**Topic: God will not forget your works** 

Bible Reading: Hebrews 6:5-10

#### **Introduction**

The Lord is very concern about the situation of the earth because of the ungodly behaviours that is norm of the day. People are not ashamed of immorality anymore, and they are glorifying injustice. Every aspect of human life is corrupt, and people are turning away from hearing the truth. Honesty and righteousness means nothing to them, because they are eager to act according to the dictate of their hearts; instead of the commandment of God. Nowadays, people have stopped listening to the truth and they are following senseless myths.

Many Christians have wandered from the righteous path by giving their attention to legends, and countless churches are teaching stories instead of the unchangeable powerful word of God. People are rejecting the truth at an alarming rate and they are chasing the meaningless things of this world in a manner that established the epistle of Paul to Timothy: which says, "And they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables." 2 Timothy 4:4.

Are you among those who refused to acknowledge the fact that you will be rewarded for your works? What type of reward are you expecting from God? Is it blessing or judgment? If you want prosperity from God, you must reject Satan and his works. Do not be among the people who have turned away from Christianity faith to follow Satan. Beware so that you will not be led astray and act in manners to please the Devil. The Bible attested to this fact by saying "For some have already turned aside after Satan." 1 Timothy 5:15.

Though the passage was talking about the widows, however, this is what is presently happening among mankind throughout the globe. Therefore, let those who think that they are standing firm and immune to temptation take care, else they will fall into sin and receive condemnation instead of reward. Even if you have a steadfast mind and you think that you can stand up to temptation, you must be careful not to fall, according to the scripture which says, "Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall." 1 Corinthians 10:12. Are you overconfident that you cannot fall into sin?

Are you one of the self-righteous people who think they are too strong to fall into temptation? Be watchful if you want reward and not judgment from God.

You need to recognize God: Humans must acknowledge the existence of One and only living God. People must admit that it is God who gives them the vitality and the capability to become rich, so whatever exalted position that you are presently occupying is made possible by God. It is time for mankind to concede that their celebrity status, and financial status, together with their educational status is due to the grace of God. The Book of Deuteronomy stated that "And you shall remember the Lord your God, for it is He who gives you power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as it is this day." Deuteronomy 8:18.

Hence, time has come to accept that your prosperity is not due to your ability or strength, but the grace of God: according to the Bible passage which says "So he answered and said to me: 'This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: "Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit," says the Lord of hosts." Zechariah 4:6. Inasmuch as no human can succeed by his/her own strength/power; it is unavoidable to give due recognition to Almighty God who made us to be wealthy and successful; then wait for Him to reward us for our good works.

It is inevitable for us to always remember and praise the name of our God in whatever we do, and wherever we may be. We must take pride in the precious name of the Lord and trust Him. As it is written "Some trust in chariots and some in horses; but we will remember the name of the Lord our God." Psalm 20:7. Are you among those who rely on their wealth or ability? Do you trust in the power of God or your prowess? If you want God to remember your good works, you must have good records before the heavens.

Nehemiah did his best for the people of Israel during his lifetime; you too, do your best in an acceptable way to serve mankind. God will never forget you, but He will be kind to you if you do what is good and right: according to the scripture which says "Remember me, my God, for good according to all that I have done for this people." Nehemiah 5:19. It is only if you have a good record, that you can confidently ask God to remember to credit you for your good deeds. We pray that God will remember you favorably with goodness that is proportional to every good work that you have

performed. You will be blessed abundantly for your kind gesture to your neighbors in Jesus name.

You will be paramount in the Lord's mind: Many people in the world do not have time for their Creator, while numerous of them have forgotten God. Countless people have intentionally ignored the commandment of the Lord, and uncountable people have neglected the work of God. It is for this reason that sin prevails rapidly in the world today. The Book of Jeremiah testified to this fact by saying "Can a virgin forget her ornaments or a bride her attire? Yet My people have forgotten Me days without numbers." Jeremiah 2:32.

We need to realize that any river that forgets its source will certainly dry up; so those who refuse to do the will of God will be judged severely. The scripture confirmed that the anger of God is coming upon those who are living a sinful lifestyle and those who fail to listen to the warning of the Lord; together with the people who routinely and obstinately disregard God's precepts. As it is written "Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience." Colossians 3:6. Today is the day to enlighten people that it is either you work for God, by doing what is good, or you work for Satan by doing evil. If you do what is good, God will not forget to reward you, but if you do what is evil you will be judged. We pray that you will make the right choice in Jesus Name.

For this reason, change from your wicked way and nauseous behaviors because God is coming to judge the world: according to the Book of Psalm which says "Let the rivers clap their hand; let the hills be joyful together before the LORD, for He is coming to judge the earth. With righteousness He shall judge the world, and the people with equity." <a href="Psalm 98:8-9">Psalm 98:8-9</a>. Will you be among those who will be penalized or rewarded when the Lord comes? Change before it is too late, so that you will be blessed.

Topic: God will not forget your works – Part 2

Bible Reading: Hebrews 6:5-10

We shall continue our discussion by mentioning **how it is mandatory for everyone to do good** in order to be rewarded by the Lord.

#### It is compulsory to do good

It is the commandment of God that mankind must do good throughout their lifetime. So, be watchful of the commands of the Lord and do what is good in His sight. It is mandatory that humans obey and pay attention to the directives of the Lord in order to be successful in the land of the living. Moses told the Israelites to obey the regulations of the Lord by saying "Observe and obey all these words which I command you, that it may go well with you and your children after you forever, when you do what is good and right in the sight of the Lord your God." <a href="Deuteronomy 12:28">Deuteronomy 12:28</a>. The best way for you to be safe and sound in this world is to do acceptable things in the presence of God. For your descendants to prosper and be established, you must do what is good and pleasing to the Lord.

We are commanded to do good: It is obligatory for people to do what is good before the promises of God can come to pass in their lives. Christians must live in a way that pleases God before they can possess their eternal inheritance. The Bible testified to this fact by saying "And you shall do what is right and good in the sight of the Lord, that it may be well with you, and that you may go in and possess the good land of which the Lord swore to your fathers." Deuteronomy 6:18. Before God can take you from the Promised Land to the land of fulfillment of your dreams, your deeds must be good and pleasing to Him. Are you doing good instead of evil? Are you living at peace with your neighbors? You must reject Satan and turn away from evil; you must strive for peace with all your heart if you want to be rewarded. As it is written "Depart from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it." Psalm 34:14.

If you want God to remember your works, you must continue to do good; search for peace and work to maintain it. God will not forget your works, if you do good instead of evil. You will live securely forever, if you stop doing anything evil: according to the scripture which says "Depart from evil, and do good; and dwell forevermore." Psalm 37:27. Flee from evil and you will abide forever. Rely on the Lord and you will be established. If you lean on the Lord and you live right, you will be protected from danger; you will not be exposed to risk or harm: as it is written "Trust in the Lord, and do good; dwell in the land, and feed on His faithfulness." Psalm 37:3. The only way to live safely in your community and prosper is to do what is right and good.

Jesus Christ instructed us to do good: Jesus Christ our Lord laid the example for us to follow by doing what is good throughout His lifetime on earth. He healed a man with a withered hand at the Synagogue on a Sabbath despite the malicious intent of the Scribes and the Pharisees. The Bible corroborated this fact by saying "Then Jesus said to them, 'I will ask you one thing: Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do evil, to save life or to destroy?'" Luke 6:9. It is clear from the passage that we should do good and save lives, however, do not limit your doing good to the Sabbaths alone; make sure that you do what is good and right everyday. Be nice and kind to everybody in order to please God because if you do favors and benefit only those who are good to you, then you are not better than the sinners. If you want the blessing of the Lord and the recognition of the heavens; you must do what is good to everyone: according to the comments of Jesus which says "And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same." Luke 6:33.

If you are not one of the illegitimate children, you will do good to everyone around you: according to the Book of Acts which says "God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him." Acts 10:38. Emulate Jesus Christ your Lord and Savior by doing good to every soul, because God will do good to the honest people who prefer doing good than doing evil. God will never forget to do good to those who are good and whose hearts are filled with integrity: according to the scripture which says "Do good, O Lord, to those who are good, and to those who are upright in their hearts." Psalm 125:4. Do you think you are worthy of the goodness of God? Are you a virtuous person? Do you have decent motives? Are you among those who do good and obey the commands of God? If not, the time has come for you to change.

Nothing is better than to do good: The best thing to do to please the Lord is to do good, but nowadays, countless people in the world are shrewd enough to do evil, but they do not know how to do good. Numerous Christians are foolish because they lack understanding; they are clever at doing wrong, but they have no idea how to do right. Many of the leaders know a lot about how to do sinful things but they have no knowledge of doing good. The Bible confirmed this statement by saying "For my people are foolish, they have not known Me. They are silly children, and they have no understanding. They are wise to do evil, but to do good they have no knowledge." Jeremiah 4:22. Are you among the senseless people who are

skilled in doing evil? Are you an expert at doing what is evil but a failure at doing what is good? Do you prefer doing wrong to doing good because of selfishness? Are you devoid of doing good or inept at doing right? You need to change before it is too late; because nothing is better than for you to do good as long as you live.

Though the statutes of the Lord are for humans to be happy and enjoy themselves during their lifetime; however, they must do good while they live. As it is written "I know that nothing is better for them than to rejoice, and to do good in their lives." <a href="Ecclesiastes 3:12"><u>Ecclesiastes 3:12.</u></a> Therefore, "Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in the power of your hand to do so." <a href="Proverbs 3:27"><u>Proverbs 3:27.</u></a> If you have the capability, do not hold back good from those who deserve it. Whenever you possibly can, you must do good to the people who are entitled to it. Hence, do all you can for everyone who is worthy of your assistance. For this reason, "Learn to do good; seek justice, rebuke the oppressor; defend the fatherless, plead for the widow." <a href="Isaiah 1:17">Isaiah 1:17</a>.

Always do what is fair, make sure that you are living right and acting according to the instructions of the Lord.

Sensible people do good: People can prove that they are clever by their good life and good deeds performed with humility and wisdom. Anyone that is living right and doing good things with gentleness is smart. One of the ways to demonstrate that you are intelligent is by your good conducts and deeds, with humility: according to the Book of James which says "Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show by good conduct that his works are done in the meekness of wisdom." James 3:13. The leaders of Christianity who think they are wise and they understand God's way must prove it by living an honorable life, doing good works with the humility that comes from wisdom. Hence, they must not allow evil to defeat them, but defeat evil with good in order to lay good example that is worthy to be emulated by the Christendom. The Book of Romans confirmed this fact by saying "Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good." Romans 12:21. The Beloved must not allow evil to conquer them by standing on the Rock of Ages; instead they must conquer evil by doing good; else it will be counted as sin for them: according to the scripture which says "Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin." James 4:17.

Any person who knows what is right but fails to do it, it is sin. It is sin to know the good but refuse to do it. If you do not do what you know is right, you have sinned. If you do not want to be guilty in the presence of God;

do what you ought to do. For this reason, "Do not forget to do good and to share for with such sacrifices God is well please." Hebrews 13:16. Christians must not neglect the poor in their midst; instead they must be generous by contributing to the needy of the church as an expression of fellowship. Sharing what you have with other is a sacrifice that pleases God. Do not forget that helping one another is an embodiment of the Church, proof of fellowship with the heavens and the legacy of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Topic: God will not forget your works – Part 3

Bible Reading: Hebrews 6:5-10

We shall continue our discussion with the continuation of how it is mandatory for everyone to do good in order to be rewarded by the Lord.

<u>Suffering for doing good is not a sin:</u> If anyone undergoes maltreatment for doing what is good, it is not a sin, but an acceptable form of suffering before the Lord. It also proves that the person will not compromise under any circumstance; but such person is ready for whatever it takes to endure hardship for Jesus Christ sake.

Nowadays, many people do not remember their Creator because they are afraid of those who are angry and hoped to abuse them: however, you must not forget to abide with the command of the Lord to do good because of those who are afflicting you. Do not allow the anger of the people who are troubling you make you to neglect your Maker. The constant dread of your oppressors must not make you to forget your Creator. You must not tremble with fear continually every day because of the rage of your persecutors; instead, do what is right and good.

The constant fear on account of your oppressor's wrath must never make you to fail to acknowledge God who protected and preserved you till this moment: according to the Bible passage which says "And you forget the Lord your Maker, who stretched out the heavens and laid the foundations of the earth; You have feared continually every day because of the fury of the oppressor, when he has prepared to destroy. And where is the fury of the oppressor?" <a href="Isaiah 51:13">Isaiah 51:13</a>. Are you afraid of your persecutors more than your Creator? Is the pressure of those who are mistreating you making you to break the laws of God? Are you ready to put up with tribulation because of your

faith? Is complying with the regulations of the Lord paramount in your heart? You must never allow the fear of anything or anyone make you to forget God, instead do what is right/good and your Maker will deliver you.

The Bible stated that God will bless you when people mock and persecute you, because of doing what is right/good. You will be blessed abundantly whenever people insult and hurt you because you trust Jesus Christ. Do not forget that you will be blessed if people abuse and harass you by speaking all kinds of bad and false things about you because of your faith in the Lord; do not be sad, but be happy and excited, because you will have a great reward in heaven. For your reward in heaven to be absolutely inexhaustible, you must be persecuted for Christ's sake: according to the Book of Matthew which says, "Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you." Matthew 5:11-12.

Do not compromise if you want to be spiritually alive with life-joy in God's goodness. For you to be prosperous with satisfaction in God's favor, you must have been mistreated because you are a follower of Christ. For your reward in heaven to be strong and intense, you must never deny Christ when you are been persecuted. Emulate Peter and John who were persecuted for doing what is good when they healed the lame man at the gate of the temple called Beautiful.

The Bible testified to this fact by saying "If we this day are judged for a good deed done to a helpless man, by what means he has been made well." Acts 4:9. Will you renounce your faith, if you are arrested for doing what is right? Will you deny Jesus Christ instead of serving jail time? Won't you compromise, if you are being questioned and threatened with severe punishment for doing what is good? Today is the day to make a resolution of facing the consequences of doing what is good and right.

The time has come for Christians to realize that they will get no credit if they are punished for doing wrong; however, if they suffer for doing what is good, God is please with them. Don't you think it is better to endure suffering for doing something good in order to receive God's favor? There is no honor for anyone who is being punished for his/her sin; however, if anyone is being punished for doing what is right/good, such person will be glorified. As it is written: "For what credit is it if, when you are

beaten for your faults, you take it patiently? But when you do good and suffer, if you take it patiently, this is commendable before God." 1 Peter 2:20.

God will not forget to bless you if you suffer undeserved punishment for doing something good/right. You will be greatly blessed, if people treated you unfairly because of your loyalty to God, because; "For it is better, if it is the will of God, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil." 1 Peter 3:17. You are better off to obey God; and suffer for doing right than to suffer for doing wrong. Therefore, to suffer unjustly for doing right is better than to suffer justly for doing wrong.

God will reciprocate your good works: Every human being can be identified by his/her works and deeds. These works and deeds can either be good or bad. If your works, actions and reactions are good, then you belong to God, but if they are bad, you belong to Satan. The Bible stated that "For a good tree does not bear bad fruit, nor does a bad tree bear good fruit." Luke 6:43. Are you producing good fruits or bad fruits? Though you can deceive humans, but you cannot deceive God who sees all your wrongdoings. He will only reward those who have done what is right and acceptable to Him. Do not forget that God will reward each one of us for the good things that we have done: according to the scripture which says, "Knowing that whatever good anyone does, he will receive the same from the Lord, whether he is a slave or free." Ephesians 6:8.

Will your deeds lead to reward or punishment? Inasmuch as Jesus is coming to reward mankind, will you be among those who will be rewarded or punished? Remember that you will be rewarded in this world and the world to come, for the good and right things that you have done. The Bible corroborated this fact by saying "For the Son of Man will come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then He will reward each according to his works." Matthew 16:27. Whether you like it or not, Jesus is coming to reward humanity: either you believe it or not He will judge the world whenever He returns and punish the evil doers. The Lord will give eternal life to everyone who has patiently done what is good in the hope of receiving glory and honor. Jesus Christ will reward those who by persistence in doing good seek the heavenly glory and beauty with life that lasts forever: according to the scripture which says "Eternal life to those who by patient continuance in doing good seek for glory, honor and immortality." Romans 2:7.

Do you think your good works will make you to qualify for immortality that God offers? Are you worthy to receive eternal life? If not, make amendment today; because only those that have practiced doing good will come to a resurrection of new life, while those who did evil during their lifetime will come to a resurrection of damnation. It is better for you to do what is good/right in the land of the living, so that you will rise from the grave to experience eternal life instead of perdition. The Book of John confirmed this fact by saying "And come forth—those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation." John 5:29.

The choice is yours, it is either you do what is good and acceptable to God while you are still alive; so that you will rise and live forever: or you will continue with your sinful lifestyle and be condemned to hell. We pray that you will not end your journey in Satan's camp, but make the right choice in Jesus name. Your coming into this world will not be in vain, instead, your existence will have positive impact on the Believers throughout the world in Jesus name. Amen.

Topic: God will not forget your works – Part 4

Bible Reading: Hebrews 6:5-10

We shall continue our discussion with how the people who have forgotten the Lord must change and turn to Him in order to be rewarded.

#### The people who forget God must change

Nowadays, many people do not have time for God, and numerous people are disregarding His commands. They are neglecting the work of God, and they are shutting their Creator out of their activities. Humans are abandoning their obligations to their Maker at an alarming rate, and they are ignoring the purpose why God created them.

Many people in the world are doing what they ought not to have done, and they are not doing what they ought to do. Are you among those who are setting aside the statutes of the Lord by telling people that they are obsolete? Do you belong to the group of people who are proclaiming that the instructions of the Lord are ineffective, or they are no longer in effect?

Do you think constantly about your Maker or you have stopped thinking about Him? Today is the day that you must reconcile with your Creator and start paying attention to His words of life.

Believers must not forget God: Christians must not cease to remember and think about God in whatever that they are doing. They must pay close attention to His commandments and not ignore Him. They must understand that they will face the consequences if they forget God: according to the Book of Psalm which says "Now consider this, you who forget God, lest I tear you in pieces, and there be none to deliver." Psalm 50:22. You must listen to the voice of the Lord, else there will be consequences. You must change and turn fully to God if you don't want punishment instead of reward. Do not cease to remember the Lord in all your ways if you don't want to be rejected by the heavens.

You must never put the words of God out of your mind if you want to inherit the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, the Believers must be considerate and not become tired of doing what is good. The children of God must not be slack in doing good, but continue doing what is right without any weakening. The Christendom must not lose heart in doing what is good and right even in the face of adversity: according to the scripture which says: "But as for you, brethren, do not grow weary in doing good." 2 Thessalonians 3:13. Are you discouraged in doing what is right because of your situation? You must not fail to do what is good and right, if you want to be rewarded.

Do not cease to do good: The Beloved must not become discouraged in doing good, because they will be rewarded at the appropriate time. If Christians don't get tired of helping one another, they will be rewarded at the appointed time. If you don't give up or get tired of doing good, you will receive your harvest of eternal life at the right time. As it is written: "And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart." Galatians 6:9. If you do not get tired of doing good at the right time you will reap a harvest of blessing. Inasmuch as you are still alive, it is your duty to help others in a manner that will promote their spiritual wellbeing. You must do what is morally good to all people and useful for their spiritual advantage.

Whenever you have the opportunity, you must do what is good to everyone and most importantly be a blessing to those who belong to

God's family: according to the Book of Galatians which says: "Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith." Galatians 6:10. Are you doing good to all people, immaterial of their age, gender and race? Are you giving special attention to those who are in the family of Believer? Are you doing things that are profitable for/to the followers of the Lord? Are you doing what is good for their spiritual growth? If not, change before it is too late.

Christians must be a model of good deeds: The rich people of this world must not be proud and arrogant or egotistical; instead they must be liberal and ready to share their wealth with others. Christians must be rich in good works and be generous. They must be willing to help everyone and do as many good deeds as possible. They must not be fully of themselves or obsessed with money which is the root of all evil. The Bible testified to this fact by saying: "Let them do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to give, willing to share." 1 Timothy 6:18. Are you using your money to do good or to cause havoc? Are you giving alms to the poor? Are you distributing your wealth among the needy? If so, your good works will not be forgotten by the Lord, but you will be rewarded at the appropriate time.

For this reason, show yourself as a role model that is worthy to be emulated. In everything that you do, make yourself an example of good works with integrity and dignity. Always set a good example for others and offer yourself as a model of good actions. As it is written, "In all things showing yourself to be a pattern of good works; in doctrine showing integrity, reverence, and incorruptibility." Titus 2:7. Do you have strict regard for integrity and truth? Are your pastors teaching unadulterated Gospel? Are you showing any purity of motive in all your dealings? Hence, let everything you do reflect integrity and seriousness.

You must do good in order to see good times: The Bible stated that if you want to enjoy life and have many happy days, then you must not say bad things and your tongue must not utter deceitful speech. People who want to live a full life and enjoy good days must desist from doing evil. Do you really love life? Do you want to be happy during your lifetime? Then stop saying cruel things and quit telling lies: turn away from wickedness and do what is right. You must shun evil, and seek harmony in order to live a fulfilled life: according to the Book of Peter which says "For 'He who would love life and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips

from speaking deceit. Let him turn away from evil and do good; let him seek peace and pursue it'" 1 Peter 3:10-11. The conditionality to have good time during your existence is to depart from evil, search for peace and work to maintain it. You must give up your evil ways and do what is right; find and follow the road that leads to peace.

Hence, do not copy the evil deeds of others, but follow the example of people who do kind deeds. Do not allow any bad example to influence you, but follow only what is good because those who do good prove that they are God's children and those who do evil prove that they do not know God. The only way to prove that you have personal experience with God is not to follow what is sinful, no matter how attractive it may be; but follow what is good throughout your existence: according to the scripture which says "Beloved, do not imitate what is evil, but what is good. He who does good is of God, but he who does evil has not seen God." 3 John 1:11. Therefore, do not emulate anything evil, but model the good. Never let evil be your example, but good thing that is acceptable to God. You must exhibit godly character, moral courage and personal integrity to demonstrate that you know God. So, Christians must strive to have these virtues.

Topic: God will not forget your works - Part 5

Bible Reading: Hebrews 6:5-10

We shall continue our discussion by mentioning how God will render to everyone according to their deeds, and why humans must abhor evil in order to be rewarded.

You will be repaid for your deeds: Believers must realize that they will be repaid for their deeds in the land of the living. God will reward or punish every person for what that person has done. Humans will be judged according to what they have done during their existence. The Bible says "Who will render to each one according to his deeds." Romans 2:6. Since God will repay you according to your works, why not do good in order to be rewarded? Do you think your deeds deserve to be rewarded or make you to be penalized? It is time to change and start doing what is right and good; inasmuch as God will treat everyone as they deserve and punish the evil doers for their sins. God will give the evil doers the punishment that they deserve; He will measure it out in proportion to their wickedness.

The Lord will pay them back for their evil deeds and He will give them a taste of what they have done to others; according to the scripture which says "Give them according to their deeds, and according to the wickedness of their endeavors; give them according to the work of their hand; render to them what they deserve." Psalm 28:4. Whether you believe or not, God will not forget your works, and He will either reward you or punish you for your deeds. Many people always like to claim ignorance of their deeds but this excuse is not tenable because God understands your thoughts and He can discern them. He has the capability to examine your heart and evaluate your motives. God cannot be deceived because He can read your mind; He knows and judges the motives of humans. As it is written "If you say, 'Surely we did not know this,' Does not He who weighs the hearts consider it? He who keeps your soul, does He not know it? And will He not render to each man according to his deeds?" Proverbs 24:12. Since God will repay all people as their actions deserve, do what is right and good in order to be rewarded.

Though God is very compassionate, however, **He will compensate every** person according to the value of his/her work. The Lord will reward each of us proportionally to what we do on earth: according to the Book of Psalms which says, "Also, to You, O Lord, belongs mercy; For You render to each one according to his work." Psalm 62:12. Hence, do not get even with people, and do not repay them according to their wicked actions. The Book of Proverbs cautioned against this conduct by saying "Do not say, 'I will do to him just as he has done to me; I will render to the man according to his work." Proverbs 24:29. You must neither pay people back what their wicked deeds deserve nor pay them back for their sinful acts, rather use kindness to change them and turn them to God. No one must pay back wrong for wrong, but everyone should aim to do what is good to one another and to all people at all times. As it is written "See that no one renders evil for evil to anyone, but always pursue what is good both for yourselves and for all." 1 Thessalonians 5:15. Do you hate those who hate you? Are you recompensing evil for evil? If so, desist and always strive to do what is good and beneficial to everyone.

Abstain from pursuing evil: The scripture says, the Beloved must turn away from evil and do good instead of evil. They must crave for peace, try as much as possible to live at peace and strive to maintain it; because those who do good will be rewarded with eternal life, and those who do evil will be punished eternally. Always do the right things and you will live forever, but if

you keep doing the wrong thing, you may die prematurely: according to the Bible passage which says, "As righteousness leads to life, so he who pursues evil pursues it to his own death." Proverbs 11:19. It can be deduced that godly people find life, and evil people find death. Are you determined to do right and live eternally, or you insist on doing wrong and die? It is time to start behaving like true Christians, by hating what is evil and cleave to what is good. The time has come for Believers to detest all ungodliness: according to the Book of Romans which says, "Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good." Romans 12:9. Do you loathe all ungodliness? You must not tolerate any form of wickedness in order to prove you faithfulness to God, so that you will be rewarded.

#### You will be rewarded for your works

Almighty God will never forget to reward those who earnestly seek Him, because He is the rewarder of the people who diligently seek Him. God will repay humanity for what it has done, and give each person what he/she deserves. Since the Lord is impartial, He will not fail to reward people for what they do, and treat them as they deserve: according to the Book of Job which says "For He repays man according to his work, and makes man to find a reward according to his way." Job 34:11. Therefore, God will reward those who are doing what is right and bless the innocent. If you want the Lord to spare you, do what is right, and if you want Him to reward you, do not do what is evil: according to the scripture which says "The Lord rewarded me according to my righteousness; according to the cleanness of my hands He has recompensed me." Psalm 18:20.

You will be repaid for your godly deeds and rewarded for your blameless behavior. Hence, let people acknowledge that it is true that good people are rewarded. Then, people will say 'there are rewards for doing what is right,' so, 'righteous people certainly have a reward from God.' As it is written, "So that men will say, 'Surely there is a reward for the righteous; surely He is God who judges in the earth." Psalm 58:11. Now, everyone will agree that truly there is a reward for those who live for God, because He judges the earthlings justly.

<u>Do good to all people:</u> You must love and do good to all people including your adversaries. The Lord taught us to love those who hate us; else we will be counted with the hypocrites who have no reward from God. The Book of Matthew testified to this fact by saying "For if you love those who love you,

what reward have you? Do not even the tax collectors do the same?" <u>Matthew</u> 5:46. If you love and do good to only the people who love you; you will get no reward from God, instead you will be counted as one of the corrupt people: but, if you do what is right and good for your enemies, it is like piling burning coals on their heads, and the Lord will reward you.

The Book of Proverbs says "If your enemy is hungry, give him bread to eat; and if he is thirsty, give him water to drink; For so you will heap coals of fire on his head, and the Lord will reward you." Proverbs 25:21-22. If you do what is right to your adversaries, you will make them to spiritually burn with shame. The best way to make your foes to feel guilty, ashamed and possibly turn to God is to do what is good for them. For this reason, always do what is good, so as to please God and be rewarded. Furthermore, your charitable deeds must be done in conformity with the teaching of the Bible; else, you will receive no reward from the Lord. Matthew 6:1-4.

You must be obedient to be rewarded: Anyone who rejects God's teaching will pay the price, but anyone who obeys His commands will be rewarded. The people who have contempt for the instructions of the Lord will pay the penalty; therefore, do not hate the life-giving word of the Lord if you don't want to be troubled. The Bible confirmed this fact by saying "He who despises the word will be destroyed, but he who fears the commandment will be rewarded." Proverbs 13:13. Are you among those who are scorning the teaching of the Holy Bible? Then you must repent immediately, because only those who respect the commands of the Lord will succeed. If you want reward instead of destruction, please revere the instructions of the Lord. You must never ignore the word of God if you want to live in safety throughout your lifetime; because God will show no partiality, but He will punish whoever err, immaterial of such person's post or position. The leaders of Christianity and the pastors will suffer the same punishment as the Christians for their wrongdoings.

God will punish everybody for the evil that they have done; likewise He will reward everyone for the good thing that they have done. The Bible corroborated this fact by saying "And it shall be like people, like priest. So I will punish them for their ways and reward them for their deeds." Hosea 4:9. For this reason, inform the obedient people that they are favored and they will be blessed during their existence. Tell the godly that all will be well with them and they will enjoy the reward they have earned. Inform the disobedient people that they are in trouble because they will be doomed.

Tell the wicked how unfortunate they are, because they will be punished for their wrongs and they will get exactly what they deserve. As it is written, "Say to the righteous that it shall be well with them, for they shall eat the fruit of their doings. Woe to the wicked! It shall be ill with him, for the reward of his hands shall be given to him." <a href="Isaiah 3:10-11">Isaiah 3:10-11</a>. If you do not want disaster and trouble in your life, cease doing what is evil.

Your reward is near: The Lord will return to this world to reward everyone according to their deeds. Jesus said, "For the Son of man will come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then He will reward each according to his works." Matthew 16:27. Are you prepared for the coming of the Lord? Will you be judged or rewarded when He returns? Change before it is too late because Jesus is coming back whether you believe it or not; either you like it or not, He is coming to reward humans according to their deeds. The Book of Revelation confirmed the fact by saying "And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work." Revelation 22:12. If Jesus comes today, will you be judged or rewarded? Do not procrastinate; start doing what is right and good, so that you will be among those who will accompany Jesus Christ home.

Topic: God will not forget your works - Part 6

Bible Reading: Hebrews 6:5-10

We shall continue our discussion by mentioning that your works will not be forgotten by the Lord, instead, He will remember them and reward you according to what you have done.

#### Your works will not be forgotten

We all know that is difficult, if not impossible for a good mother to forget a child who nurses at her breast. It is also difficult, if not impossible for any mother to fail to love or pity an infant who came from her own body. However, if this happens, that a mother forgets the baby that she nurses and she feels no kindness for the child to whom she gave birth; you must still have the assurance that your Creator will not forget you. The Book of Isaiah stated that "Can a woman forget her nursing child, and not have compassion on the son of her womb? Surely they may forget, yet I will not forget you." Isaiah 49:15. You must have the confidence that God will pity

your situation as long as you are doing what is good/right, and He will reward your good works by transforming your life.

God will not forget to save the honest people who are being afflicted. He will not forget the suffering of the righteous, but He will lift His hand in judgment against those who are oppressing them. God will reward the wicked by punishing them, and He will not forget those who need help: according to the scripture which says, "Arise, O Lord! O God, lift up Your hand! Do not forget the humble." Psalm 10:12. Inasmuch as you are doing what is good/right, God will assist you because He will never ignore the helpless, but come to their aid, and make them to forget their troubles. Their troubles will go away like water flowing beneath a bridge.

Their Maker will make them to forget their suffering by turning their lives around positively: according to the Book of Job which says, "Because you would forget your misery, and remember it as waters that have passed away." Job 11:16. If you want your troubles to fade from your memory, do what is right and acceptable to the Lord. For your suffering to be like floods that are past and remember no more, your good works must be uncountable; because the Lord has sworn that He will not forget your deeds. God who is the glory and the pride of Jacob has sworn this oath that He will not forget your deeds, most especially your evil deeds: according to the Bible passages which says "The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: 'Surely I will never forget any of their works.'" Amos 8:7. Repent quickly, and start doing what is good/right because the wicked things that you have done will not be forgotten.

## God will remember your deeds

Humans must remember their Creator while they are still alive, by doing what is right and acceptable to Him. It is inevitable for people to remember their Maker before the silver cords of their lives snapped apart and the whole circulatory system of their blood cease to function. If you want your Creator to remember you with good things of life, then you must first remember Him by carrying out His instruction to do what is right and good. As it is written, "Remember your Creator before the silver cord is loosed, or the golden bowl is broken, or the pitcher shattered at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the well." Ecclesiastes 12:6.

Sooner or later, your life will snap like a sliver chain: why not remember your Creator when you are still a living soul? Do what is acceptable to Him, so that He will not forget your deeds but eradicate your stigma. God will not forget how you have suffered and disgraced for doing good; so, He will give you succor: according to the scripture which says, "Remember, O Lord, what has come upon us; look and behold our reproach!" Lamentations 5:1. Today, your tears will turn to laughter, your sorrow will turn to joy, and your reproaches will turn to glory in Jesus name. Whatever that you are passing through will not lead to disgrace but to the establishment of your faith in the Lord. If the Lord can forgive the thief on His right hand side on the cross, He will forgive the sins that Satan is using to petition you before His heavenly throne. Almighty God will overlook the sins that put you in disappointing situation, and take you away from your unsatisfactory condition.

The Bible testified to this fact by saying "Then he said to Jesus, 'Lord remember me when You come into Your kingdom' And Jesus said to him, 'Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise." Luke 23:42-43. If you do what is right and good, God will bless/reward you with good things of life and you will be admitted into His eternal kingdom. God will not forget your kind gestures and good deeds that you have done for the brothers and sisters in the Lord, but He will reward you accordingly. God will not ignore your love and the services that you have rendered for the propagation of the Gospel. You will be repaid for whatever that you have done physically, spiritually and financially to make the Church of the **Lord to grow/expand**. The Bible corroborated this fact by saying "Remember me, O my God, concerning this, and do not wipe out my good deeds that I have done for the house of my God, and for its services!" Nehemiah 13:14. Whatever that you have done for the Church of the Lord and the parishioners is not in vain; but you will be repaid by God according to the greatness of His mercy and grace.

#### **Examples of people in the Bible rewarded by the Lord**

There are numerous people that God rewarded for their faithfulness in the Bible; however, we will only mention few of these people:

- Enoch walked with God in habitual fellowship, reverent fear and obedience: God did not forget him, but took Enoch home to be with Him eternally, as a token of reward. **Genesis 5:22-24.**
- Noah found favor and grace in the eyes of the Lord due to his righteous conducts <u>Genesis 6:8.</u> The Lord was pleased with Noah so he was instrumental to the new world created by the Lord after the great flood. Genesis 9:8-16.
- God made promises to Abraham; He established His covenant with Abraham and rewarded him for his faithfulness because he did not withhold Isaac his son from the Lord. **Genesis 17:1-8; 22:16-18.**
- Jacob pleased the Lord so his name was changed to Israel. He inherited the blessings of Abraham and the Promised Land. **Genesis 32:24-29**; **35:9-12. Joshua 24:20.**
- David virtues made the Lord to establish his throne, and Jesus Christ our Lord came through the lineage of David. <u>2 Samuel 7:4-16.</u>
- God did not forget Ruth, but He repaid her work; she was rewarded for her endurance and perseverance. She was blessed with Obed who was the father of Jesse, the father of David. **Ruth 2:12, 4:13-17.**
- God blessed Rechab because of his faithfulness and holiness. God made eternal covenant with his descendants because of their obedience.
   Jeremiah 35:1-10, 18-19.
- God blessed Hezekiah; he was healed of his sickness, and fifteen years was added to his lifespan. **2 Kings 20:3-6, Isaiah 38:3-6.**
- A Gentile named Cornelius and his household together with his friends were blessed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit. God answered Cornelius prayer and He did not forget his acts of charity. God noticed his good works and rewarded him accordingly. <u>Acts 10:24-47.</u>

If we observe all the afore-mentioned people; they all pleased the Lord and they exhibited obedience to the instructions of the Lord. Therefore, **if you don't want God to forget your deeds**, **be obedient and do things that are acceptable to the Lord**.

Finally, we must know that God can neither be deceived nor bribed, therefore, whatever you sow is what you will reap. If you sow wickedness you will reap trouble. Do not plant injustice if you do not want to harvest disaster: according to the Book of Proverbs which says, "He who sows iniquity will reap sorrow, and the rod of his anger will fail." <u>Proverbs 22:8.</u> However, if you

plant good things in tears, you will harvest with shouts of joy: as it is written "Those who sow in tears shall reap in joy." Psalm 126:5.

<u>The Seal: Hebrews 6:10:</u> For God is not unjust to forget your works and labor of love which you have shown toward His name, in that you have ministered to the saints and do minister."