



The Prophets Reward

*Matthew 10:41 He who **receives** and welcomes a **prophet because he is a prophet** will receive a prophet's **reward**; and he who receives a **righteous (honorable) man because he is a righteous man** will receive a **righteous man's reward**.*

Receive: 1209 Dechomai (middle voice) to accept to receive to welcome. To take oneself what is presented or brought by another to receive into one's hands.

Metaphorically to receive the Kingdom of God, living words. To admit (confess to come clean) with the mind and heart. The things of the spirit, the exhortation or teaching, the love of truth. Also, what is received by ear: to hear of, learn, as the gospel.

Breakdown of the word:

Dec – Means Ten - complete and perfect

Homai - to bring

Related word: rhuomai: 4506 - to draw to oneself, i.e., deliver. In the New Testament it is used to draw Saints to themselves.

Prophet: 4396 a foreteller, an inspired speaker, to tell beforehand, before or fourth, an interpreter. A person under divine influence. One who is not speaking on one's own thoughts but what he received from God, An ambassador of God and interpreter of His will to men. Retaining His own consciousness (awareness or perception) and self-possession (in control of one's feelings)

Because He is: 1519, Eis the point reached or entered, a place, time, or purpose.

Metaphorically of a state or condition into which one comes a duration.

3686 onoma one's rank, authority, character, interests, pleasure, command, excellences, deeds he cause, or reason named: on this account, because he suffers as a Christian, for this reason. To come or do something in or by the name of someone, meaning using his name; as his messenger, representative with his sanction (authorization, consent, endorsement, support).



Reward: 3408 misthos good or bad, gain, recompense, reward, wage. To receive hereafter (after this).

Mark 6:4 Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor (respect) except in his hometown and among his relatives and in his own household."

David Guzik-Jesus accepted rejection as price a faithful prophet must pay, though it must have hurt Him badly to be rejected by friends and neighbors.

b. **He could do no mighty work:** His work was limited in this climate of unbelief. In this sense, Jesus' power was limited by the unbelief of His countrymen.

i. This was in respect to God's principle of partnership with man. God may work with *no* belief, but not with *unbelief*.

Bibla Plus - One reason for this is that it is almost natural for persons to hold of less account than *they* ought, those with whom they have been brought up and have lived on familiar terms. Prophets are commonly least regarded, and often most envied, in their own country. However unworthy may be the feeling, the inhabitants of a district, or members of a community, **do not like to see one of themselves put above them, more especially a junior over a senior, or a man of humble origin over a man well born.** But it should *be remembered that God detests the envious and will withhold the wonders of his grace* from those *who grudge (resent, bitterness, & complaint) his gifts to others.*

The men of Nazareth, when they saw Christ eating, and drinking, and sleeping, and working at his trade, like others, despised him when he claimed respect and reverence as a Prophet, and especially because his relations according to the flesh were of humble condition; and Joseph more particularly, whom they supposed to be his real father, for they could not imagine or believe that he was born of a virgin, and had God alone for his Father

1. Unbelief steels the heart against the Word of God. "He could there do no mighty work." He could do, and did do, many mighty works in many places; but He



could do none there. And why not? For this simple reason: God's mighty works are dependent upon our faith. These townsmen denied Christ as God, made Him a mere man, **and thus they gave the Lord no soil in which the seed of truth might grow.** They gave Him no basis on which they could be recipients of His mercy.

READ ROMANS 17:25

2. Belief is ever the pivot on which God works. Have you not read, "According to your faith be it unto you"? Again, have you not read, "What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them"? If unbelief shuts out the blessing, faith brings the blessing. Unbelief is black with the frown of God: belief is bright with His smiles.

3. Instead of increasing our works of unbelief, let us increase our work of faith. The church is oftentimes doing much and believing little. The church is too frequently denying the miraculous and emphasizing the vigor of an untrusting service.

How much the rather should we work in faith. After all, it is much better to believe than to work. Best of all is to work the works of faith.

May we pause to observe the mighty victories of faith that have marked the pathway of saints during the ages. The Holy Spirit has given us, in [Hebrews 11:1](#), a partial statement of these. They lived and wrought, and God was glorified.

IV. MARVELING AT THEIR UNBELIEF ([Mark 6:6](#))

The Lord Jesus did not marvel at their wisdom, their might, their buildings, their herds, nor at their squalor or their sin. He marveled at their **unbelief.**

1. He marveled at their unbelief, because He was the fulfillment of the very Prophets they read daily in their synagogues. This significant passage of Scripture magnifies this truth: "For they that dwell at Jerusalem, and their rulers, because they knew Him not, nor yet the voices of the Prophets which are read every Sabbath Day, they have fulfilled



them in condemning Him." "And when they had fulfilled all that was written of Him, they took Him down from the Tree."

2. He marveled at their unbelief because He was the One, they needed to meet their every need. He had come to them as a Prince and a Savior. He had come to save them from every power of the wicked one, and to set them free. He had come that they might have life and have it more abundantly; yet they believed Him not.

He went about doing them good, yet they loved Him not. He healed their sick, raised their dead, fed their hungry mouths, yet they believed not on Him. The truth was, they loved darkness rather than light, Satan rather than Christ.

3. He marveled at their unbelief because they had every chance of knowing the truth yet knew it not. Before their very eyes He stood as the One who had come forth from the Father. They were familiar with the facts of His birth and life; the message of the angels and their glorious Magnificat; they knew of the visit of the shepherds, of the coming of the Magi, and the worship they accorded the Infant Christ. None of these things had been done in a corner.

They knew about Christ's visit to the Temple at the twelfth year of how the Lord had reasoned with the Masters of Israel.