church that they were in the Helpers Club when they supported him as a missionary. Read what the great preacher said, "Not because I desire a gift: but I desire fruit that may abound to your account." Phil 4:17

He was telling those dear people who supported his ministry that by doing so, it enabled him to win more people to the Lord. Paul rejoiced that those people, who helped him, would also share in the rewards for getting people saved. He also rejoiced because he knew that by their sacrificial gifts, they would be elevated some day and live in triumph as members of the Helpers Club.

Remember, your gifts do not have to be a huge amount to get God's attention. Remember the story of the widow in Luke, Chapter 21, who gave her two mites. Jesus said that **she had given more** than anyone else that day.

So come on you members, who consider yourselves to be just average, and who don't think you have any talent. Help the preacher, support the missionaries, or help a dear brother in need. There is plenty of room in the Helpers Club, and the club is now accepting members.

This promise, in the abstract, is attempting to get what many think is the common man, or little guy's attention. It is also an abstract reward in what the prophet or righteous man receives if he gives his all, even if his all is two mites. **But it is a concrete promise from Almighty God** that He is aware of your help and will give you a reward for doing it.

RULER OF MANY THINGS CLUB

In the example Jesus used in Matthew 25, He gave servants talents according to their different abilities. When He came back to have them give an account of their stewardship, He said the same thing to the two servants who had been faithful and used their talents, regardless of how many they had been given. He said "...Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things; enter thou into the joy of thy lord." Matt 25:21 and 23

Again, this means that some may have more of the "many things" or talents, but all that enter into this category, by using their abilities for the Lord, will triumph and enter into the joy of "thy Lord."

This should be very encouraging to many of God's children who don't think they have any talent. It stresses being faithful over whatever talent one has. One does not have to compete with someone who is more talented for a reward. If he works faithfully with his limited talents in the place God has put him, God will place him in a position of service in the Millennium, where he will enjoy his life in triumph.

This promise of reward is in the abstract because it states "ruler of many things." But when one considers the concrete promise of being ruler over five or ten cities, it makes it a concrete promise. It causes one to adjust his thinking upward to "ruler over many things."

FIVE POUND CLUB

In Luke 19, Jesus tells about giving ten servants one pound (money) each and telling them to do business "until I come." When He returned, one of the servants had advanced his **one pound to five pounds**. The scripture states, "And the second came, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained five pounds. And He [Jesus] said likewise to him, Be thou also over five cities." Luke

19:18-19

This teaches that those who work for the Lord have the possibility of triumphing by being **made ruler over five cities.**

When one studies this story, it seems like the second servant could have done better. He was given one pound, just as the other servants were given one pound. The first servant received a ringing commendation from the Lord, who said "...Well, thou good servant...." whereas the Lord did not commend the second servant as highly. He only said, "...Be thou also over five cities." which seems to indicate that there **were some lapses in this person's life of service.** He may not have heeded the warning found in 11 John 1:8, which says, "Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought [gained], but that we receive a full reward."

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This may have been put in the Bible for those Christians who have not **maintained their committed, faithful service to Christ.** They may have dropped off in their giving. Maybe they stopped soul-

winning, or their lives are not as faithful as they had once been.

If this is true for you, then you may not be commended like the man who had earned ten pounds. But you can go back to work for Christ and still triumph. Maybe the reward will not be over ten cities, or even five cities, but you can still recover and be rewarded instead of losing your reward.

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Look to yourself and serve the Lord. His will for you is to reign with Him as a triumphant servant. The Five Pound Club will still be a place of victory and joy for 1000 years.

This is an absolute promise made to an individual who may not have received a full reward, but being over five cities for 1000 years is a tremendous reward.

A BETTER RESURRECTION CLUB

In Hebrews 11:3-5, right in the middle of the list of the great heroes of faith in the Old Testament, is a motivational

statement. It is found in the midst of such descriptions of persecutions as:

- They had trials of cruel mocking and scourging
- They were in bonds and imprisonment
- Some were stoned
- Some were sawn asunder
- Many were slain with the sword
- Others were destitute, afflicted, tormented

The motivational statement for such endurance of pain is "...not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection." Heb 11:35 This **"better resurrection"** refers to a better position in the 1000-year reign.

The apostle Paul spoke about his driving desire to advance in the order of the resurrection. He spoke of having fellowship with His (Jesus') suffering and being conformable to His death. This means he wished to die like Jesus died, or at least die for Him. Phil 3:10

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Why suffer and die for Jesus? He answered, "In order to obtain a better resurrection." Then Paul was quick to add, "Not that I haven't already attained, but that I may have a higher position in the resurrection." Phil 3:11-12

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As an old man, he was still working hard for the Lord. He was totally committed to suffering and even death if he could obtain a better resurrection. In fact, Paul didn't just want a better resurrection, he wanted to be first or have the highest position in the resurrection. Listen to his famous desire, "I press toward the mark for the prize of the high [upward] calling of God in Christ Jesus." Phil 3:14

The Lord placed this desire in Paul's heart, because Paul was one of the worst sinners ever saved to work and to demonstrate how to become first or at least among the first, in the resurrection. God not only used Paul as an example of triumph, but to show all other sinners the steps that one

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must take to advance in the Better Resurrection Club - **abandonment of self and a total dedication to the Lord.** Personal discomfort and suffering did not distract Paul in his pursuit of a better resurrection.

From this Better Resurrection Club group, who loved Christ more than their own lives, will come the one who will obtain the greatest reward and honor at the Judgment Seat. Paul strove to be the best, or first in the Better Resurrection Club. In doing this, he inspired thousands by his total dedication to his Lord.

This total dedication will place Paul **in a place of close, daily fellowship with his Lord for the full coming 1000 years.** Other saints also chose to suffer for Christ because of their love for Him and their desire to have this personal, daily fellowship

AUTHOR'S NOTE: The author does not mean that some were working to be a “big shot” in the 1000-year reign with Jesus. No, I believe they were working in order to receive the supreme reward one will have in the 1000-year reign, **a nearness to Jesus where they can serve him more intimately.**

TEN CITIES CLUB

In Luke Chapter 19, the first servant who received one pound had increased his Lord's money to ten pounds. When this report was made, his Lord said unto him "...Well, thou good servant: because thou hast been faithful in a very little, have thou authority over ten cities." Luke 19:17

Having authority over ten cities and ruling them for the Lord Jesus Christ, would certainly place one in great triumph as an area governor. Boss or ruler with Jesus for the entire 1000-year reign will be a great reward for the Lord's faithful servants.

Please note the following observation. This person started at the same level with all of the Lord's servants. **They each had one pound.** This does not indicate that he had greater or lesser abilities than the other nine servants. His accomplishment seems to **indicate his faithfulness and focus** in working for his master. His reward is a **direct result of his faithfulness and hard work.**

His faithfulness placed him in a leadership position in the Millennium, ruler or boss over ten cities. He may not have had

the greatest talent, but he worked and was always faithful. He may be **the best role model** for you to follow in striving to join the Five Pound Club. **So go for it!** Strive to become part of the Ten Cities Club. Remember, **rewards are offered to motivate people to work.** It pleases God to honor and reward those that do. This is a concrete promise to those who will strive to be true and faithfully serve Christ.

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THE "ALL STARS" CLUB

God used one of his great prophets, Daniel, to look beyond the Judgment Seat of Christ and single out the **stars in the "All Stars" Club.** Hundreds of years before the birth of Christ, Daniel spoke of the **stars that would shine forever and ever.** These "All Stars" are those who had won souls to Christ and then trained them in discipleship.

King David was a man after God's own heart because **he was a soul winner.** When he repented of the horrible sin that almost wrecked his life he said, "God, if you will forgive me and restore the joy of thy

salvation, "Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee [I'll go back to the thing dearest to your heart - getting sinners saved]." Ps 51:13

Solomon, his son, who is reputed to be the wisest man to ever live, said, "...he that winneth souls is wise." Pro 11:30

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Daniel saw those wise men as shining stars. He saw those who trained and taught people how to live and serve Jesus, as stars that would shine forever and ever. His exact vision was, "And they that be

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wise [soul winners] shall shine as the brightness of the

firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness [winning and teaching] **as the stars for ever and ever.**" Dan 12: 3

Many think that soul winning is a modern day term and practice. Soul winning is an Old Testament term. God, the Father, was the first soul winner when He came seeking Adam and Eve.

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conclusion. Those who will triumph the most at the Judgment Seat, are those who will follow the example of Jesus. **He came to seek and to save those which were lost.** Then He commanded his church, "...as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you." John 20:21

A star or "All Star" on any level is someone who is excelling. But a star or "All Star" on the Lord's team during the 1000-year reign and on into the eternal age is someone, who by the grace of God has really triumphed.

It is fitting that God rewards the ones who discovered what life is all about, reaching men with the gospel. **These are the ones He elevates to His "All Stars" Club.**

This is a concrete promise, although it is written to all that are "wise" (soul-winners). It is clear that God will pick His "All Stars" from those **who have made a priority of reaching men with the Gospel.**

THE EXCLUSIVE CLUB

As in all societies, there are clubs for handpicked people. You will find at least one such club in the 1000-year reign of

Christ on this earth. Jesus is the one who hand picked the members Himself.

When the threat of death was so great to anyone who attended one of Jesus'

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meetings, the crowds became small. The apostles became discouraged and began to discuss

among themselves what they would gain by following Jesus for the past three and one half years. Jesus provoked them into asking what they were going to be paid for giving up everything to follow Him. Matt 19:27 Jesus promptly answered them by making the following promise, "And I appoint unto **you a kingdom**, as my Father hath appointed unto me; That ye may eat and drink at my table **in my kingdom**, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel." Luke 22:29-30

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Thus we have the origin of the Exclusive Club. The apostle Peter will become KING PETER and rule over one of the twelve tribes of Israel for the entire

1000-year reign. The apostle John will become KING JOHN; the apostle James will become KING JAMES; and so on.

This serves as a perfect example of Jesus' desire to make people priests and kings. Rev 1:6 These positions of priests and kings will fulfill God's great desire for man to have dominion over the earth.

Most of the apostles gave their physical lives in order to secure their place in this **Exclusive Club**.

No wonder these twelve apostles turned the world upside down in order to preach the Gospel to their generation. Most of the apostles gave their physical lives in order to secure their place in this **Exclusive Club**. They could not take their **minds off of what they had to look forward to for 1000 years - to eat and drink at their Master's table and be in the presence of the One they loved so dearly.**

The promise made to the apostles, that if they completed their work, then they would eat and drink at His table and sit on a throne for 1000 years was so concrete in their mind, that no one was able to ever distract them from their purpose.

DECISION MAKING CLUB

One famous President was noted for his straight forwardness in making decisions. His famous saying was, "The buck stops here." This statement means he couldn't shirk his responsibility for making decisions any longer.

During the Millennial Reign of Christ, Jesus will place some men in **the decision making position of absolute authority**. The buck will stop at their throne, as they run part of the world for the King of Kings. Listen to Jesus' statement to these special people who triumphed. "And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him **will I give power over the nations:** And he shall **rule them with a rod of iron;** as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father." Rev 2:26-27

Can you imagine a lowly preacher, missionary, or Christian worker being raised and promoted to such a prominent decision making position? **To literally rule part of the world with absolute authority**, with no one to answer to, but Jesus or one of His executive committee members? By one's humility, obedience, and God's grace, he

has reached one of the highest levels of triumph ever offered to man.

Note the expression: "he that overcometh." This plainly teaches that there were problems, pressures, and great difficulties to overcome. To be in this club, one must become an overcomer. One overcomes by faith as he submits to God's grace and trusts in the promises found in God's Word.

Note the expression: "keeps my work unto the end." One must keep working; regardless of the pain and suffering he endures. Frances Ashbury, a circuit-riding preacher at the age of 91, would ride a horse up into the mountains in order to preach to the distant villages. **He would exclaim, "Pain, pain, pain!" as he rode his horse into the mountains where hundreds were saved.**

Jesus promises that if one would overcome and do His work until the end, he would triumph and help rule the earth for 1000 years.

In the torturous conditions which millions of God's children live, nothing but the concrete promises of God can sustain them.

EXECUTIVE CLUB

There may be many other levels of triumphs and glory that we have not mentioned, but the last level of triumph that we will consider here is the Executive Club.

This club will be made up of those

whom Jesus likes to refer to as overcomers. He defines overcomers as

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those who by faith have overcome every level of test and problem that they ever encountered - **and were victorious**. He will say to that group that He will allow them to sit with Him on His throne as He is sat down with His father on His throne. His very words are "To him that overcometh **will I grant to sit with me in my throne**, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne." Rev 3:21 **This statement places some in the Executive Club.**

An old Southern country farmer would say, "Now **that** is high cotton!" While the city slicker would exclaim, "Sitting on the Executive Board to rule the world with Jesus as Chairman of the

Board, now **that is the greatest, the greatest!"**

Any way one looks at it or expresses it, obtaining that lofty position is one of the highest triumphs imaginable to man. This is the position that God has created to show His gratitude and appreciation to those who have made the greatest sacrifices in obeying His command, "go into the whole world and preach the Gospel to every creature."

In our modern day world, where millions of our brothers and sisters in third world countries are suffering and dying for our Lord, there is nothing to sustain them other than God's grace and the concrete promises of God. These poor people are largely ignored by this generation, but they will shine brightly in the soon coming 1000-year reign.

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GOD WORKS TOWARD A GOAL OR PURPOSE

The Bible clearly teaches that God set goals and has a purpose for all of His

children to fulfill. He promises certain rewards for those who accomplish their purpose, which we have illustrated in this chapter. We have tried to spark your imagination to study the purpose for which you are saved.

A GREAT REWARD FOR THOSE WHO HAVE FAILED AS A CHRISTIAN

This is contrary to the laws which govern the giving of rewards, BUT IT IS TRUE!

This section's heading, "**A great reward for those who have failed as a Christian,**" is made just to get the reader's attention, create curiosity, and give people **who have all but made shipwreck of their lives new hope.** This promise was made by Jesus himself and merits our greatest consideration.

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- This Promise was made **by Jesus**
- The Promise was made **to the Eleventh Hour Christians**
- This promise was made **to give people a second chance** as they respond to Jesus' plea to enter into the last harvest and win souls
- This promise was made in order **to help save the six and one-half billion** harvest of lost souls.
- This promise is found in **Matthew 20:1-16**, and will be fully explained in a later chapter of this book.

This promise is an exception to the rule of giving rewards because it is made to a certain group of people. It was made to those who had been **all the day standing idle.** That is, up until this point they had not been working for the Lord, but were lukewarm or bench warming church members.

It may have been something in their past that disqualified them from working in the Lord's vineyard, perhaps a broken marriage, or they made shipwreck of their lives.

When Jesus asked them why they had been standing all the day idle, they answered

“BECAUSE NO MAN HATH HIRED US.”

It may have been because they were looked down upon for something in their life. It may have been that they felt unworthy. It may have been something in their past that disqualified them from working in the Lord’s vineyard, perhaps a broken marriage, or they made shipwreck of their lives.

Regardless of why, Jesus told them to go to work in his vineyard even though it was the Eleventh Hour with just one hour before the day or the dispensation ended.

This exception to the rule was made in order to hire workers in the last few days of this age that will help save part of the six and one-half billion lost souls.

These workers, hired at the Eleventh Hour, were the first workers paid. They were **shocked when they received a FULL DAY'S PAY.**

When all of the workers who had labored in the harvest were paid, they each received the **same wages, a full days pay.** This does not mean that everyone at the Judgment seat will be rewarded the same. We have already seen that every man will be rewarded **according to his own labor.**

This illustration was made in order to motivate workers in the last few days of this age. To motivate a life change in them from being idle to being workers that will help save part of the six and one-half billion lost souls.

The message from Jesus is the harvest is perishing, time is running out, and regardless of your past wasted life, I will pay you as if you had worked all day IF YOU WILL THROW YOURSELF INTO THE HARVEST BY WINNING SOULS.

Jesus came to save sinners from hell. There are six and one-half to seven billion people on the earth and a vast number of them still lost. With time running out **Jesus “ups the ante” as far as rewards are concerned.** He uses the same strategy, which stimulated the apostles in an all out effort. **After all, he died to save sinners.** That is the most important thing to Jesus, the thing closest to his heart - **To seek and to save that which is lost!**

He doesn't want to rebuke and punish his children at the Judgment Seat for their wasted and unfruitful lives. What good would that do? Many sinners

will have already died and have gone to hell by that point.

He offers the people in the Eleventh Hour **a chance to recover their lives** by going into the harvest of six and one-half billion so many lost sinners will escape hell and have eternal life.

The end result will be two fold. Many more sinners will be saved from hell and many of his children's lives will be salvaged. They will be victorious and rewarded instead of punished at the Judgment Seat.

When questioned why he would pay someone a whole day's pay for working but one hour, he said, "Is it not lawful for me to do what I will with my own?" In that statement he is stating, "**I am the sovereign Lord of the harvest, and I can do as I please with my own.**" It is very clear that he was willing to do everything in his power to save as much of the harvest as possible. He is willing to use anyone, regardless of their past, to get people saved from hell.

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In this story he is willing to use a person who has been wasting his life, even to the point of giving him complete amnesty for the past, and then pay him as though he had worked all of his life if...if...**IF HE WILL DO EVERYTHING IN HIS POWER TO SAVE THE LOST SINNERS WHO MAKE UP OUR PRESENT DAY HARVEST!**

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