

THE PROMISE OF A BETTER LIFE

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Matt. 19:27 Peter said -- we have forsaken all and followed You -- what shall we have?
28 Christ -- you, who have followed Me, shall sit in the throne of the Son of man's glory -- you shall sit upon 12 thrones judging the 12 tribes of Israel
29 Christ -- every one who has forsaken houses, brothers, sisters, father, mother, wife, children or lands **for My name's sake**, shall receive 100-fold and shall inherit everlasting life

BLESSINGS NOW

Matt. 19:29 100-fold
Luke 18:30 manifold more in this present time
Mark 10:29-30 receive 100-fold now in this time (houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and lands) **with persecutions**

*Before we proceed, I want to mention that some people use these verses (even unintentionally) to justify "entitlement."

Believers should not expect that other believers owe them anything in this life. Believers should not view themselves as "entitled" to the finances, possessions or time of other believers.

Matt. 4:1-11 Christ did not allow Himself to be manipulated
3 if You be the Son of God.....
6 if You be the Son of God.....
9 I will give You all these things IF.....
Luke 12:13 a man asked Christ to mediate in a financial matter between him and his brother
14 Christ did not feel compelled to answer

Since we don't know the motive of the man making the request in Luke 12:13, we certainly can not conclude that he was seeking to manipulate Christ. He may have been very sincere in his request.

However, we can see that Christ did not feel compelled to answer the question. I believe that Christ did not respond to people based upon external factors (like demands) or based upon internal factors (like guilt).

2 Cor. 9:7 God loves a cheerful giver
Matt. 9:36 when Christ saw people drifting aimlessly, He was
moved with compassion
John 10:17 Christ -- I lay down My life
18 Christ -- no man takes it from Me, but I lay it
down of Myself

* Believers face persecutions

Mark 10:30 with persecutions
Luke 14:26-27 put Christ 1st -- bear His cross
Acts 14:22 through much tribulation -- kingdom of God
Rom. 8:17-21 bondage of corruption -- glorious liberty

*Who in this life willingly looks out for you?

Rom. 16:1-4 Phebe, Priscilla and Aquila
2 Tim. 1:16-18 Onesiphorus

*For whom in this life do you willingly look out?

Gal. 6:10 as you have opportunity, do good unto all men
-- especially the household of faith
Phil. 4:3 fellowlaborers -- serving together
Rev. 20:11-12 great white throne -- the books opened -- the
book of life opened -- judged
John 19:26-27 His mother and John

ETERNAL LIFE

Matt. 19:29 inherit eternal life
Luke 18:30 life everlasting in the world to come
Mark 10:30 eternal life in the world to come
Acts 24:14 confess -- I worship the God of my fathers --
believing those things written in the law
and in the prophets
15 have hope toward God -- that there shall be a
resurrection of the just and the unjust
1 Cor. 15:23 those that are Christ's at His coming
35-56 how are the dead raised up?
2 Pet. 3:6 in the past, the world perished with water
7-10 in the future -- fervent heat
11 holy conduct -- godliness
12 coming of the day of God
13 new heavens and new earth