

# Every Man Shall Be Rewarded for His Willing Service and for His Time

by Julian of Norwich

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*God rewards those who serve Him with a deep sense of gratitude and recognition in Heaven, filling their souls with joy and increasing their desire to serve Him further.*

**Scripture:** Psalm 103:2, Ecclesiastes 12:1, Matthew 25:21, 1 Corinthians 15:58, 2 Corinthians 4:17, Philippians 3:14

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## Description

Julian of Norwich describes a vision where she sees God as a gracious host in Heaven, joyfully celebrating with His beloved servants and friends at a grand feast. She witnesses the immense gratitude and honor bestowed upon those who have served God willingly, surpassing any pain or suffering experienced on earth. Julian emphasizes the eternal rewards and recognition each soul will receive in Heaven based on their devoted service to God, with a special mention of the abundant blessings for those who offer their youth to God. She highlights the continuous joy and thanksgiving that will never end for those who wholeheartedly turn to God, inspiring a lifelong commitment to His service.

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## Transcript

AFTER this our good Lord said: I thank thee for thy travail, and especially for thy youth. And in this [Shewing] mine understanding was lifted up into Heaven where I saw our Lord as a lord in his own house, which hath called all his dearworthy servants and friends to a stately feast.<sup>65</sup> Then I saw the Lord take no place in His own house, but I saw Him royally reign in His house, fulfilling it with joy and mirth, Himself endlessly to gladden and to solace His dearworthy friends, full homely and full courteously, with marvellous melody of endless love, in His own fair blessed Countenance.

Which glorious Countenance of the Godhead fulfilleth the Heavens with joy and bliss.<sup>66</sup> God shewed three degrees of bliss that every soul shall have in Heaven that willingly hath served God in any degree in earth. The first is the worshipful thanks of our Lord God that he shall receive when he is delivered of pain. This thanking is so high and so worshipful that the soul thinketh it filleth him though there were no more. For methought that all the pain and travail that might be suffered by all living men might not deserve the worshipful thanks that one man shall have that willingly hath served God.

The second is 33 that all the blessed creatures that are in Heaven shall see that worshipful thanking, and He maketh his service known to all that are in Heaven. And here this example was shewed.--A king, if he

thank his servants, it is a great worship to them, and if he maketh it known to all the realm, then is the worship greatly increased.--The third is, that as new and as gladdening as it is received in that time, right so shall it last without end. And I saw that homely and sweetly was this shewed, and that the age of every man shall be [made] known in Heaven, and [he] shall be rewarded for his willing service and for his time.

And specially the age of them that willingly and freely offer their youth unto God, passingly is rewarded and wonderfully is thanked. For I saw that whene'er what time a man or woman is truly turned to God,--for one day's service and for his endless will he shall have all these three decrees of bliss. And the more the loving soul seeth this courtesy of God, the liefer he<sup>67</sup> is to serve him all the days of his life.

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