

Treasures in Heaven

Jesus Tells Us to Lay Up Our Treasures in Heaven

Matthew 6:19-21

¹⁹ “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal.

²⁰ But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal.

²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Luke 12:32-34

³² “Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom.

³³ Sell your possessions and give to the poor.

Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys.

³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

White Garments in Heaven

Revelation 3:5

⁵ He who overcomes shall be clothed in white garments, and I will not blot out his name from the Book of Life; but I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels.

Revelation 3:18

¹⁸ I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see.

Revelation 19:7-8

⁷ Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready.” ⁸ And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.

Revelation 4:10-11

¹⁰ the twenty-four elders fall down before Him who sits on the throne and worship Him who lives forever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying:

¹¹ “You are worthy, O Lord,
To receive glory and honor and power;
For You created all things,
And by Your will they exist and were created.”

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Positions of Authority

Matthew 25:20-23

²⁰ “So he who had received five talents came and brought five other talents, saying, ‘Lord, you delivered to me five talents; look, I have gained five more talents besides them.’ ²¹ His lord said to him, ‘Well *done*, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.’ ²² He also who had received two talents came and said, ‘Lord, you delivered to me two talents; look, I have gained two more talents besides them.’ ²³ His lord said to him, ‘Well *done*, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.’”

Revelation 3:21

²¹ To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.

Revelation 1:6

⁶ and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him *be* glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Revelation 5:10

¹⁰ And have made us kings and priests to our God;
And we shall reign on the earth.”

Five Crowns in Heaven

The Crown of Life

James 1:12

¹² Blessed *is* the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.

Revelation 2:10

¹⁰ Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw *some* of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.

The Imperishable Crown

1 Corinthians 9:24-27

²⁴ Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain *it*. ²⁵ And everyone who competes *for the prize* is temperate in all things. Now they *do it* to obtain a perishable crown, but we *for* an imperishable *crown*. ²⁶ Therefore I run thus: not with uncertainty. Thus I fight: not as one who beats the air. ²⁷ But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified.

Revelation 3:11

¹¹ Behold, I am coming quickly! Hold fast what you have, that no one may take your crown.

The Crown of Rejoicing

1 Thessalonians 2:19

¹⁹ For what *is* our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? *Is it* not even you in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming?

Philippians 4:1

¹ Therefore, my beloved and longed-for brethren, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, beloved.

The Crown of Righteousness

2 Timothy 4:6-8

⁶ For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand. ⁷ I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸ Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.

The Crown of Glory

1 Peter 5:1-4

¹ The elders who are among you I exhort, I who am a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that will be revealed: ² Shepherd the flock of God which is among you, serving as overseers, not by compulsion but willingly, not for dishonest gain but eagerly; ³ nor as being lords over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock; ⁴ and when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that does not fade away.

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1. **Let's begin the study with an easy parable.** (Read the outlined in green Luke 12:32): **Who is the "little flock?"** _____
 2. **If they are referred to as the flock, who is Jesus referred to?** _____
 3. **Why does He expressly state He is please to give you the kingdom?** _____
 4. **Do not store up treasures on earth.** (Read the outlined in blue, Matthew 6:19). **In Jesus' time, what items would people store up as treasures on earth?** _____
 5. **What are things today commonly stored up as treasures on earth?** _____
 6. **Store up treasures in heaven.** (Read the outline in black, Matthew 6:20 and Luke 12:33b). **Why does Jesus tell us to store up treasures in heaven instead of the earth?** _____
 7. **What kinds of treasures do you know are in heaven?** _____

 8. **Sell your possessions.** (Read in orange, Luke 12:33a). **Why does Jesus state, "Sell your possessions and give to the poor." Does He not want us to own anything?** _____

 9. **Your heart is your treasure.** (Read in red Matthew 6:21 and Luke 12:34). **What is the difference between having a heart focused on earthly treasures versus heavenly treasures? How does it affect your heart?** _____

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10. **Parable of the Hidden Treasure and the Pearl.** (Read Matthew 13:44-46). **What is the significance of finding a treasure, selling everything you own, and then using that money to obtain it?** _____

 11. **Laying up Treasures for a Firm Foundation.** (Read 1 Timothy 6:17-19). **How does someone build a good foundation for heaven, and why is it being developed?** _____

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Five Crowns in Heaven

18. **What are the five crowns in heaven?**
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19. **The Crown of Life.** (Read in green James 1:12 and Revelation 2:10). **What is the Crown of Life?** _____

20. **What is mentioned in the bible about how we can achieve the Crown of Life?** Based on what is written in James 1:12 and Revelation 2:10, there are at least four criteria to earn the crown of life:
1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
21. **The Crown of Rejoicing** (Read in blue 1 Thessalonians 2:19 and Philippians 4:1). **What is the Crown of Rejoicing?** _____

22. **What is mentioned in the Bible how can we achieve the Crown of Rejoicing?** (Read Acts 11:25-26 to establish the first Christians). There are two types of Christians. Believers (Converts) and Disciples.
1. Disciples: _____
2. Believers (Converts): _____
3. To achieve the Crown of Rejoicing, _____
23. **The Imperishable Crown.** (Read in read 1 Corinthians 9:24-27) **What sporting event(s) does Paul use to describe the perishable crown?** _____
24. **What is the Imperishable Crown?** _____

25. **What is mentioned in the Bible about how can we achieve the Imperishable Crown?** _____

26. **The Crown of Righteousness.** (Read in black 2 Timothy 4:4-8). 2 Timothy 4-5 provides the context of fulfilling the ministry. **What is the Crown of Righteousness?** _____

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27. **Who or what are the qualities of a righteous person?** _____

28. **What is mentioned in the Bible about how can we achieve the Crown of Righteousness?** Paul states three things must be achieved to receive the crown of righteousness.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

29. **The Crown of Glory.** (Read in purple 1 Peter 5:1-4) **What is the Crown of Glory?** _____

30. **What is mentioned in the Bible about how can we achieve the Crown of Glory?** _____

31. **Crowns at Risk.** (Read in blue Revelation 3:11) **Can we lose our crowns?** There are three parts to this verse:

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2. _____

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White Garments and Other Treasures in Heaven

32. **Promises in Heaven.** (Read in gray Revelation 3:5) **What three promises did Jesus make to the church of Sardis?**

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36. **The good and faithful servant.** (Read in green Matthew 25:20-23) **What are the lessons learned here about the good and faithful servant? Is there an opportunity in heaven when Jesus teaches us about the parable?** _____

37. **Sitting on Jesus' Throne.** (Read in black Revelation 3:21). **What is the significance of sitting on Jesus' throne?** _____

38. **Kings and Priests.** (Read Revelation 1:6 and 5:10). **Will everyone be a King or a Priest? If not, who will be?** _____

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Introduction: The Treasures in Heaven Bible study is a lengthy and comprehensive study, and it may take your group two meetings to cover the material thoroughly. We urge you to take your time and learn as much as possible.

Matthew 6:19-21 and Luke 12:32-34 describe Jesus' parable Laying up Your Treasures in Heaven. We say this is one of Jesus' parables because Jesus often spoke in parables. You will notice the questions and answers to His statements are not found in the four books of the gospels. Most of the answers are in Revelation and several New Testament books, and we will provide them. You will also observe that Matthew and Luke do not define these treasures, how they are earned, or who may obtain them. You may want to read a disclaimer found in the In-Depth study.

1. **Let's begin the study with an easy parable.** (Read the outlined in green Luke 12:32): **Who is the "little flock?"** The disciples and his followers were commonly referred to as "the flock."
2. **If they are referred to as the flock, who is Jesus referred to?** The shepherd. The shepherd leads and is the caretaker of the flock.
3. The end of this scripture is commonly overlooked. Jesus makes it a point that He is pleased to give them the kingdom. **Why does He expressly state He is please to give you the kingdom?** This is what is known as "foreshadowing." At the end of the parable, but more importantly, at the end of the study, the kingdom of heaven is one of the great rewards.
4. **Do not store up treasures on earth.** (Read the outlined in blue, Matthew 6:19). **In Jesus' time, what items would people store up as treasures on earth?** Clothing. Food, Water. Money consists of coins. Weapons. Heirlooms. Jewelry.
5. **What are things today commonly stored up as treasures on earth?** Examples: Clothing. Books. Newspapers. Food. Can-goods. Beauty products. Medicine. Money. Gold/Silver. Jewels. Weapons. Movies. Music. Automobiles. Recreational toys. Land. Homes.
6. **Store up treasures in heaven.** (Read the outline in black, Matthew 6:20 and Luke 12:33b). **Why does Jesus tell us to store up treasures in heaven instead of the earth?** Store up treasures in heaven to create provisions for eternal life. Because you can not take it with you.
7. **What kinds of treasures do you know are in heaven?** Those who know this answer try not to go too in-depth, as the rest of the study will cover this. It is also ok if you do not know of any treasures. Crowns (there are five) garments and positions of authority.

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8. **Sell your possessions.** (Read in orange, Luke 12:33a). **Why does Jesus state, “Sell your possessions and give to the poor.” Does He not want us to own anything?** We are to be stewards of the money God entrusted us and any possessions we obtain. Jesus does not want everyone to be poor. God blessed some of the wealthiest men in the world Abraham, Job, Solomon, and Joseph of Arimathea. Wealth carries with it a peculiar danger. When someone becomes rich, it is easy to focus on the power of one's wealth and independence, thinking they can live without God. Jesus is not saying that if you are wealthy, you are doomed. It will be challenging to enter heaven if money is your God.
9. **Your heart is your treasure.** (Read in red Matthew 6:21 and Luke 12:34). **What is the difference between having a heart focused on earthly treasures versus heavenly treasures? How does it affect your heart?** If our heart has been focused on earthly things vulnerable to decay and theft, then our time, energy, and money have been used to acquire earthly treasures. But if our heart has been focused on heavenly things that will not decay or steal, our time, energy, and money have earned eternal treasures.

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We will cover some critical parables about how Jesus describes heaven and the importance of a foundation of heaven's treasures.

10. **Parable of the Hidden Treasure and the Pearl.** (Read Matthew 13:44-46). **What is the significance of finding a treasure, selling everything you own, and then using that money to obtain it?** The importance of this parable is the man who finds treasure values it to be of the highest value. All treasures are not equal. The man who finds a treasure hidden in the field equal to in his mind the level of the kingdom in heaven is so great he would at that moment sell or sacrifice everything he has built up in value over his lifetime to obtain it.
11. **Laying up Treasures for a Firm Foundation.** (Read 1 Timothy 6:17-19). **How does someone build a good foundation for heaven, and why is it being developed?** Instruct them to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, and they will carry this foundation into eternal life. King James and New King James use the words “eternal life.” Notice other bible versions do not use the words eternal life, usually something like ‘true life or truly life.’ There is a difference.
12. **The Prophet and Righteous Person's Reward.** (Read Matthew 10:40-42). **What is the significance of this parable? HINT: It is in the last part of verse 42.** The importance of welcoming Jesus, receiving the

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prophet or the righteous man, or giving a cup of water to a little one “In the name of a disciple,” they will not lose their reward. The versions or the King James and New King James preserve the words “in the name of a disciple” and “by no means lose his reward.” Omitting either or both of these statements from the parable dramatically alters the emphasis of the parable lesson Jesus is teaching. The other significant affirmation is by welcoming Jesus, a prophet or a righteous man; one will not lose their reward. There are risks of losing a reward or a treasure in heaven by not performing specific tasks or behaviors.

13. **The Rich Young Man Parable.** (Read Matthew 19:16-29) A similar parable is located in Mark 10:17-22 and Luke 18:18-23. **What must the rich young man do to receive treasure in heaven?** Matthew, Mark, and Luke describe the rich young man parable. The young man asks Jesus what good deed he must do to have eternal life. Jesus tells the man to keep the commandments. The man replies he has kept all the commandments he mentions. Jesus tells the man if he wants to be perfect, he sells all that you have and gives it to the poor, he will then have treasure in heaven, and then follow Jesus. The man left sorrowful, for he was a rich man. Jesus knew in his heart the lust for wealth was more significant than Jesus. Notice how Jesus provides the procedure. First, sell your wealth; second, give to the poor; he will not have treasure in heaven; finally, follow Jesus. The remaining part of the parable will be talked about later in the lesson.
14. **The Parable of the Rich Fool.** (Read Luke 12:16-21). **What opportunity did the rich man miss? What would have been a better solution?** Jesus stated that man is a fool for saving for retirement and not preparing for the Kingdom of God for eternity. This is different from what he was teaching. There is nothing wrong with saving up for retirement. However, he should have stored up some treasure in heaven. For we never know when our soul will be required of us.
15. **THIS IS THE HOW: How should we work to achieve rewards and treasures in heaven?** (Read again Matthew 6:21 and Colossians 3:23-24). Jesus said your heart is where your treasure will be. Where is your heart? There is more detailed information in Colossians. Paul is addresses slaves or bondservants in context, but the scripture still applies. Whatever you do, do it with a sincere heart.
16. **THIS IS THE WHEN: When should we work to achieve rewards and treasures in heaven?** Read Leviticus 23:10. Time is our most important commodity. Money will come and go, but you can never get time back. Time is not equal for everyone. God wants us to give Him the first

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fruits of our harvest. Not everyone is a morning person. When is your best quality time of the day?

17. **The Day of Judgement.** (Read: 1 Corinthians 3:11-15). **How will our works be tested?** There are several verses throughout the New Testament where everyone will be judged and evaluated on their works. Several times it is mentioned their works will be tested by fire. It is to be purified to see if it will endure.

Five Crowns in Heaven

18. **What are the five crowns in heaven?** The Crown of life, the Crown of rejoicing, the imperishable Crown, the Crown of righteousness, and the Crown of glory.
19. **The Crown of Life.** (Read in green James 1:12 and Revelation 2:10). **What is the Crown of Life?** Also known as the Martyr's Crown. Some scholars are divided about what James means in the scripture. However, most agree with Revelation. It could tell everyone who has eternal life receives the crown of life. It could represent those who endure trials and demonstrates love for Jesus gets the crown of life. It could also mean those who endure temptation or numerous temptations will receive the crown of life. When combining both scriptures, James states to endure temptation. Jesus says in Revelation to be faithful until death. This concludes that we must endure temptation when tested and be faithful until the minute of our death. We would argue those who never face trials or temptation will not be eligible as they have not been tested to endure.
20. **What is mentioned in the bible about how we can achieve the Crown of Life?** Based on what is written in James 1:12 and Revelation 2:10, there are at least four criteria to earn the crown of life:
1. Need admission into the Kingdom of God. We must be saved through Jesus.
 2. They must love the Lord.
 3. The person must endure a temptation, or their faith must be tested or persecution.
 4. They must persevere and endure trials and temptations until death.
21. **The Crown of Rejoicing** (Read in blue 1 Thessalonians 2:19 and Philippians 4:1). **What is the Crown of Rejoicing?** Also known as the Crown of Exultation or the Crown of Auxiliary. You may have to read a few scriptures before 1 Thessalonians and Philippians to obtain some context. The Crown of Rejoicing is commonly referenced for people who engage in evangelism outside the Christian Church. The Thessalonians would be Paul's witness that his work through Jesus was genuine and authentic.

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The Thessalonians would be a witness of Paul's evangelism. Paul would be filled with joy. He looked forward to the pleasure of being in Jesus' presence—an honor for Paul to wear the Crown of Rejoicing. The Philippians are Paul's crown of joy. Paul rejoices they had been converted under his ministry.

22. **What is mentioned in the Bible how can we achieve the Crown of Rejoicing?** (Read Acts 11:25-26 to establish the first Christians). There are two types of Christians. Believers (Converts) and Disciples.
1. Disciples: Some are gifted evangelists bringing people to Christ.
 2. Believers (Converts): some nurture those along the way.
 3. To achieve the Crown of Rejoicing, we must be a disciple; Jesus will decide who is worthy to wear this crown, and everything we do will be judged. 1 Corinthians 3:14-15.
23. **The Imperishable Crown.** (Read in read 1 Corinthians 9:24-27) **What sporting event(s) does Paul use to describe the perishable crown?** Paul is writing this to Corinth using the competitive Isthmian games for running and boxing.
24. **What is the Imperishable Crown?** Also known as the Incorruptible Crown. The Imperishable crown is a crown that never diminishes or decays like a perishable crown. It is awarded to those who demonstrate perseverance. This is not just enduring a 5K run. One must be willing to train vigorously to compete for the crown.
25. **What is mentioned in the Bible about how can we achieve the Imperishable Crown?** We can learn from how Paul uses the Isthmus games in Corinth as a metaphor for how athletes strive, train, and earn a perishable crown. To earn an imperishable crown is to demonstrate the same dedication athletes exhibit in training to compete for the perishable crown. To obtain this crown, the person would need to persevere and train oneself physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually-Paul describes how he trains spiritually in verses 26-27. Do not train by running with uncertainty, but with certainty like with purpose when actively studying and learning and teaching his Word. Like boxing, do not fight was an invisible opponent, but condition the body, the mind, and the spirit to fight with purpose. Use these techniques and behaviors to train spiritually to obtain the Imperishable Crown.
26. **The Crown of Righteousness.** (Read in black 2 Timothy 4:4-8). 2 Timothy 4-5 provides the context of fulfilling the ministry. **What is the Crown of Righteousness?** The person awarded the Crown of Righteousness must possess the qualities of a righteous person. Paul refers to his life ending. He kept the faith of Jesus Christ by fighting a good fight. Finally, his reward, the Crown of Righteousness, is laid before

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him in heaven. This is all those who desire His second coming—also interpreted as being ready to meet Christ upon his return.

27. **Who or what are the qualities of a righteous person?** A righteous person is righteous ethically, law-abiding, honorable, and pure. They are known to have these traits all the time, not just at home or in public places. They would maintain these characteristics wherever they go.
28. **What is mentioned in the Bible about how can we achieve the Crown of Righteousness?** Paul states three things must be achieved to receive the crown of righteousness.
1. Fight the good fight. The fight is against sin, the flesh, and sometimes the world. A Christian life almost always has a conflict with the world. However, this is a fight worth fighting for.
 2. Finish the race. The race is a test of endurance. Finishing to the finish line is not for the weak in spirit. Just as an athlete must condition himself for the long race, Christians need to improve and strengthen their spiritual faith if they wish to persevere to the end of their life.
 3. Keep the faith. Keeping faith means holding steadfast by believing in Jesus and his teaching gospel.
29. **The Crown of Glory.** (Read in purple 1 Peter 5:1-4) **What is the Crown of Glory?** The Crown of Glory is a particular crown dedicated to those (not just elders) who are shepherding, pastoring, and getting involved with believers. They are responsible for feeding the flock. The flock will only be as strong as the leader of the flock. As more of God's Word feeds the flock, the more enriched they will be as Christians.
30. **What is mentioned in the Bible about how can we achieve the Crown of Glory?** The Crown of Glory is obtained by shepherding, pastoring, and getting involved with believers. The most challenging task of the shepherd is to be an example to the flock. They need to be unselfish leaders. They should not act as rulers, dictators, tyrants, kings, or monarchs. But most of all, they need to lead as a good example to others.
31. **Crowns at Risk.** (Read in blue Revelation 3:11) **Can we lose our crowns?** There are three parts to this verse:
1. John writes that Jesus states he is coming soon. Christ's return will be sudden; at this point, you cannot develop new skills to obtain your new crown(s).
 2. Holding fast to what one has, that is, whatever one has accomplished to obtain or possess to achieve one's crown, stand firm on what you have.
 3. Be on constant guard, for the world of temptation has many sins who will try and rob and steal your crown.

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White Garments and Other Treasures in Heaven

32. **Promises in Heaven.** (Read in gray Revelation 3:5) **What three promises did Jesus make to the church of Sardis?**
1. They will be clothed in white garments.
 2. Jesus will not blot out the believer's name in the book of life.
 3. Jesus will confess the believer's name and give his approval to His Father and the angels.
33. **The Lukewarm Church.** (Read in purple Revelation 3:18) **What three solutions did Jesus provide the church of Laodicean for salvation?**
1. Jesus' gold is refined in the fire. If it's the riches they seek, buy the gold from Him. By finding Jesus, they will have all the riches they want or need.
 2. Obtaining the white garments of salvation as their clothing. This is in response to Revelation 3:17, stating they were naked. The white purity of such garments will protect them from the shame of being naked.
 3. The eye salve is also a response to them being blind. An ointment to clear their eyes so they can see what they have become. This will also help them see God's character clearly and give them the proper perspective on leading as a church.
34. **The Wedding Supper for the Lamb** (Read in red Revelation 19:7-8). There are several topics in these two verses; however, **what is the significance of the fine linen being referred to as the righteous acts of the saints?** The bride (church) is to be dressed in a pure white robe. The inner linen lining of the robe is to be dazzlingly bright white. Some scholars interpret where John states the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints; this is symbolic of the good works of this believer. It should be noted that it is not by their righteousness they have obtained this linen; The linen is graciously bestowed to them by the Lord, and their righteousness was received by faith, granting them the gift of the linen.
35. **Twenty-four Thrones.** (Read in green Revelation 4:10-11). **Who sits on the twenty-four thrones in heaven?** To help answer this question, read Matthew 19:28 and/or Luke 22:30. So if these twelve apostles sit on the thrones in heaven overseeing the twelve tribes of Israel, Who will sit on the remaining twelve thrones? The Bible does not say.

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Perhaps, previous Old Testament prophets, such as Moses, Abraham, Job, David, or Solomon? Maybe some post-first century disciples?

Positions of Authority

36. **The good and faithful servant.** (Read in green Matthew 25:20-23) **What are the lessons learned here about the good and faithful servant? Is there an opportunity in heaven when Jesus teaches us about the parable?** Both servants return to their lord joyfully with the talents they were trusted, plus a 100% return on their investments. The first servant was given five talents and returned with ten. The second servant was given two talents and returned with four. Christ does not want his servants to be idle. (1) It would be a great honor to hear from Jesus that your work was well done and to his satisfaction. (2) Being granted authority over many things by Jesus. (3) To be welcomed into the joy of your Lord or the kingdom of heaven.
37. **Sitting on Jesus' Throne.** (Read in black Revelation 3:21). **What is the significance of sitting on Jesus' throne?** Jesus is addressing the Church of Laodicea. Jesus referred to the Laodicea church as being lukewarm. There are two thrones mentioned here. (1) God's throne and (2) Jesus' throne. Jesus says he also overcame and sat with his father on His throne with Him. About Jesus' throne, to grant someone to sit on Jesus' throne with Him is a distinguished honor. It even goes beyond what was promised to the 12 apostles. Read Matthew 19:28. Nevertheless, for those from the Laodicea church who overcome, Jesus will grant them a remarkable gift to sit with Him on His throne.
38. **Kings and Priests.** (Read Revelation 1:6 and 5:10). **Will everyone be a King or a Priest? If not, who will be?** God/Jesus would naturally want a sense of order in His kingdom and on the New Earth. The scholars are divided amongst the interpretation of the king. Some say we will be our own king and govern ourselves by the law of His word. Others say Christians will be exalted to the rank and dignity of such an office as to have the responsibility to rule over many as in the parable of good and faithful servants: Matthew 25:20-23. God said to Moses in Exodus 19:6 the people of Israel will be a kingdom of priests. They sing the song to Jesus that, out of every tribe, tongue, people, and nation, have made us kings and priests to our God. Since the twenty-four elders on the throne were singing the song, it would imply they would represent the kings and priests who would reign on the earth. Kings have the responsibility of leading. It also means that some will be granted authority over others.

Treasures in Heaven Quiz Questions

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 - Heart
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- What are the five crowns in heaven? (Honor system. No cheating)
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- What is the Crown of Life?
 - It keeps us alive in heaven.
 - The Holy Spirit provides life.
 - Those who endure temptation.
 - Those who demonstrate perseverance.
- What does James and John say we need to do to achieve the Crown of Life?
 - Must be saved – Admission into the Kingdom of God
 - Must love the Lord.
 - Must endure a temptation, or their faith must be tested or persecution.
 - Must persevere trials and temptations until death.
 - All the above.
- What is the Imperishable Crown?
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- What does Paul say we need to do to achieve the Imperishable of Crown?
 - Train spiritually with certainty and be temperate in all things.
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- What is the Crown of Righteousness?
 - Those who can decide right from wrong in God's eyes.
 - Those who are law abiding people and never break the law.
 - Those who desire the second coming of Christ.
 - Those who demonstrate evangelism behaviors.

9. What does Timothy say we need to do to achieve the Crown of Righteousness?
- a. Fight the good fight.
 - b. Finish the race.
 - c. Keep the faith.
 - d. All the above.
10. What is the Crown of Glory?
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11. What does Peter say we need to do to achieve the Crown of Glory?
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12. What is the Crown of Rejoicing?
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13. What does the Bible say how we can achieve the Crown of Rejoicing?
- a. Those who rejoice with the angels and sing out the Lord's name.
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14. What type of garments will be worn in heaven.
- a. White garments
 - b. Silver garments
 - c. White & purple garments
 - d. Gold and silver garments
15. What is the significance of the fine linen as a righteous acts of the saints?
- a. The fine linen is inner lining of the white garments because they are itchy.
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