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THE REWARDS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

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Psalm 5:12

**“Surely, Lord, You bless the
righteous; You surround
them with Your favor as with
a shield.”**

**THREE TRUTHS
ABOUT THE
REWARDS OF
RIGHTEOUSNESS**

**1. Righteousness Comes
from a RELATIONSHIP
WITH GOD.**

Luke 19:2-3 “Zacchaeus was the chief tax collector in the region, and he had become very rich. He tried to get a look at

Jesus, but he was too short to see over the crowd.”

Luke 19:7 “...a notorious sinner”.

Romans 3:10 “All people, whether Jews or Gentiles, are under the power of sin. As the Scriptures say, ‘No one is righteous - not even one.’”

Galatians 3:10-11 “But those who depend on the law to make them right with God are under His curse...for no one can be made right with God by trying to keep the law.”

Righteousness is beyond my reach but it is not unreachable. It's not unattainable.

Luke 5-6: “When Jesus came by, He looked up at Zacchaeus and called him by name. ‘Zacchaeus!’” He said. ‘Quick, come down! I must be a guest in your home today.’ Zacchaeus quickly climbed down and took Jesus to his house in great excitement and joy.”

Righteousness is not the means by which we get close to God.

Getting close to God is the means by which we become righteous.

1 John 3:2 “We know that when He comes again, we will be like Him because we will see Him as He is.”

**The more I see God, the more
I become like Him. The closer
I get to God, the more I look
like God.**

Luke 1:68-75 “Praise the Lord,
the God of Israel, because He
has visited and redeemed His
people. He has sent us a mighty
Savior...so we can serve God
without fear, in holiness and
righteousness for as long as
we live.”

**Relationship will keep you
when nothing else will.**

Luke 16:15 “Jesus said to
them, ‘You like to appear
righteous in public, but God
knows your hearts. What this
world honors is detestable in the
sight of God.’”

2 Corinthians 5:21 “God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that IN HIM we might become the righteousness of God.”

2. Righteousness Results in RIGHT LIVING.

When you get close to Jesus, you become righteous. And your righteousness will result in right living.

Luke 19:8 “Zacchaeus stood before the Lord and said, ‘I will give half my wealth to the poor, Lord, and if I have cheated people on their taxes, I will give them back four times as much!’”

1 John 3:7 “Do not let anyone lead you astray. The one who does what is right is righteous, just as He is righteous.”

**Whenever you turn TO God
you must turn FROM sin.**

Romans 6:16-18 “Don’t you realize that you become the slave of whatever you choose to obey? You can be a slave to sin, which leads to death, OR you can choose to obey God, which leads to righteous living.”

**You can’t keep your sinful
nature alive and keep your
faith alive.**

1 Timothy 6:11 “Pursue righteousness and a godly life.”

2 Timothy 2:22 “Run from anything that stimulates youthful lusts. Instead, pursue righteous living, faithfulness, love, and peace.”

Ephesians 4:24-30 “Put on your new nature, created to be like God - truly righteous and holy. So stop telling lies. And don't sin by letting anger control you. If you are a thief, quit stealing. Don't use foul or abusive language. And do not bring sorrow to God's Holy Spirit by the way you live.”

3. Righteousness Reaps a REWARD of GOD'S FAVOR.

Luke 19:9: “Jesus responded, ‘Salvation has come to this

home today, for this man has shown himself to be a true son of Abraham.’”

**The righteous reap a reward
of God's favor.**

Psalm 58:11 “Surely there is a reward for the righteous; surely there is a God who judges on earth.”

Proverbs 13:21 “The righteous are rewarded with good things.”

Proverbs 15:28 “The Lord hears the prayers of the righteous.”

Proverbs 21:21 “Whoever pursues righteousness and love finds life, prosperity, and honor.”

Psalm 84:11 “For the Lord God is our sun and our shield. He gives us grace and glory. The Lord will withhold NO GOOD THING from those who do what is right.”

Romans 5:17-19: “For the sin of this one man, Adam, caused death to rule over many. But even greater is God’s wonderful grace and His gift of righteousness, for all who receive it will live in triumph over sin and death through this one man, Jesus Christ.”

God’s gift of righteousness is GREATER than the power of sin and death.

**When you receive it by
faith, you WILL LIVE IN
VICTORY over sin.**

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