



BIBLE TALK

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Question: Will there be degrees of reward and punishment in afterlife?

Answer: Yes, it appears as if the scriptures teach that there will be. Obviously, we have varying degrees of ability and attainment here. It seems as if God will have to work us over if we all must be exactly the same to reach the home of the soul. Men like Paul, strong in faith, would have to be demoted or the weak in faith promoted to make us “balance.”

The Lord taught that there would be differences when He said concerning the cities of Chorazin and Bethsaida, that it will be “*more tolerable*” with Tyre and Sidon than with them in judgment (Matt. 11:21-24), due to spurned opportunities. The parable of the wicked servant, speaks of men being beaten with “*many stripes*” (Lk. 12:42-48). The righteous will receive no stripes at all. In the parable of the talents; one was given five, another two, and the third man one. Though the first two men were given different talents and produced different results, the one talent man was rejected because of refusal to reach the standard of measure of achievement of which he was capable (Matt. 25:14-30). It is shown in Heb. 10:29 that some will suffer “*sorer punishment*” than others. Daniel said that “*they that turn many to righteousness,*” shall shine “*as the stars forever*” (Dan. 12:3). The purpose of the words is to stimulate righteousness. The Lord will “*render to every man according to his works*” (Prov. 24:12). The prophet is to receive “*a prophet’s reward*” and a righteous man “*a righteous man’s reward,*” the two not being the same.

Those who go to heaven will enjoy it to the fullest of their ability. The extent will be determined by their preparation here or lack thereof.

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