

Getting To Know God

PART 9 - ETERNAL GOD WITH ETERNAL BLESSING

As a Dad, I am only capable of giving gifts based upon my own ability, substance, and wealth. While I try to give the best I possibly can muster and provide, it is always limited by my own personal shortcomings. To the contrary, our Father God has no such limitation. When He gives gifts and blessings, it is based upon His might, power, and unlimited eternal glory. We are a part of an eternal family, based upon the eternal power of our Father God. So His gifts and blessings are as He is- eternal, without end.

Let us take a brief moment to see *when* this will happen, and then we will take a deeper look at *how* this will happen. As we go over all of this, let's remember that this is a reflection of God, His character, and His desire for His children. God's Gifts reveal God's Heart.

Revelation 21:3-7 "I heard a loud voice out of heaven saying, "Behold, God's dwelling is with people, and he will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. (4) He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; neither will there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain, any more. The first things have passed away." (5) He who sits on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." He said, "Write, for these words of God are faithful and true." (6) He said to me, "I have become the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give freely to him who is thirsty from the spring of the water of life. (7) He who overcomes, I will give him these things. I will be his God, and he will be my son."

Revelation 7:14-17 "I told him, "My lord, you know." He said to me, "These are those who came out of the great tribulation. They washed their robes, and made them white in the Lamb's blood. (15) Therefore they are before the throne of God, they serve him day and night in his temple. He who sits on the throne will spread his tabernacle over them. (16) They will never be hungry, neither thirsty anymore; neither will the sun beat on them, nor any heat; (17) for the Lamb who is in the middle of the throne shepherds them, and leads them to springs of life-giving waters. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Isaiah 25:6-9 “In this mountain, Yahweh of Armies will make all peoples a feast of choice meat, a feast of choice wines, of choice meat full of marrow, of well refined choice wines. (7) He will destroy in this mountain the surface of the covering that covers all peoples, and the veil that is spread over all nations. (8) He has swallowed up death forever! The Lord Yahweh will wipe away tears from off all faces. He will take the reproach of his people away from off all the earth, for Yahweh has spoken it. (9) It shall be said in that day, “Behold, this is our God! We have waited for him, and he will save us! This is Yahweh! We have waited for him. We will be glad and rejoice in his salvation!”

Eternal God With **His Eternal Blessings**

We need to start with a quick look at the definition of “Eternal.”

Strong’s Concordance: G166 - αἰώνιος - aiōnios - ahee-o'-nee-os

From G165; perpetual (also used of past time, or past and future as well): - eternal, for -ever, everlasting, world (began).

The Reflection Of The Eternal Character Of God

We must understand the surety and unfailing power of God, since all these gifts we will receive come from Him through Jesus. We will reinforce that this blessing will never fail, nor exhaust, never leave, and never end. This is only because God is all of these permanent characteristics.

-To Serve The Eternal God

Romans 16:26-27 “but now is disclosed, and through the prophetic scriptures has been made known to all the nations, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith – (27) to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, be glory forever! Amen.”

-To Live With The Eternal King

1 Timothy 1:16-17 “But here is why I was treated with mercy: so that in me as the worst, Christ Jesus could demonstrate his utmost patience, as an example for those who are going to believe in him for eternal life. (17) Now to the eternal king, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever! Amen...”

-To Live With The King Of Eternal Power

1 Timothy 6:13-16 “I charge you before God who gives life to all things and Christ Jesus who made his good confession before Pontius Pilate, (14) to obey this command without fault or failure until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ (15) – whose appearing the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, will reveal at the right time. (16) He alone possesses immortality and lives in unapproachable light, whom no human has ever seen or is able to see. To him be honor and eternal power! Amen.”

Romans 1:20 “For since the creation of the world his invisible attributes – his eternal power and divine nature – have been clearly seen, because they are understood through what has been made. So people are without excuse.”

-Eternal Authority

Daniel 7:13-14 “I was watching in the night visions, “And with the clouds of the sky one like a son of man was approaching. He went up to the Ancient of Days and was escorted before him. (14) To him was given ruling authority, honor, and sovereignty. All peoples, nations, and language groups were serving him. His authority is eternal and will not pass away. His kingdom will not be destroyed.”

-Eternal Love

1 Kings 10:8-9 “Your attendants, who stand before you at all times and hear your wise sayings, are truly happy! (9) May the Yahweh your God be praised because he favored you by placing you on the throne of Israel! Because of the LORD’s eternal love for Israel, he made you king so you could make just and right decisions.”

Jesus - Eternal Minister

-Eternal Words

John 6:68-69 “Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom would we go? You have the words of eternal life. (69) We have come to believe and to know that you are the Holy One of God!”

-Eternal Gospel (The Good News)

Revelation 14:6-7 “Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, and he had an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth – to every nation, tribe, language, and people. (7) He declared in a loud voice: “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has arrived, and worship the one who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water!”

-Eternal Priest

Hebrews 5:5-6 "So also Christ didn't glorify himself to be made a high priest, but it was he who said to him, "You are my Son. Today I have become your father." (6) As he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek."

Psalms 110:4 "The LORD makes this promise on oath and will not revoke it: "You are an eternal priest after the pattern of Melchizedek."

-Eternal Spirit

Hebrews 9:14 "How much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without defect to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?"

The Gifts OF All Gifts

We must receive Eternal Life to be able to receive and unlock all other eternal gifts.

-Eternal Life

1 John 5:11-12 "And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. (12) The one who has the Son has this eternal life; the one who does not have the Son of God does not have this eternal life."

Romans 6:22-23 "But now, freed from sin and enslaved to God, you have your benefit leading to sanctification, and the end is eternal life. (23) For the payoff of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Romans 5:21 "So that just as sin reigned in death, so also grace will reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

Romans 2:6-7 "He will reward each one according to his works: (7) eternal life to those who by perseverance in good works seek glory and honor and immortality,"

How we go about receiving...

Matthew 7:24-27 "Therefore, everyone who listens to these messages of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on a rock. (25) The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, but it did not collapse because its foundation was on the rock. (26) "Everyone who keeps on hearing these messages of mine and never puts them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. (27) The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and battered that house, and it collapsed, and its collapse was total."

Look Upon Jesus and Believe

John 6:40 “For this is the will of my Father – for everyone who **looks** on the Son and **believes** in him to have eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day.”

Hear His Words & Believe

John 5:24 “I tell you the solemn truth, the one who **hears** my message and **believes** the one who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned, but has crossed over from death to life.”

Listen – Follow – Receive

John 10:27-28 “My sheep **listen** to my voice, and I know them, and they **follow** me. (28) **I give** them eternal life, and they will never perish; no one will snatch them from my hand.”

Eat & Drink

John 6:54 “The one who **eats** my flesh and **drinks** my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.”

Keep – Believe – Obey

Revelation 14:12 “Here is the perseverance of the saints, those who **keep** the commandments of God, and the **faith** of Jesus.”

Revelation 22:12-14 “Behold, I come quickly. My reward is with me, to repay to each man according to his work. (13) I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. (14) Blessed are those who **do** his commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter in by the gates into the city.”

-Eternal Salvation

Hebrews 5:8-10 “Although he was a son, he learned obedience through the things he suffered. (9) And by being perfected in this way, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, (10) and he was designated by God as high priest in the order of Melchizedek.”

-Eternal Redemption

Hebrews 9:11-12 “But now Christ has come as the high priest of the good things to come. He passed through the greater and more perfect tent not made with hands, that is, not of this creation, (12) and he entered once for all into the most holy place not by the blood of goats and calves but by his own blood, and so he himself secured eternal redemption.”

The Complete Blessing

-Eternal Inheritance

Hebrews 9:14-15 "how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our consciences from dead works to worship the living God. (15) And so he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the eternal inheritance he has promised, since he died to set them free from the violations committed under the first covenant."

-Eternal Kingdom

2 Peter 1:11-12 "For thus an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, will be richly provided for you. (12) Therefore, I intend to remind you constantly of these things even though you know them and are well established in the truth that you now have."

-Eternal Body = Eternal Home

2 Corinthians 5:1-4 "For we know that if our earthly house, the tent we live in, is dismantled, we have a building from God, a house not built by human hands, that is eternal in the heavens. (2) For in this earthly house we groan, because we desire to put on our heavenly dwelling, (3) if indeed, after we have put on our heavenly house, we will not be found naked. (4) For we groan while we are in this tent, since we are weighed down, because we do not want to be unclothed, but clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life."

-Eternal Home

Luke 16:9 "And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by how you use worldly wealth, so that when it runs out you will be welcomed into the eternal homes."

-Eternal Security + Strength

Psalms 29:10-11 "The LORD sits enthroned over the engulfing waters, the LORD sits enthroned as the eternal king. (11) The LORD gives his people strength; the LORD grants his people security."

-Eternal Comfort + Hope

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17 "Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, (17) encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good thing you do or say."

-Eternal Water & Spirit Of Life

John 7:38-39 "He who believes in me, as the Scripture has said, from within him will flow rivers of living water." (39) But he said this about the Spirit, which those believing in him were to receive. For the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus wasn't yet glorified."

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Revelation 22:1 “He showed me a river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb,”

-Eternal Food

John 6:27-29 “Do not work for the food that disappears, but for the food that remains to eternal life – the food which the Son of Man will give to you. For God the Father has put his seal of approval on him.” (28) So then they said to him, “What must we do to accomplish the deeds God requires?” (29) Jesus replied, “This is the deed God requires – to believe in the one whom he sent.”

Revelation 22:2 “In the middle of its street. On this side of the river and on that was the tree of life, bearing twelve kinds of fruits, yielding its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.”

-Eternal Glory

1 Peter 5:6-11 “And God will exalt you in due time, if you humble yourselves under his mighty hand (7) by casting all your cares on him because he cares for you. (8) Be sober and alert. Your enemy the devil, like a roaring lion, is on the prowl looking for someone to devour. (9) Resist him, strong in your faith, because you know that your brothers and sisters throughout the world are enduring the same kinds of suffering. (10) And, after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace who called you to his eternal glory in Christ will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. (11) To him belongs the power forever. Amen.”

2 Corinthians 4:17-18 “For our momentary, light suffering is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison (18) because we are not looking at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen. For what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.”

1 Corinthians 15:52-58 “In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we will be changed. (53) For this perishable body must become imperishable, and this mortal must put on immortality. (54) But when this perishable body will have become imperishable, and this mortal will have put on immortality, then what is written will happen: “Death is swallowed up in victory.” (55) “Death, where is your sting? Hades, where is your victory?” (56) The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. (57) But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. (58) Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the Lord’s work, because you know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.”

We also read:

Proverbs 10:22 “Yahweh’s blessing brings wealth, and he adds no trouble to it.”

✘ The Take Away

Matthew 6:19-21 “Don’t lay up treasures for yourselves on the earth, where moth and rust consume, and where thieves break through and steal; (20) but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consume, and where thieves don’t break through and steal; (21) for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

The Wicked Will Only Receive Eternal Destruction

2 Thessalonians 1:5-12 “This is an obvious sign of the righteous judgment of God, to the end that you may be counted worthy of God’s Kingdom, for which you also suffer. (6) Since it is a righteous thing with God to repay affliction to those who afflict you, (7) and to give relief to you who are afflicted with us, when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his mighty angels in flaming fire, (8) punishing those who don’t know God, and to those who don’t obey the Good News of our Lord Jesus, (9) who will pay the penalty: eternal destruction from the face of the Lord and from the glory of his might, (10) when he comes in that day to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired among all those who have believed, because our testimony to you was believed. (11) To this end we also pray always for you, that our God may count you worthy of your calling, and fulfill every desire of goodness and work of faith, with power; (12) that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.”

As we can clearly see, those who accept and obey Jesus will receive Eternal gifts and blessings. Those things will change us forever and will last forever. The wicked who refuse will not receive these blessings. They will only gain to themselves eternal destruction. This is sad, yet many Christians are being perverted by the world and overcome by the desires of the flesh. They do not put their hearts in heaven by storing up their treasure there. Forfeiting our Father God’s best in the eternal, for the wealth of this earth that is temporary. God is not pleased that His precious gift purchased by the blood of Jesus is being rejected by the world and even His church. I strive not to hurt my Father’s heart by entangling myself into the affairs of this world. I want to show my appreciation and respect by giving my all to His calling and His way. So on that last great day, He will smile when my name is called, and not feel the cutting pain of rejection by me. He is worthy and His eternal kindness deserves the proper response. May we all respond with Sacrificial Obedience in Eternal Love!