



Basic End Time

Part 6

Reward in Heaven!

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"BEHOLD, THE BRIDEGROOM COMETH!" (Mat.25:6)

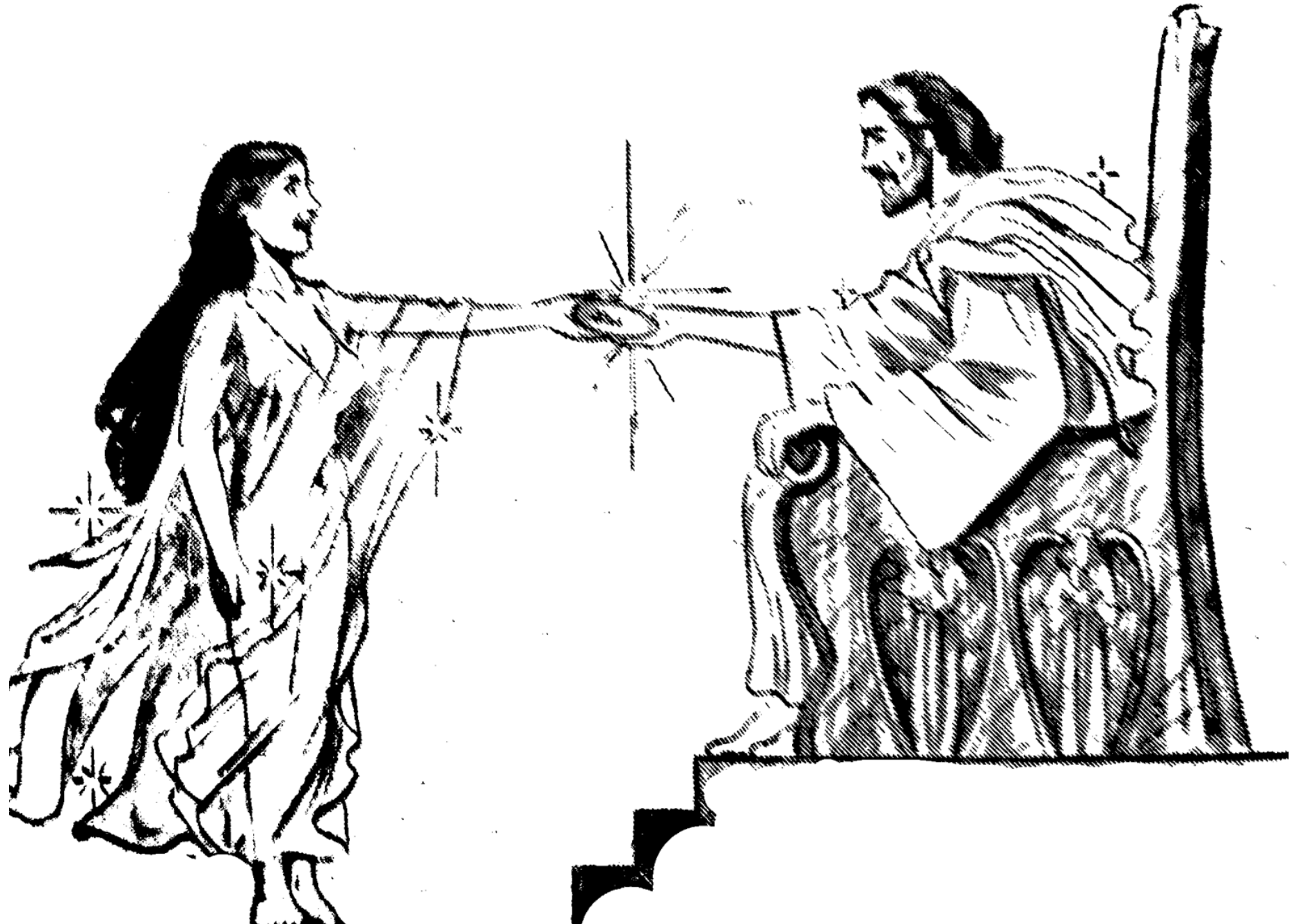
When Jesus comes back, He will catch His Bride out of the evil clutches of the Enemy and take her into His bosom, uniting us all as one with Him, and whisking us away to the grandest, most glorious and thrilling wedding party that's ever been held! The Bible calls it the *"Marriage Feast of the Lamb"* because it will be the great Wedding of His Bride--all true believers in Jesus Christ, the entire true Church of God, all of them counted as one great Bride, though it be composed of millions--all together at last, marrying Jesus at this great celebration in Heaven!

"Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honor to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints." **(Rev.19:7, 8)**

This Wedding Feast is also the time of the presentation of wedding gifts to the *Bride* in the nature of rewards for her sacrifices, with differences in rewards between those who were faithful and those who were not.

If you'll do your best now, that's when you're going to get your star-studded crown, studded with stars of the souls that you won for Jesus! What a day of rejoicing that shall be!

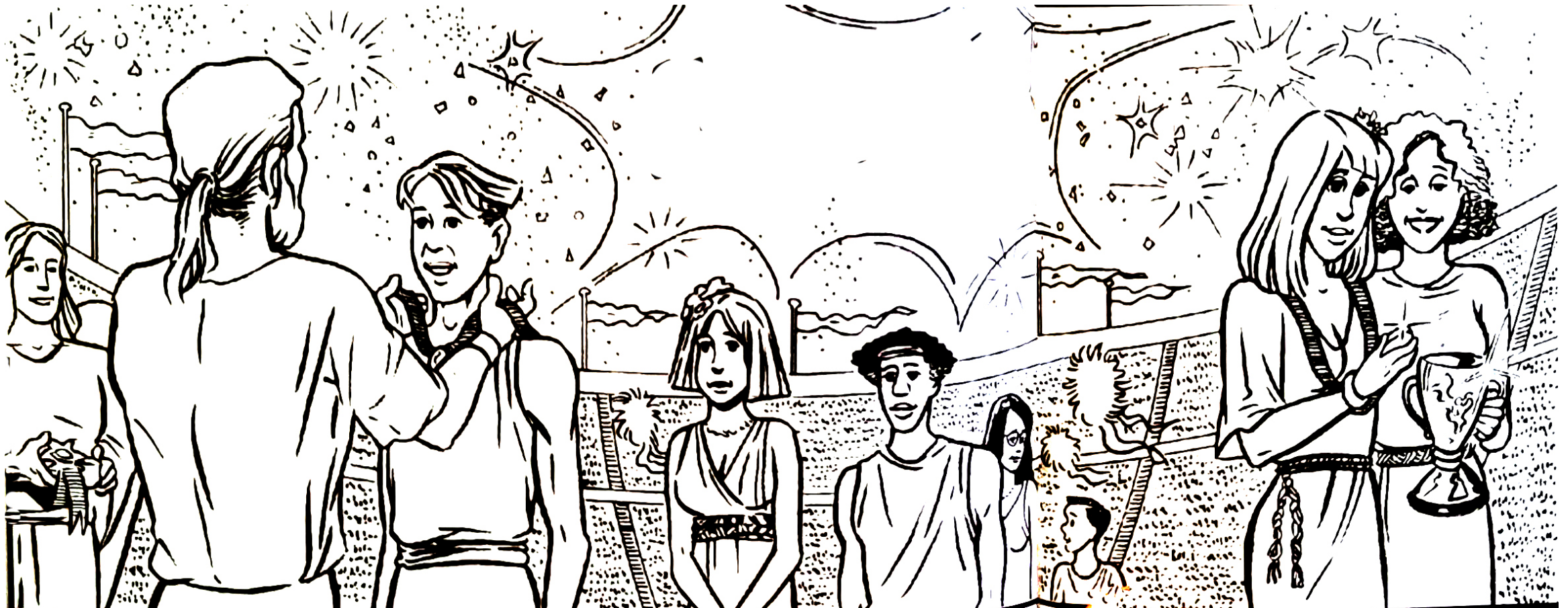
“And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.”
(Dan.12:3)



IF YOU DON'T GET THE CREDIT HERE, YOU'LL GET THE CREDIT THERE.

What a surprise we're going to get when the Lord hands out the rewards! --As to who was REALLY greatest! Some people serve unselfishly, sacrificially, utterly giving themselves to the utmost, and yet never getting the credit for it, and are virtually unknown! --But GOD has a great big Book, it's known to HIM, and He's writing it all down! And He'll reward everyone according to their works--whether they be good, or whether they be evil. (**See Heb.6:10, 2Cor.5:10.**) The Bible says,

"Then they that feared the Lord spoke often one to another: And the Lord hearkened, and heard it, and a BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE was written before Him for them that feared the Lord and that thought upon His Name." (Mal.3:16)



Faithful little one! How great is thy reward in Heaven!

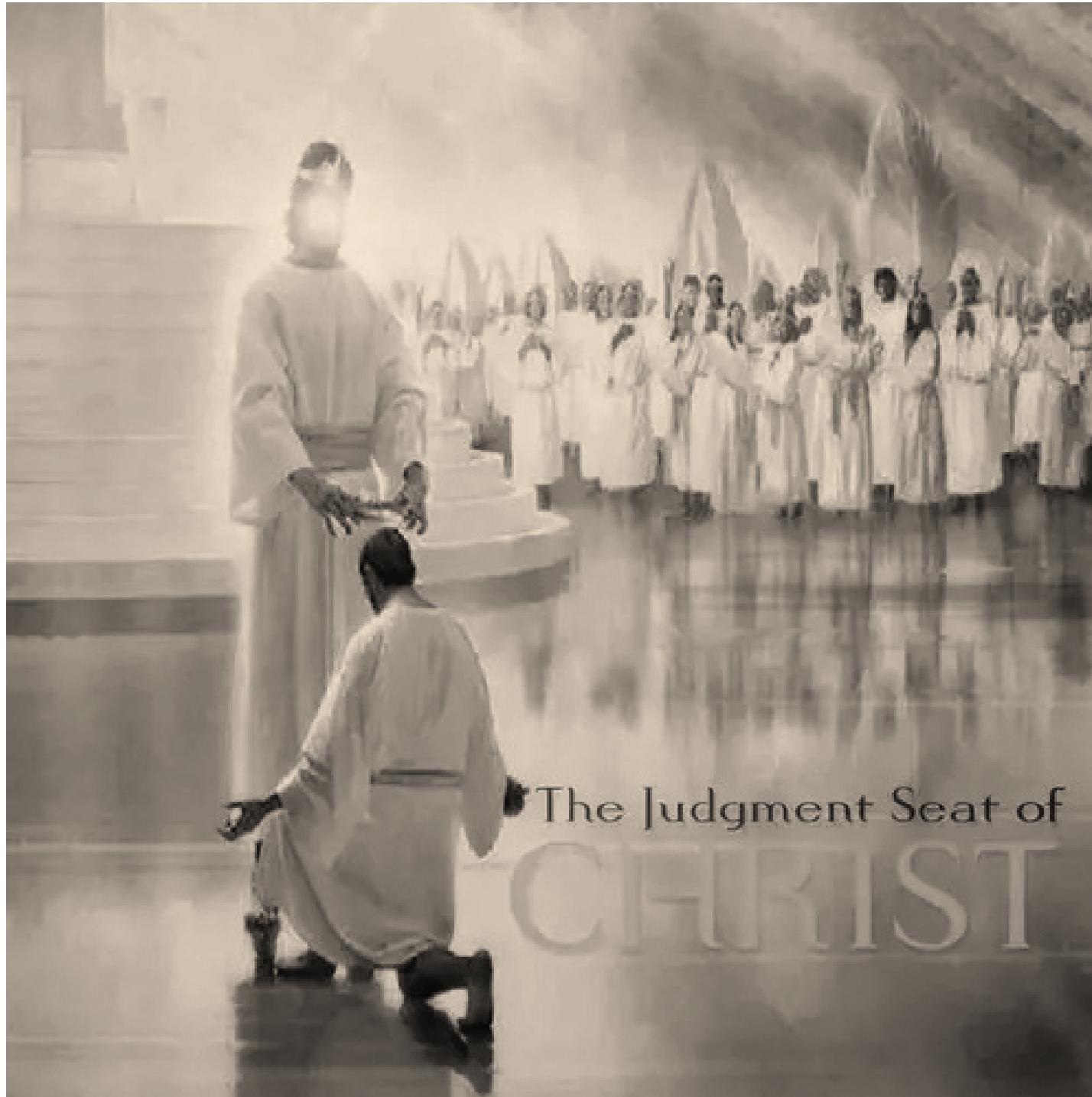
Many of these little people are going to be so rewarded and shine so brightly with the purity of their humility. Most of your sufferings, your sacrifices, and your years of labor will never be appreciated in this life nor realized by others until the rewards are handed out in Heaven and the medals are pinned on at the Marriage Feast of the Lamb and the cities are distributed in the Millennium.

The low places shall be exalted -- he that is of a humble and contrite heart, in due time shall be highly exalted.

Therefore,

*"Cast not away your confidence, which hath great recompense of reward... For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise."
(Heb.10:35, 36)*





At the Judgement Seat of Christ and the Marriage Supper of the Lamb someday soon, the Lord will greatly reward all those that had the faith and perseverance to stay in His school till class was dismissed. --So be FAITHFUL unto the END so that when you stand before Jesus one day soon, you will know you have done your job the best you can. Then you will

"Rejoice and be exceeding glad, for GREAT shall be your reward in HEAVEN!" (Mat.5:12)

--Not HERE always, but always THERE!

*"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad."
(2Cor.5:10)*



A CROWN OF LIFE IS EVEN MORE THAN A REWARD!

The Lord promised,

"Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a Crown of Life!"

(Rev.2:10)

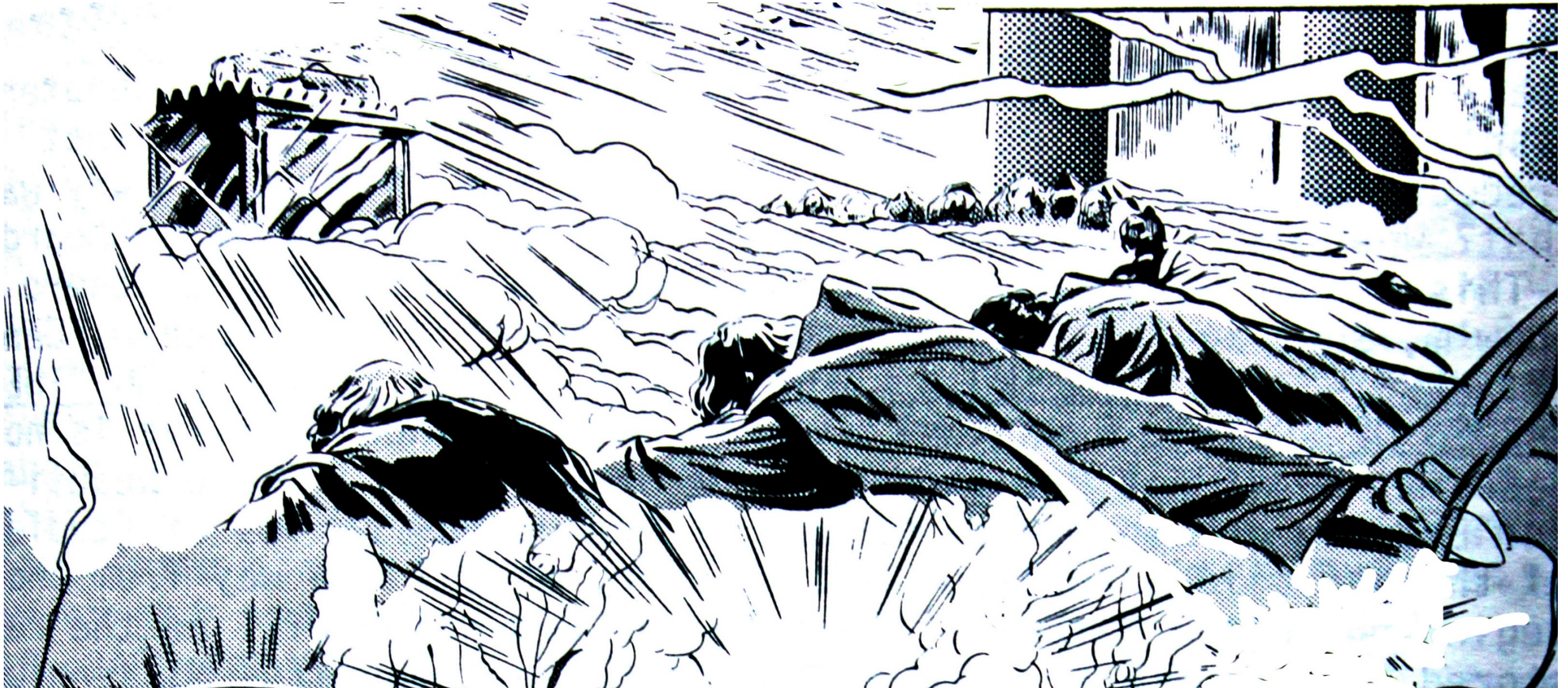
He's not talking about your Salvation there! Salvation is a GIFT of God!

(Rom.6:23) --You don't work for it or earn it at all! But your CROWN is your REWARD and even more, it's not only a reward, but it symbolizes a lot of work and heavy responsibility!

We're saved already, whether we endure to the end or not, but we'll be given special rewards, special crowns, special medals, special honor and a special shining if we manage to be a special blessing while here!

(See Dan.12:3; 2Tim.4:7,8; Jam.1:12.)

Of course, you're going to fall down before the Lord and cast your crowns before His throne like the 24 elders in ***Revelation 4:10***! Every time you start praising the Lord, you're going to forget all about that crown and it's going to tumble off right at His feet. But He gave it to you, so you'd better pick it up again and wear it, because that's the one He gave you! That's what's going to show what you have done for the Lord. And the Lord wants the World to see it, He wants the people to see it, He wants all Creation to see the badge of your faithfulness, a Crown of Life!



DO YOU WANT A CROWN?

The Heavenly crown the Lord promises us is not our SALVATION! Salvation is a free gift that we receive by faith. You HAVE Eternal Life through His Son, which is the Gift of God. But the crown is your REWARD, given only to WINNERS! --Only those who run and WIN the race.

God's Word tells us to *"Endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ, and entangle yourself not again in the affairs of this World, that you may please Him Who hath called you to be a soldier!" (2Tim.2:3,4)*

But if you fail the Lord, you will lose your reward, another will take the crown that God intended for YOU--because He's going to get the job done with or without you! *(Rev.3:11)*



So, watch and pray that ye enter not into temptation that might lead you astray from the straight and narrow way which leads to a higher crown and greater reward! Fight the good fight, keep the faith, finish the course! --And win the crown! Keep your eyes on the goal and your hand on the plow!



*"Blessed is the man that
ENDURETH temptation: For when
he is tried, he shall receive a
CROWN of life!" (Jam.1:12)*

When this life is over, if what you did was right, you'll shine as the stars forever! You'll hear Jesus say to you,

"Well done, thou good and faithful servant. --Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord!" (Mat.25:21)

HOW MUCH BETTER TO DIE FOR SOMETHING THAN TO LIVE FOR NOTHING!

Whatever this life and this World have to offer, it's only for a little while! But Salvation, souls, children and service for the Lord are forever, they are ETERNAL!

"For this World passes away and the fashion thereof, but he that doeth the Will of God abides forever! For the things which are seen are temporal but the things which are not seen are eternal!" (1Jn.2:17; 2Cor.4:18)

Moses *"had respect unto the recompense of the reward"*. He looked BEYOND today and its trials because he saw Jesus and had an eye on Eternity and its great rewards.

"For he counted the riches of Christ greater than all the riches of Egypt!" (Heb.11:26)

--The greatest, most powerful and richest nation on Earth in that day, of which

he could have been Pharaoh. He counted the riches of Christ far greater than all the riches of this whole World combined! If we pay the same price and make the same sacrifices, we, too, can look forward to eternal rewards and everlasting glory! By giving our all to the Lord we are going to receive so much more. --What a small price to pay for all we're getting in return!





"SHE HATH DONE WHAT SHE COULD!" (Mark 14:8)

Remember that little quote that Jesus said about the dear woman who anointed Him before His death? He said,

"She hath done what she COULD!"

Maybe you feel you can't do very much, but at least you can do what you CAN! If you're faithful, God is going to greatly reward you one of these days soon when you stand before Jesus at the *"Judgement Seat of Christ"*. **(Rom.14:10)**

So be sure you're doing a good work so that when you pass on to be with the Lord, you will know you have done your job the best you can! Then you can look forward to eternal rewards and everlasting glory, with a feeling of genuine permanent accomplishment from a life of investment in His Work!

"One thing is required of a servant," as Paul says, "and that is that he be faithful!" **(1Cor.4:2)** The Lord may not always pay you in cold cash, but He rewards you in many other ways! -- You can look forward to eternal rewards and everlasting glory.

If you have real faith, you'll keep on going for God! -- The faithful people are people who are full of faith! -- They have faith and vision, and determination, and the spirit of do or die, and they wouldn't think of wavering! -- These are the ones who are faithful to the end, who attain unto the crown of life!

"Well done, thou good and faithful servant! Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord!"

That's the call we all want to hear one of these days! -- And we will hear it if we're faithful! **(Mat. 25:21)**



Keep your eyes on Heaven! Keep your eyes upon the goal!

Moses endured as seeing Him which is invisible. Jesus endured for the Glory that was set before Him -- endured the Cross, seeing the Glory beyond. Abraham looked at his own body as good as dead, yet he staggered not through unbelief, but rather gave Glory to God, knowing that God was able to fulfill the eternal, invisible promises! –

(See Heb.11:27; 12:2; Rom.4:19-21)

You've got to keep your eyes ahead on the goal. By faith, by faith, by faith -- they looked ahead, they looked forward. Our sufferings aren't even worthy to be compared with the glory we're going to enjoy!





Only those who see with the eyes of faith in the realm of the Spirit shall see it!

“Eye hath not seen, and ear hath not heard, neither hath it entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for those that love Him! -- But the Spirit hath revealed them unto us!” (1Cor.2:9, 10)

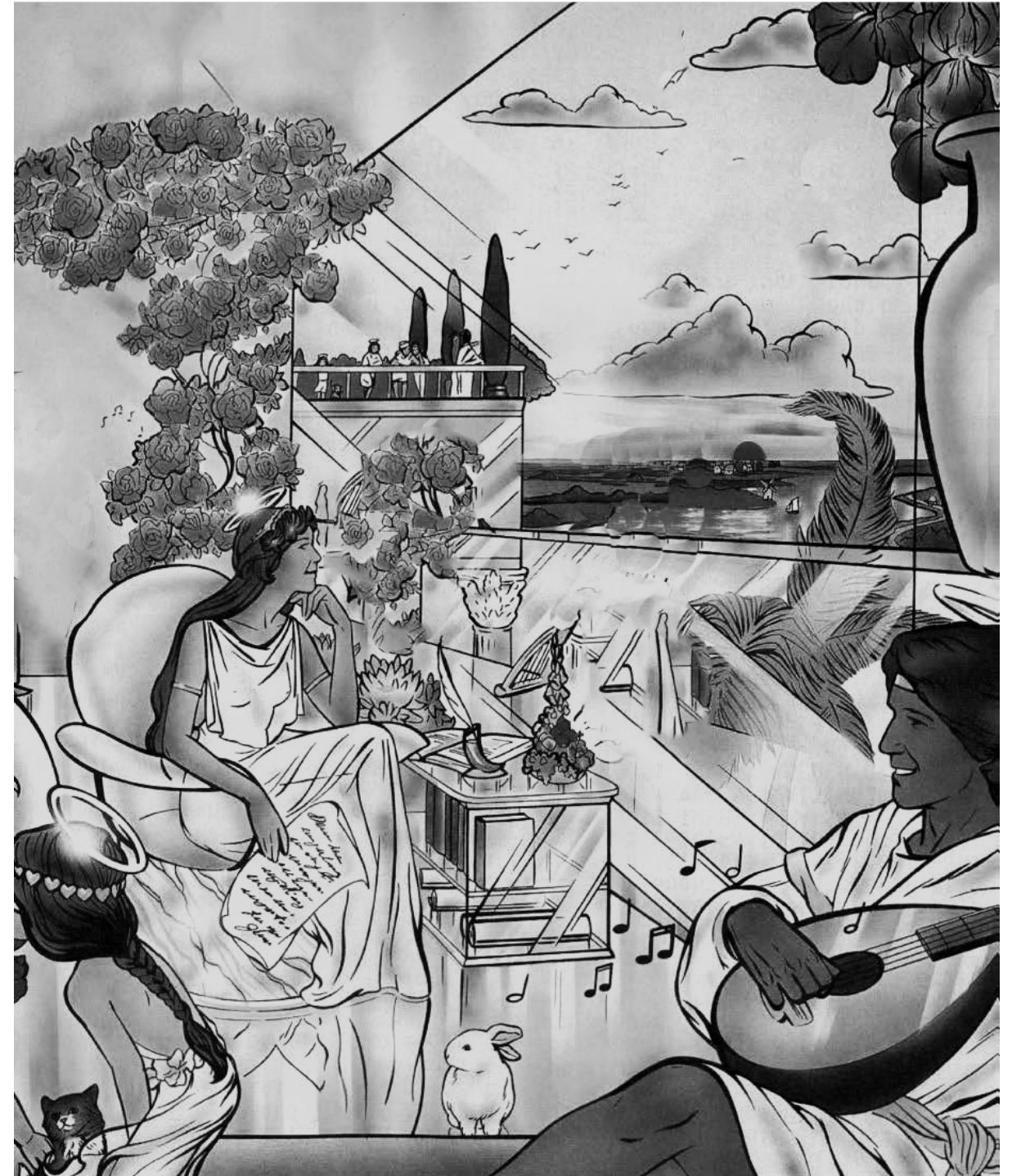
“Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.” (Col.3:2) -- in the realm of the Spirit and the hearts of men -- the Kingdom of God! The outlook for us in this world and our future here could hardly be any darker! -- But the uplook could hardly be any brighter or more glorious! -- For this time is but for a moment, and afterwards there is exceeding great reward!

Jesus said:

"But he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life." **(Mark 10:30)**

But there is also the other side of the coin, as illustrated by the well-known tale about the rich woman being led to her Heavenly Home by an angel. They walked past many beautiful mansions where other Christians were living, until finally they got to a poor section of shanties, and the angel led her through the gate into the yard of a tiny hut. *"What's the big idea?"* she said, *"I'm used to very fine living!"*

"Well," the angel answered, *"our abodes up here are built of what each person sends on before, and this is all you SENT!"*--Whereas others had sacrificed, lived their whole lives for the Lord and helped many others, and GREAT was their reward in Heaven! Are YOU investing in God's Service and in His Kingdom?



Henry H. Halley wrote: *“Christians are citizens of Heaven, sojourners here awhile, cumbered with daily earthly cares, but their eyes ever fixed on the eternal home-land. An estate there which we build while here. Only that which we give to God is ours forever. Shortly we must, every one of us, quit our earthly tent (body), and leave to others that which we call ours. Fortunate for us if we have sent ahead for a Reservation in the Eternal Mansions of God.”*

Would you like a crown and rewards in Heaven? It all starts by receiving God’s salvation through Jesus.

Paul wrote:

“That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.” (Rom.10:9)

Please pray this simple prayer:

"Jesus, please forgive all my faults and sins. I believe that You are the Son of God and that You died for me. I invite You to come into my heart and life. Thank you for your gift of eternal life and please fill me with Your Holy Spirit. Help me to read and understand Your Word. Amen"

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