

HEBREWS

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4:14 - 10:39 Jesus ... A Better *Priest*

REWARDS: Crowns and Honors

Crowns





Διαδημα Diadem

*A **symbol** of the
highest **ruling**
power in a
particular area ...*

Rev 12:3

Rev 13:1

Rev 19:12

"Wreath"

A *symbol* of successful activity or *accomplishment*.

A *reward* for outstanding *performance*.

John 19:5

Jesus then came out, wearing the **crown** of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, "Behold, the Man!"



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James 1:12

Blessed is a man who perseveres under trial for once he has been approved, he will receive **the crown** of life



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1 Corinthians 3:10-15

REWARD: *the payment Christ gives for good deeds and fruitful work*

LOSS: *punishment, loss, suffer damage ... to lose what "could have been"*

Imitating Christ

Who wore a stephanos of thorns for me ...

Crown of Life: Endurance and Death

James 1:12 Perseveres Under Trial ...

Rev 2:10 *Faithful Unto Death ...*

Imperishable Crown: Winning the Game

1Cor 9:24-27 *Discipline, Temperance ...*

"Lest I be disqualified ..."

I do not want to be a Loser!

Crown of Glory: Shepherding the Flock

1 Pet 5:1-4 *Examples of Faithful Service ...*

Leading and "Coaching"

Crown of Rejoicing: Building a Work

1 Thess 2:19 *You will be our Crown ...*

Crown of Righteousness: Watching and Waiting

2 Tim 4:7-8 *Longing for His Appearing ...*

1Jn 3:3 "Everyone who has this hope fixed on Him purifies himself"

Our Response

The stephanos tossed at His feet ...

Rev 4:9-11 *They will cast their Crowns before the Throne ...*

Rev 22:3-5 *They will reign forever and ever ...*

“If we are given actual crowns in Heaven, I’m sure that we shall gladly lay them at Christ’s feet. But it is wrong to think that our rewards are crowns and nothing more. If we join the elders in casting our crowns before Him, I believe He shall give them back to us so that we can join Him in ***ruling ‘forever and ever’***.”

“We are not well served by a theology that does not recognize the possibility of serious moral and doctrinal defection *on the part of believers*. Paul said, “You are to deliver this man to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, **so that his spirit may be saved** in the day of the Lord.” (1Cor 5:5) And he said of Hymenaeus and Alexander, “whom I handed over to Satan **that they may learn** not to blaspheme.” (1Tim 1:20)

Some people believe that our eternal rewards are actual crowns that we will lay at Christ's feet. This has given rise to the idea that our rewards or lack of them are really quite unimportant eternally ... we cast them at the feet of Christ at a great ceremony and then everyone gets on with eternity, enjoying essentially the same privileges.”

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REWARDS are not only privileges
but also **HONORS**

*The Honor of serving our King ...
and our Savior ...*

FOREVER and EVER

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7:1-10 Melchizedek

Merry Christmas!



**"FOR UNTO YOU IS BORN
THIS DAY IN THE CITY
OF DAVID, A SAVIOUR,
WHICH IS
CHRIST
THE
LORD."**

