

Our Righteous Sovereign

Guarantor of Our Promised Reward

For ground that drinks the rain which often falls on it and brings forth vegetation useful to those for whose sake it is also tilled, receives a blessing from God; but if it yields thorns and thistles, it is worthless and close to being cursed, and it ends up being burned.

But, beloved, we are convinced of better things concerning you, and things that accompany salvation, though we are speaking in this way. For God is not unjust so as to forget your work and the love which you have shown toward His name, in having ministered and in still ministering to the saints. And we desire that each one of you show the same diligence so as to realize the full assurance of hope until the end, so that you will not be sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

Hebrews 6:7-12 (NASB)

- Works of love
 - Done for the glory of Jesus
 - Done to His people, because they are God's people
 - Not because of natural relationship or association
 - Hebrews 10:34
 - As God gives occasion
- Without the works that accompany salvation, faith dies

Things that
always
accompany
salvation

- Love is not reckoned as real love unless it is a working love
- No works are right works that do not flow from love to Jesus
- More a token of salvation than “enlightenment” and “tasting”
- It is His promise – not our merit – that would make it unrighteous were He not to reward His people’s work. **God is no man’s debtor**

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- They had served and would continue to serve -- God blesses the field that has already borne good fruit
- Philippians 1:6
- All our strength comes from God
- It is impossible to think of God looking with indifference on those who serve Him
- It is impossible to think of God as not affording them help and encouragement

To him that
hath shall
more be
given

And we desire that each one of you demonstrate the same diligence **so as to realize the full assurance of hope** until the end, **so that you will not be** sluggish, but **imitators of those who through faith** and endurance inherit the promises.

Hebrews 6:11-12

Working
from love
sharpened
their
faith (6:12)
and
hope (6:11)