

THE JUST RECOMPENSE

1. HOW has God recompensed men in the past?

“For if the word spoken by angels was steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience receive a *just recompense of reward*; how shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation? **Hebrews 2:2, 3.**

2. How are all to be rewarded in the judgment?

“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.*” **2Corinthians 5:10.** “Who will render to every man *according to his deeds*: . . . for there is no respect of persons with God.” **Romans 2:6–11.** “Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for *whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.*” **Galatians 6:7.**

3. What will be the reward of the wrong-doer?

“For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap *corruption.*” **Verse 8.** “*Tribulation and anguish, upon every soul of man that doeth evil.*” **Romans 2:9.**

4. What will be the recompense of the righteous?

“But he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap *life everlasting.*” **Galatians 6:8.** “But *glory, honor, and peace, to every man that worketh good.*” **Romans 2:10.**

5. What general rule of recompense is laid down in the Bible?

“Judge not, that ye be not judged. *For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again.*” **Matthew 7:1, 2.** “With the *merciful* Thou wilt show Thyself *merciful*; with an *upright* man Thou wilt show Thyself *upright*; with the *pure* Thou wilt show Thyself *pure*; and with the *froward* Thou wilt show Thyself *froward.*” **Psalms 18:25, 26.**

6. In view of this, what are we warned not to do?

“Recompense to no man *evil for evil.*” **Romans 12:17.** “Not rendering *evil for evil, or railing for railing*: but contrariwise blessing.” **1Peter 3:9.**

7. What is said of those who render evil for good?

Whoso rewardeth evil for good, *evil shall not depart from his house.*” **Proverbs 17:13.**

8. What principle of justice should govern us in our dealings?

“Withhold not good from them *to whom it is due*, when it is in the power of thine hand to do it.” **Proverbs 3:27.**

9. Where are all to be recompensed?

“Behold, the righteous shall be recompensed *in the earth*: much more the wicked and the sinner.” **Proverbs 11:31.**

10. In meting out the final awards, what may we be sure God will do?

“Shall not the Judge of all the earth *do right?*” Gen. 18:25.
“*Justice and judgment* are the habitation of Thy throne: *mercy and truth* shall go before Thy face.” **Psalms 89:14.**

O THAT the Lord would guide my ways
To keep His statutes still!
O that my God would grant me grace
To know and do His will!
Order my footsteps by Thy word,
And make my heart sincere;
Let sin have no dominion, Lord,
But keep my conscience clear.
Make me to walk in Thy commands,
'Tis a delightful road;
Nor let my head, nor heart, nor hands
Offend against my God.

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