

RECOMPENSED AT THE RESURRECTION

Luke 14:12-14

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FROM DEATH TO LIFE



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- Personal relationships (“thy...”) can cloud our judgment of motive.

“thy friends”

“thy brethren”

“thy kinsmen”

“*thy* rich neighbours”

- Loving those that love us is not too much of a challenge.

Mt. 5:46 For **if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye?** do not even the publicans the same?

47 And if ye salute your brethren only, **what do ye more than others?** do not even the publicans so?

- Believers are held to a higher standard – be like our Father!

Mt. 5:44 But I say unto you, **Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;**

48 Be ye therefore perfect, **even as your Father** which is in heaven is perfect.

II. LIVE FOR THE PRESENT IN ORDER TO REAP IN THE FUTURE

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- Live outside your comfort zone...for God's glory! "...call the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind:"
- Help those who CANNOT pay back the kindness – "...for they cannot recompense thee..."

recompense

1. To repay; remunerate; reward, as for service, aid, etc.
2. To pay or give compensation for; make restitution or requital for (damage, injury, or the like). verb (used without object), recompensed, recompensing.
3. To make compensation for something; repay someone: no attempt to recompense for our trouble.

<http://www.dictionary.com/browse/recompense?s=t>

Original Word: ἀνταποδίδωμι

Transliteration: antapodídōmi

Definition: I give in return, recompense.

antapodídōmi (from *antí*, "corresponding back" and *apodídōmi*, "give") – **properly, "pay-back," recompense; return, as an equivalence, i.e. what is equitable (proportional, "fitting").** <http://biblehub.com/greek/467.htm>

1. in a good sense, to repay, requite
2. in a bad sense, penalty and vengeance

<https://www.blueletterbible.org/lang/Lexicon/Lexicon.cfm?strongs=G467&t=KJV>

- Contrast the cast of characters:

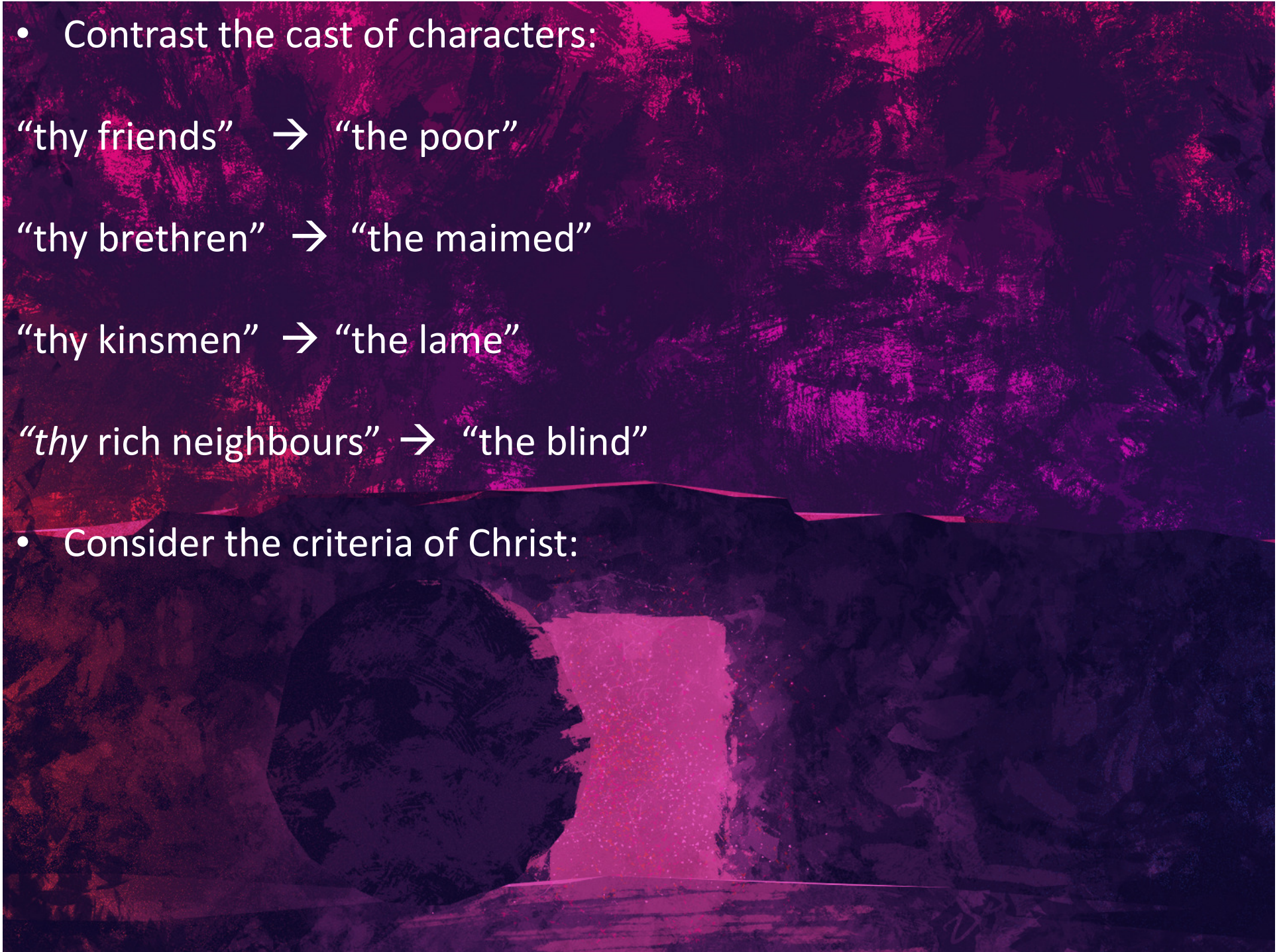
“thy friends” → “the poor”

“thy brethren” → “the maimed”

“thy kinsmen” → “the lame”

“*thy* rich neighbours” → “the blind”

- Consider the criteria of Christ:



Mt. 25:34 Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:

35 For I was an hungred, and **ye gave me** meat: I was thirsty, and **ye gave me** drink: I was a stranger, and **ye took me** in:

36 Naked, and **ye clothed me**: I was sick, and **ye visited me**: I was in prison, and **ye came unto me**.

37 Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed *thee*? or thirsty, and gave *thee* drink?

38 When saw we thee a stranger, and took *thee* in? or naked, and clothed *thee*?

39 Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee?

40 And the King shall answer and say unto them, **Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done *it* unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done *it* unto me.**

- God is concerned **why** we do what we do during our lifetime.

1 Cor. 3:13 Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall **try every man's work of what sort it is.**

- God expects us to live to a higher standard than the world.

Heb. 6:9 But, **beloved, we are persuaded better things of you, and things that accompany salvation,** though we thus speak.

- God will recompense us at the *Resurrection of the Just* – “for **thou shalt be recompensed at the resurrection of the just.**”

Heb. 11:35 Women received their dead raised to life again: and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; **that they might obtain a better resurrection:**

- Rewards will honor those who honored the Lord with a proper motive.

Mt. 6:1 Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them: **otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven.**

2 Therefore when thou doest *thine* alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Verily I say unto you, **They have their reward.**

3 But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth:

4 That thine alms may be in secret: and **thy Father which seeth in secret himself shall reward thee openly.**

5 And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites *are*: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, **They have their reward.**

6 But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and **thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.**

Original Word: ἀποδίδωμι

Part of Speech: Verb

Transliteration: apodidómi

Definition: (a) I give back, return, restore, (b) I give, render, as due, (c) mid: I sell.

apodídōmi (from *apó*, "from" and */dídōmi*, "give") – properly, *give from*, i.e. to *return* (especially as a *payment*), in relation to the source of the giving back.

<http://biblehub.com/greek/591.htm>

1) to deliver, to give away for one's own profit what is one's own, to sell

2) to pay off, discharge what is due

2a) a debt, wages, tribute, taxes, produce due

2b) things promised under oath

2c) conjugal duty

2d) to render account

3) to give back, restore

4) to requite, recompense in a good or a bad sense

<https://www.blueletterbible.org/lang/lexicon/lexicon.cfm?Strongsg=G591&t=KJV>

Mt. 6:6 But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall **reward** thee openly. ...

18 That thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father which is in secret: and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall **reward** thee openly.

2 Tim. 4:8 Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall **give** me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

Rev. 22:12 And, behold, I come quickly; and my **reward** [3408] *is* with me, **to give** [G591] every man **according as his work shall be**.

μισθός

dues paid for work

wages, hire

reward: used of the fruit naturally resulting from toils and endeavours in both senses, rewards and punishments of the rewards which God bestows, or will bestow, upon good deeds and endeavours of punishments

<https://www.blueletterbible.org/lang/Lexicon/Lexicon.cfm?strongs=G3408&t=KJV>

Original Word: μισθός

Part of Speech: Noun, Masculine

Transliteration: misthos

Definition: (a) pay, wages, salary, (b) reward, recompense, punishment.

misthós – A reward (recompense) that appropriately compensates a particular decision (action). <http://biblehub.com/str/greek/3408.htm>

- Walk by faith as His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works.

Eph. 2:8 For **by grace are ye saved through faith**; and that not of yourselves: *it is* the gift of God:

9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.

10 For **we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works**, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

Gal. 5:6 “...faith which worketh by love.”

- God will recompense His children according to their works!

Conclusion

Mt. 6:19 Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal:

20 But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:

21 For **where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.**