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11am Bible Study: Pastor Will Lloyd, IV, M.T.S.

Topic: Heavenly Rewards - Session One Topical Series Feb. 7th, 2024

**Week One** - Introduction of Study / God knows the # of our Days / Heaven Process Review and When Judgment of Works Will Occur / What Are We Living For? Dot or the line? /

Intro - Premature Obituary Reading

**Question For Personal Reflection Only:** If an angel were to write the obituary of both your public and private life that would be read as you stand before Jesus upon your arrival to Heaven, what actions would you like to begin doing today, and stop doing today to modify the obituary that would be read?

Read - Hebrews 11:13-16, Banks A and B Illustration, Matthew 6:19-21, A Command, Only for me, Heavenly deposits

A.Belief & Faith to Repent, Believe, & Receive = Salvation, Behavior & Actions While Saved = Heavenly Rewards

B.God Knows The Number Of Our Days - Job 14:5, Psalm 139:16

Martin Luther, leader of the Protestant Reformation of the 1500's, said that there were only two days on his calendar: "Today" and "That Day."

<u>Question for Dialogue:</u> Psalm 90:12 encourages us to number our days that we may gain a heart of wisdom. Since we don't know the day of our transition, how should we live in the here and now?

- Our going from death or earth to Jesus' presence will happen in an instant, like "blinking." 1 Cor.15:52

C.At Death or Jesus' Rapture, There Will Be The 1st Judgment Of Faith, Toward The End Of The Heavenly Process There Will Be A Final Judgment of Works Just Prior To The Initiation Of The New Heaven & New Earth

Read - Jeremiah 17:10 / Revelation 14:13

The Law Of The Unbreakable Link - My choices on earth have direct consequences on my life in eternity.

D.Our Life Is The Dot And Our Eternity Is The Infinite Line - Matthew 16:24-27

Even a small choice in the dot can result in a corresponding consequence on the line of **astounding proportions**. So are we living for the **DOT** or the **LINE**?

<u>Question for Dialogue:</u> Every repentant believer in Christ has a purpose from God specifically customized for them to complete in their time on earth. This purpose from God will be rewarding and challenging and will involve both mountain tops of excitement, and valleys of suffering. What are some things we can do to endure the valley of suffering?

## **Heavenly Rewards Syllabus**

(Books used: Primary - #1 A Life God Rewards by Bruce Wilkinson, and #2 The Law Of Rewards by Randy Alcorn, Many more secondary works were surveyed )

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Week Two - What Does The Bible Say About Heavenly Rewards /

Week Three - What Will Happen On The Day Of Reward / How To Evaluate/Test If Our Works Will Endure / Understanding Degrees Of Reward In Heaven and Degrees of Penalty In Hell

**Week Four -** Life Management and Stewardship / Parable of Minas Luke 19: Am I A Ten Mina Steward / Parable Of The Talents / Ruling In Heaven /