



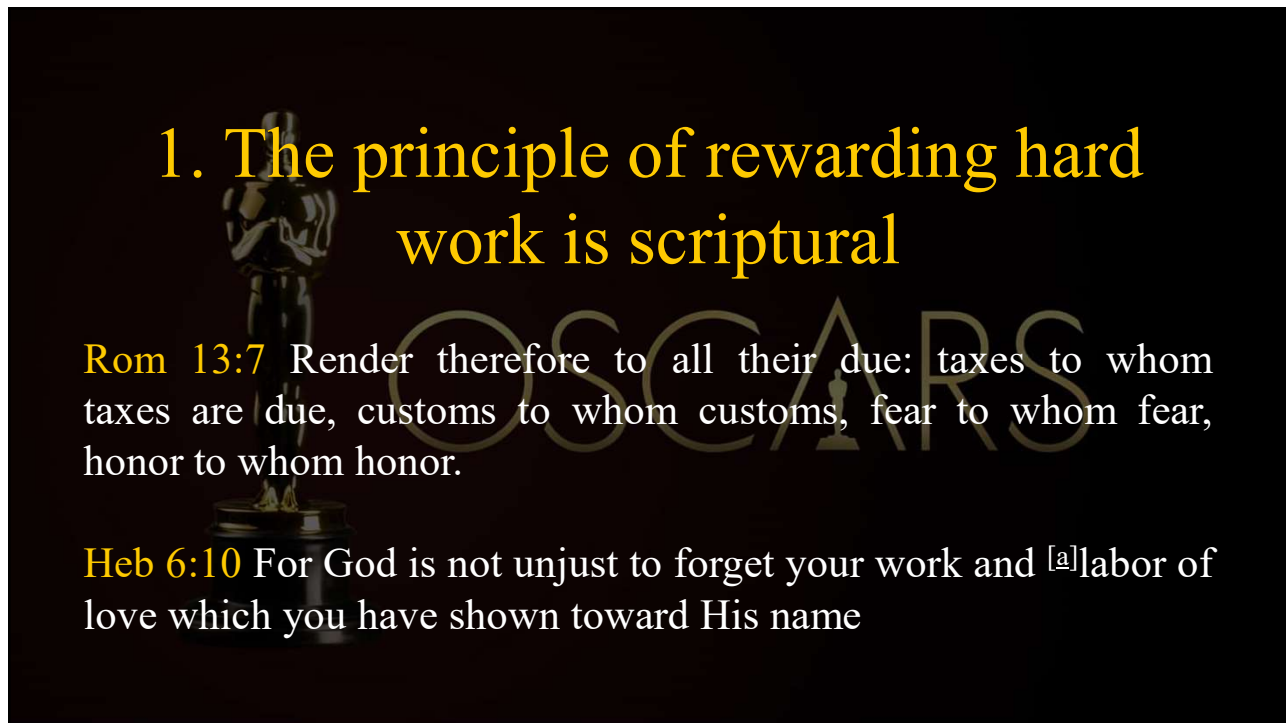
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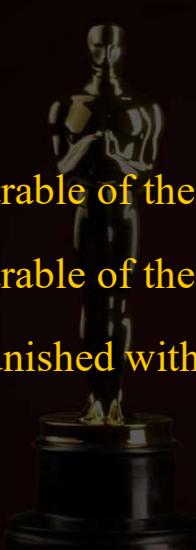
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- Parable of the talents – Mt 25:14-30
- Parable of the men hired to work in the vineyard – Mt 20:1-16
- Punished with few and many stripes – Lk 12:47-49

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Historian Edward Gibbon researched the rapid growth of Christianity during its early years under Roman persecution. He listed 5 reasons:

1. Early Christians' zeal
2. The power of miracles
3. The morals of the early Christians
4. A compact church organization
5. Their belief in future rewards and punishment



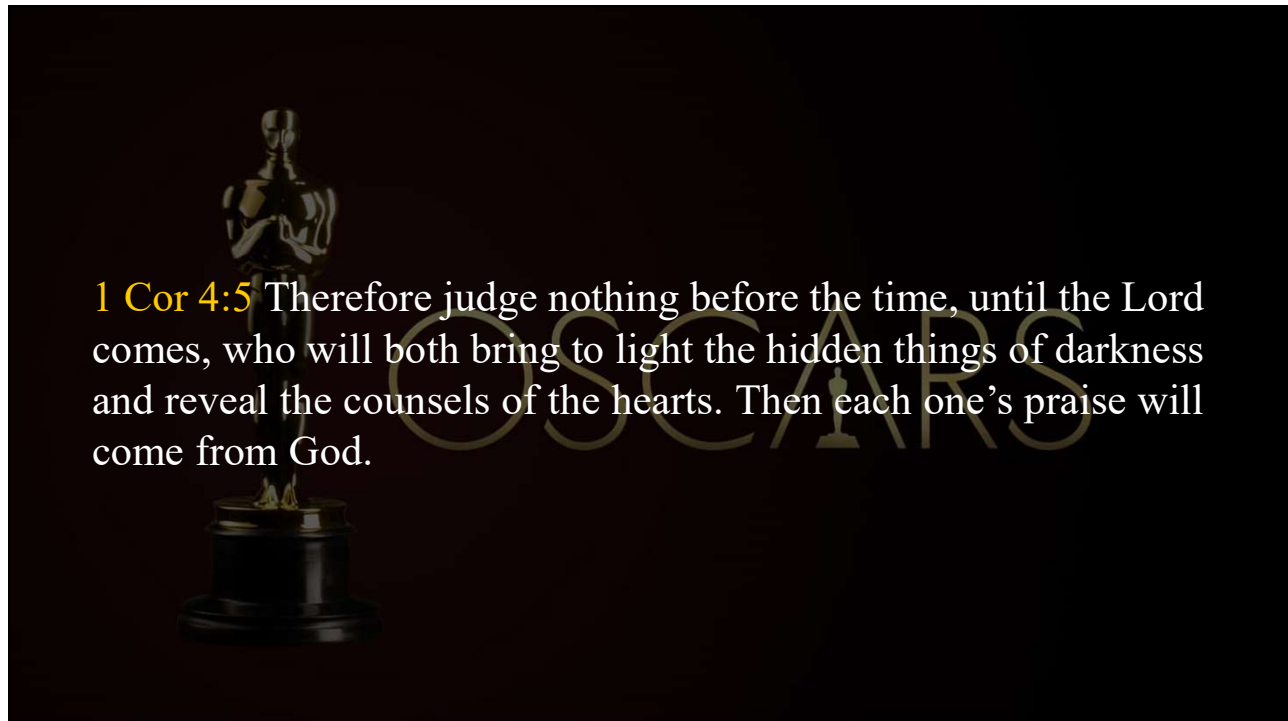
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## 2. God will judge the works of everyone

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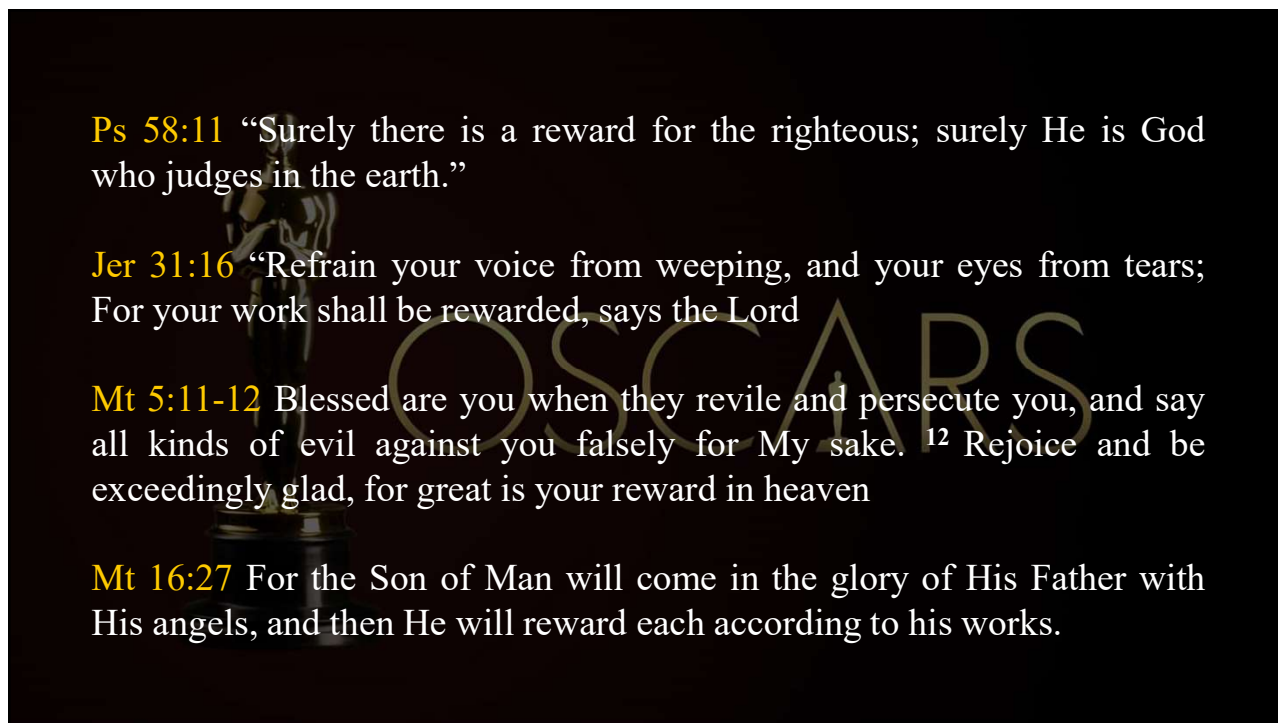


**1 Cor 4:5** Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord comes, who will both bring to light the hidden things of darkness and reveal the counsels of the hearts. Then each one's praise will come from God.

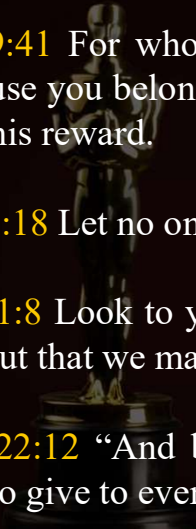
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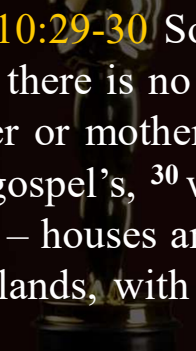
**Mk 9:41** For whoever gives you a cup of water to drink in My name, because you belong to Christ, assuredly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward.

**Col 2:18** Let no one cheat you of your reward

**2 Jn 1:8** Look to yourselves, that we do not lose those things we worked for, but that we may receive a full reward.

**Rev 22:12** “And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work.

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**Mk 10:29-30** So Jesus answered and said, “Assuredly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My sake and the gospel’s, <sup>30</sup> who shall not receive a hundredfold now in this time – houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions – and in the age to come, eternal life.

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Bruce Wilkinson, *A Life God Rewards: Why Everything You Do Today Matters Forever*, p. 25:

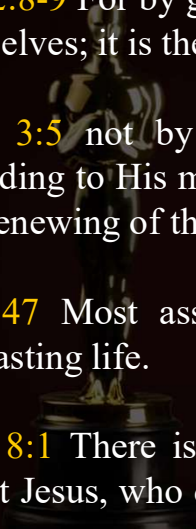
“Our eternal destination is the consequence of what we believe on earth. Our eternal compensation is the consequence of how we behave on earth.”

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4. We are not saved by good works

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**Eph 2:8-9** For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, <sup>9</sup> not of works, lest anyone should boast.

**Titus 3:5** not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit,

**Jn 6:47** Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me has everlasting life.

**Rom 8:1** There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.

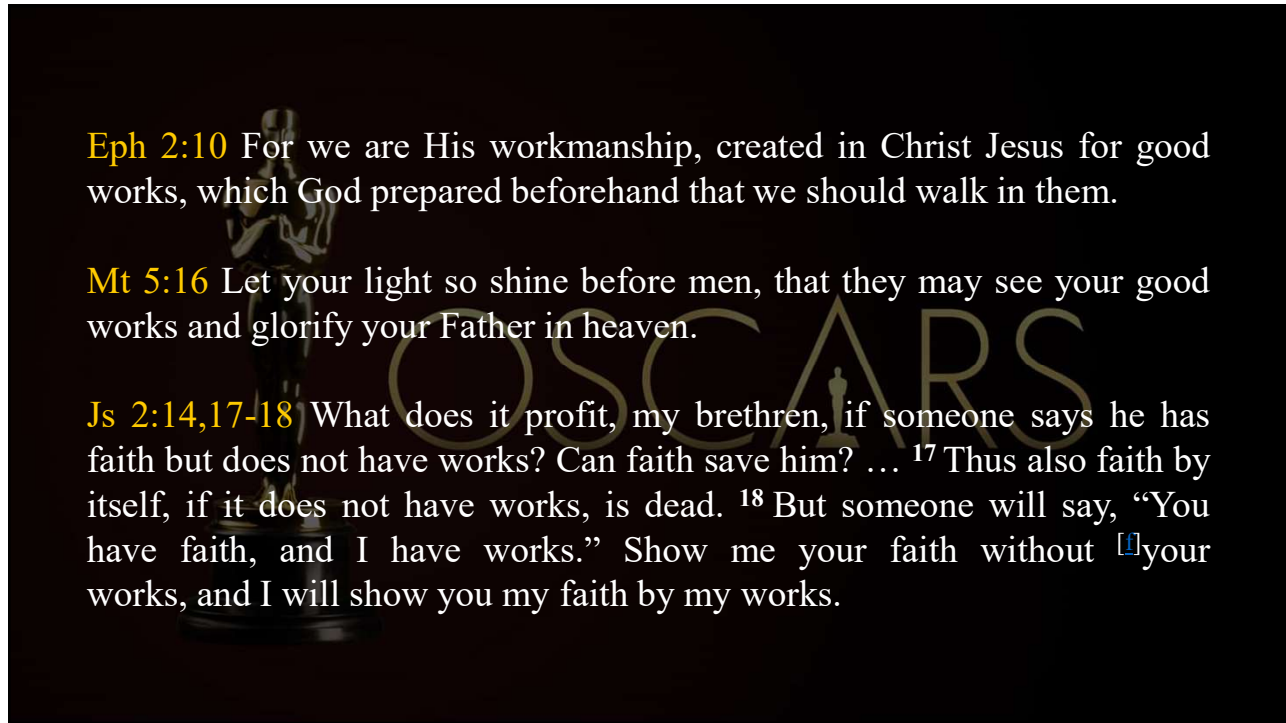
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**5. We are saved for good works**

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**Eph 2:10** For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

**Mt 5:16** Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

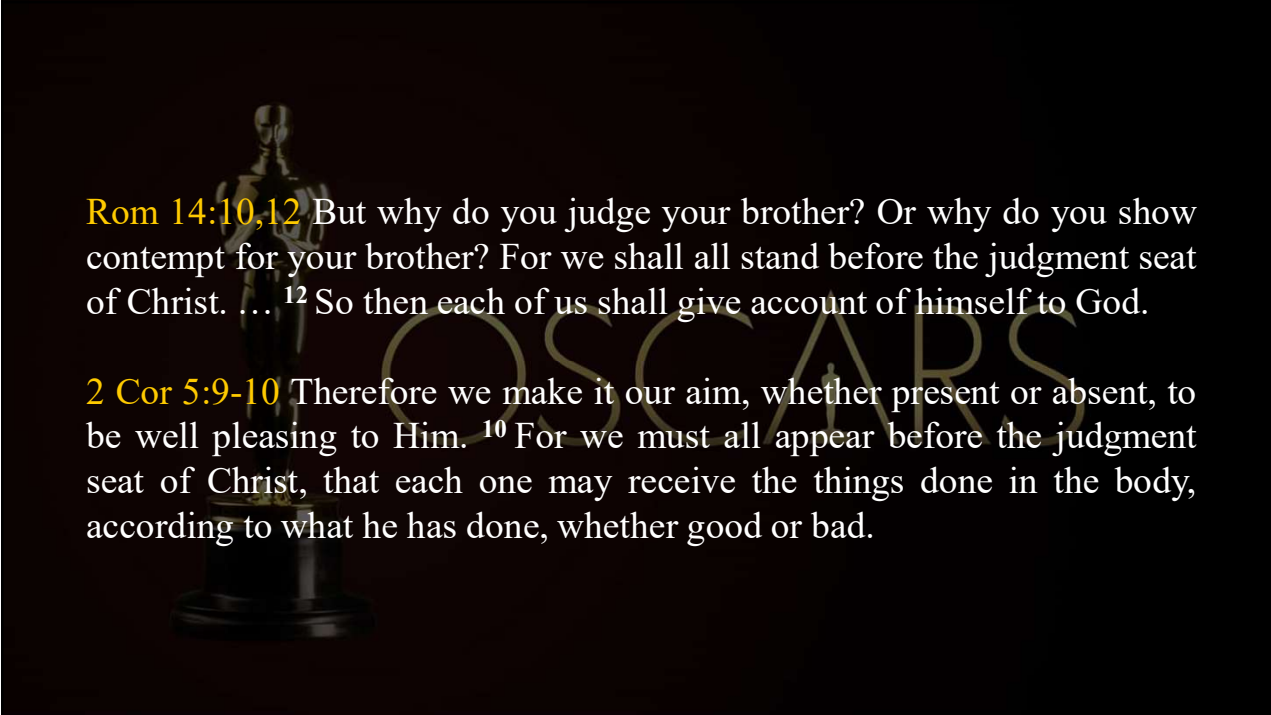
**Js 2:14,17-18** What does it profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can faith save him? ... <sup>17</sup> Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. <sup>18</sup> But someone will say, "You have faith, and I have works." Show me your faith without  your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

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**6. We will receive our rewards at the Judgment Seat of Christ**

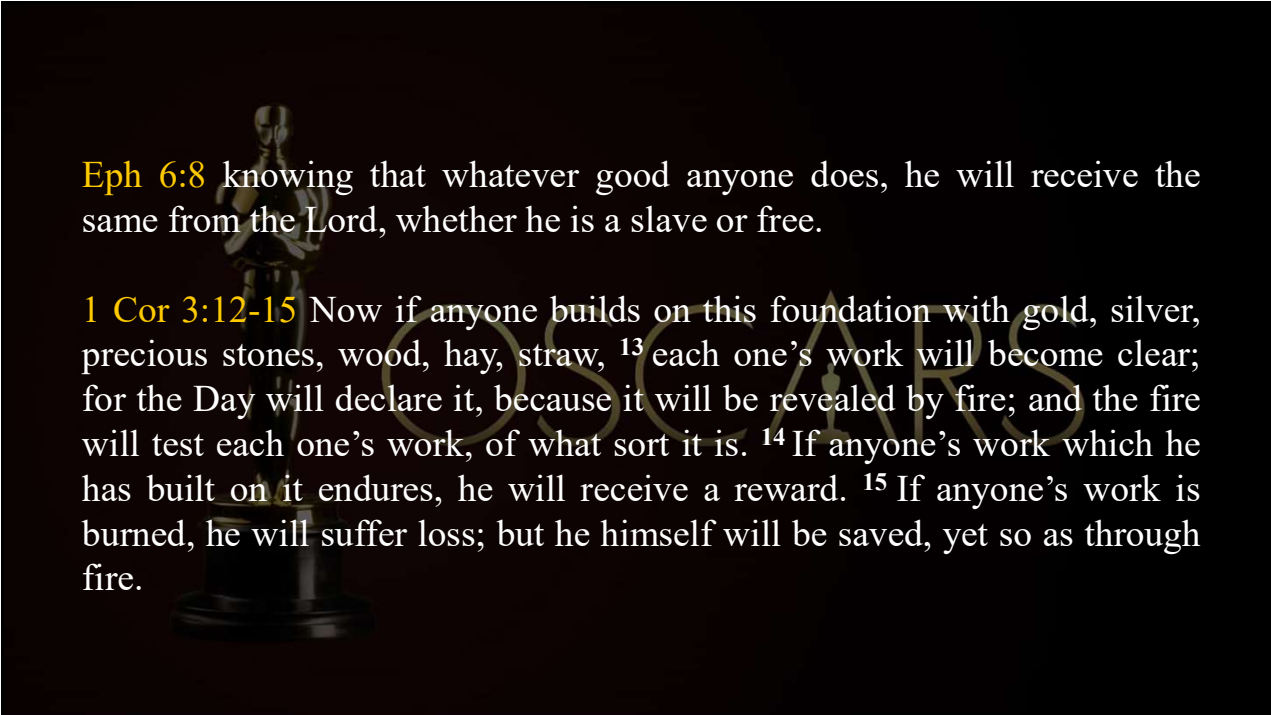
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**Rom 14:10,12** But why do you judge your brother? Or why do you show contempt for your brother? For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. ... <sup>12</sup> So then each of us shall give account of himself to God.

**2 Cor 5:9-10** Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him. <sup>10</sup> For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

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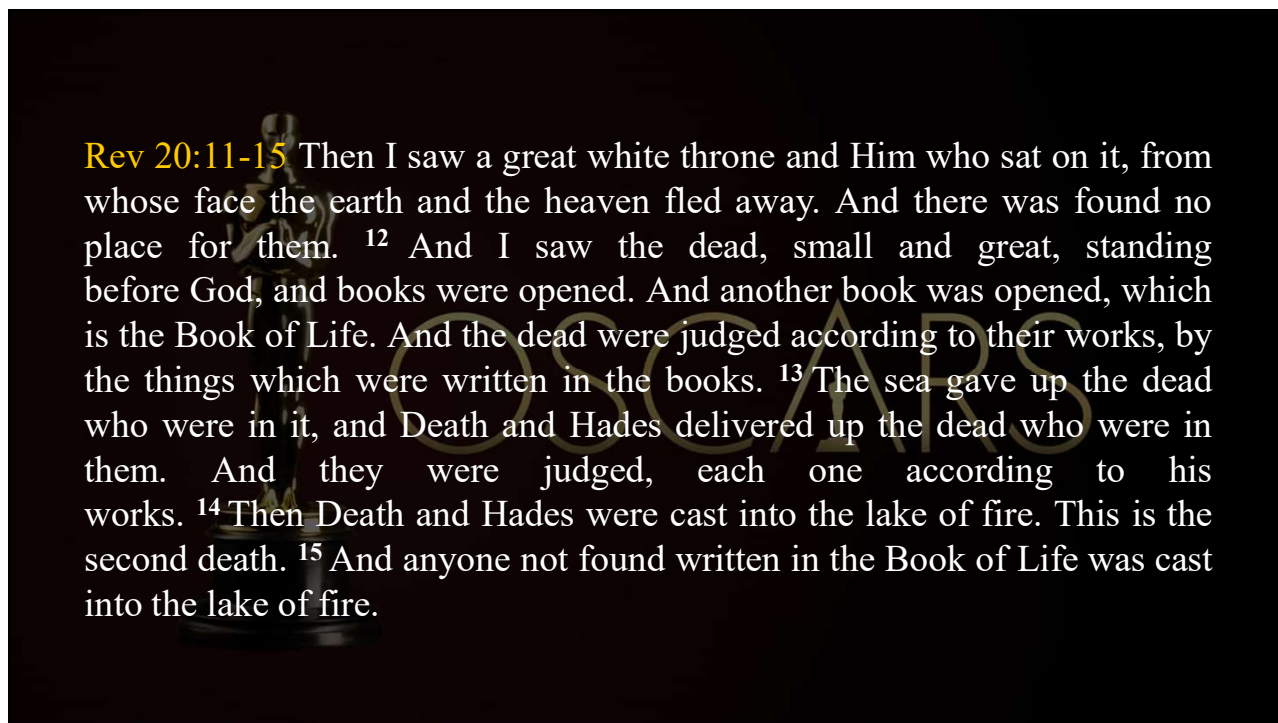
**Eph 6:8** knowing that whatever good anyone does, he will receive the same from the Lord, whether he is a slave or free.

**1 Cor 3:12-15** Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, <sup>13</sup> each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. <sup>14</sup> If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward. <sup>15</sup> If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.

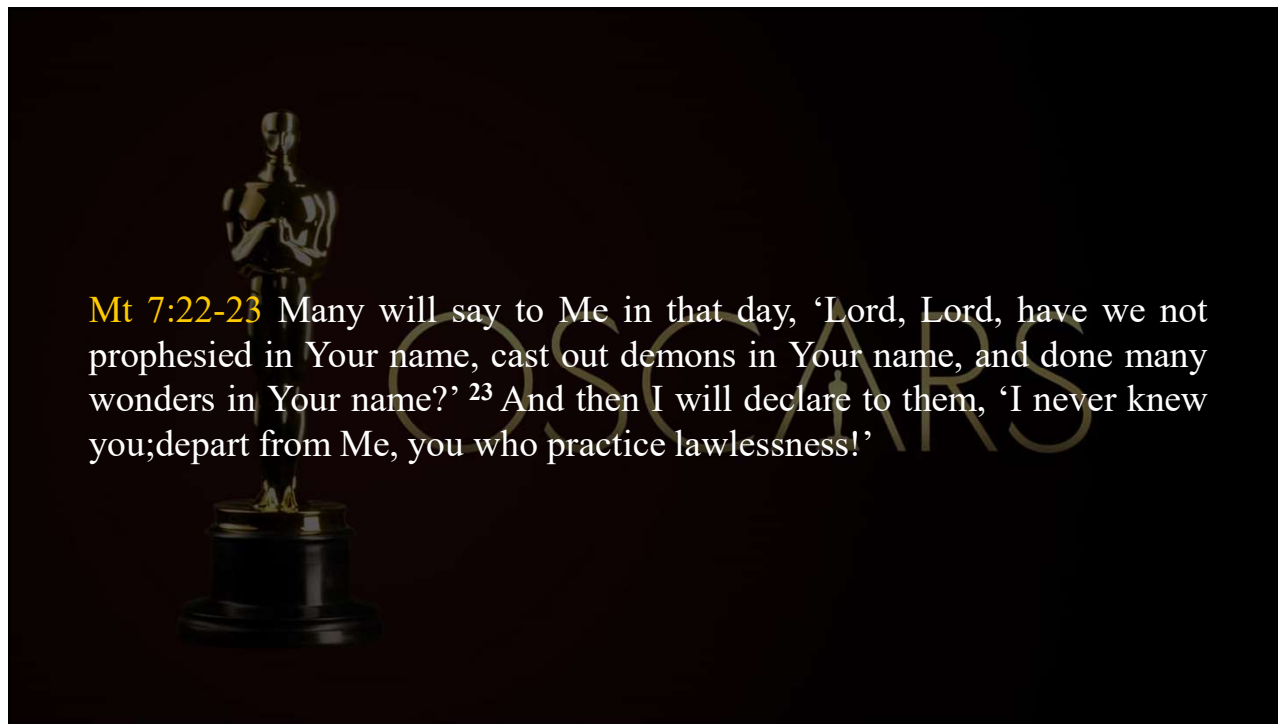
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