

# Study Guide

**“Aim at Heaven and you will get earth ‘thrown in’: aim at earth and you will get neither.” (C.S. Lewis)**

This study guide is for those who want to study this book with friends, or in a small group. I have put it at the end of the ebook so that it does not interrupt the flow of reading. These in-depth studies often provoke multiple lines of thought and are best discussed in a group of half-a-dozen compatriots who exhort each other to love and good works.

Read each chapter before the meeting and jot down a few points that have startled you or impressed you, points that you want to discuss with your fellow explorers of the Word of God. This topic is so little taught on because Christians are cautious in discussing eternal rewards lest they appear covetous or less sacrificial in their faith. Well, the Bible talks extensively about them, as did the saints of old, and so should we.

## Suggested Discussion Questions

### Chapter One – The Nature of Rewards and Inheritances

1. What are some of the differences between a reward and an inheritance?
2. What did you learn from the diagram in Chapter One?
3. Why should we believe in eternal rewards?
4. How is God a rewarder of those that love Him and believe in Him?
5. When do we receive our eternal rewards?
6. What conditions does the Lord put on our spiritual inheritance?
7. How does the concept of rewards and inheritances give significance to our earthly lives and actions?

## **Chapter Two – The Disciple’s Reward**

1. What does Matthew 6:1-6 tell us about how God observes and rewards faithful Christian disciples? Why should we do good deeds in private rather than in public?
2. What is the Golden Rule and how does it mark the life of a good Christian?
3. Can you come up with some good example of how God treats us in the same manner that we treat others?
4. How does Luke 6:31-36 teach us to go “above and beyond” in our love for others?
5. Luke 14:12-14 teaches us about being kind to “those whom most consider least”? What are some practical applications of this principle of discipleship?
6. What does it mean to take up our Cross and follow Jesus Christ?
7. The idea of having to “lose our life in this world” is very profound, can you think of some examples where this might prove necessary?

## **Chapter Three – The Servant’s Reward**

1. Discuss the controversial issue of the clergy and the laity. Are some people set aside, by God, for the work of the gospel?
2. What is involved in carrying out the Master’s will? How important is being a faithful servant?
3. When are the servants of God rewarded? Discuss the parables about the king being away on a long journey then returning.
4. What is servant leadership and why is it important?
5. Read 1 Corinthians 3:10-15 and discuss the principle of “quality not quantity”?
6. What is the crown of glory?
7. How is sacrificial service a part of the calling of those who preach the gospel?

## **Chapter Four – The Overcomer's Reward**

1. What is an overcomer (in spiritual terms)?
2. Who overcomes the Strong Man?
3. Why do we need to overcome the world?
4. Do you think that we are in a time of spiritual deception? How can we overcome it?
5. What is involved in overcoming sin and End Times persecution?
6. How do the saints overcome Satan?
7. What is our Final Victory?

## **Chapter Five – Inheritance: The Resurrection Body**

1. How is the spiritual resurrection body very different from the earthly body we have now? What is the difference between the body of Adam and the body of the Heavenly Man?
2. Why can't flesh and blood inherit the Kingdom of God?
3. How will the resurrection body enable us to reign and rule with Christ?
4. List at least five characteristics of the resurrection body.
5. When do we receive the resurrection body? How quickly is this change accomplished?
6. Why is reincarnation totally unbiblical?
7. What is our Christian hope?

## **Chapter Six – Inheritance: The Kingdom of God**

1. What is the Kingdom of God? Is there any difference between the Kingdom of God and the Kingdom of Heaven?
2. What is meant by “the Kingdom of God is within you”?
3. How do we enter the Kingdom of God?
4. How important is it to obey the will of our Father who is in heaven?
5. Who does NOT get to enter the Kingdom of God?
6. Why do we need to be born-again?
7. What is involved in “seeking first the Kingdom of God”?

## **Chapter Seven – Inheritance: Joint Heirs with Jesus Christ**

1. What does it mean that Jesus Christ is the heir of all things in Heaven and on Earth?
2. How are we joint heirs with Jesus Christ? What are the conditions for this?
3. What is the Abrahamic inheritance?
4. Who receives authority over the nations?
5. What is the inheritance of the saints?
6. How do we reign forever and ever?
7. How does the good news of this vast inheritance make you feel?