

**“GOD’S THOUGHTS & GOD’S WAYS:
PART 3; LOOKING THROUGH THE LENS OF ETERNITY”**

GOD LOVES JUSTICE (Ps. 11:7):

- Eternity is about God’s justice (Ps. 89:14).
 - Right will be right and wrong will be wrong. There will be no more gray areas.
 - Right will be lavishly rewarded for eternity (Is. 3:10).
 - Wrong will be severely punished for eternity (Ps. 75:2).
- Jesus satisfied God’s justice that demanded punishment for sin (2Pe. 1:1).
 - Would you want to live in a world where there is no justice?
 - Would you want those who do wrong to go free?

THE LENS OF ETERNITY:

- Everything you do or don’t do will affect your eternity
 - Our choices here on earth will determine where we spend eternity (Mt. 25:46; Ro. 2:5-8; 1Thess. 1:7-10).
- All of us will face God’s judgment.
 - Those who have not believed in Jesus will go into eternal punishment, hell & the lake of fire (Rev. 20:11-15).
 - Those who have believed in Jesus for their salvation, will go into eternal life in God’s paradise, heaven.
 - This separates the goats from the sheep (Mt. 25)
- Christians will then be brought before the Judgment Seat of Christ (Ro. 14:10-12; 2 Cor. 5:8-11).
 - Christ’s blood cleanses us from all our sin
 - Yet, we will be judged for how we conducted our lives here on earth.
 - Did you help build God’s Kingdom here on earth?
 - Did you allow God to build the character of Jesus in you?
 - We will be rewarded for whenever our lives pleased Him.

GOD LOVES TO REWARD US!

- We can experience a measure of the rewards of eternal life now.
 - The spiritual blessings of being God’s children (Eph. 1:3).
 - The fruit of the Spirit in your life (Gal. 5:22).
 - The rewards for obedience (Lk. 18:28-30; Heb.11:6).

- The rewards in eternity will be immeasurably greater (Mt. 19:28-29; 1Cor. 2:9)!
 - We will live in “paradise” (the sum total of blessedness) Lk. 23:43; 2Cor. 12:1-4.
 - The fullness of God’s glory and presence (2Cor. 4:17; Rev. 21:3).
 - All our suffering & pain will disappear completely (Rev. 21:4).
 - We will reign with Christ (Dan. 7:18; 2Tim. 2:12; Rev. 20:6; 22:5).
 - Crowns we will be able lay at His feet (Rev. 4:10-11)
 - The crown of righteousness (2Tim. 4:8).
 - The crown for bringing others to Christ (Phil. 4:1; 1Thess. 2:19).
 - The crown of life (Ja. 1:12; Rev. 2:10).
 - The crown of glory & honor (1Pe. 5:4).

WHAT EARNS GOD’S REWARD (Is. 3:10-11):

- Our work for Him (He. 6:10-11; Mt. 16:27; 1Cor. 3:8; 1Pe. 1:17).
- Our actions or deeds (Rev. 22:12; Rev. 14:13; Jer. 32:19; Ez. 18 :20).
- Our godliness (Ps. 18:20; Jer. 32:19; Ps. 94:15).
- Our motives (Jer. 17:10; Pr. 24:12; 1Cor. 4:3-5; Rev. 2:23).
- Our attitude (1Cor. 9:17; Ro. 14:18)
- Our integrity (Ps. 18:20)
- Our faithfulness (Pr. 28:20; Mt. 24:45-46; 25: 21,23).
- Our humility (Mt. 5:5; Lk. 14:11; 18:14).
- Our words (Mt. 12:36-37).
- How we have influenced people’s lives (1Thess. 2:19-20; Phil. 4:1).
- Being persecuted for righteousness sake (Lk. 6:22-23; Is. 61:8-9; 1Pe. 3:14).
- Loving those who don’t love us (Lk. 6:35; Pr. 25:21-22).
- Blessing those who cannot repay us (Lk. 14:14; Mt. 6:3-4).
- Showing kindness and caring for God’s servants (Mt. 10:40-42; 2Tim. 1:16-18; Heb. 6:10).
- How we labored in our jobs (Col. 3:23-25; Eph. 6:6-8).
- Our giving (Lk. 16:19; Phil. 4:17).

LIVE THROUGH THE LENS OF ETERNITY:

- Make it your **AIM** to please Him (Jn. 8:29; 2Cor. 5:9; Eph. 5:10).
- Store up treasures for eternity (Mt. 6:19-20).