



Welcome to
Rehoboth New Life
Center
Tuesday
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A person wearing red shorts and white sneakers is running on a dark track with white lane markings. Their shadow is cast on the track surface.

Called to Commitment

Hebrews 12:1 Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,

Called to Commitment



- What is Commitment?
- How can we become Committed?
- The reasons for a lack of commitment
- The cost of commitment

Commitment

com·mit·ment

/kəˈmɪtmənt/ 

noun

1. the state or quality of being dedicated to a cause, activity, etc.
"the company's commitment to quality"
synonyms: dedication, devotion, allegiance, loyalty, faithfulness, fidelity
"her commitment to her students"
2. an engagement or obligation that restricts freedom of action.
"business commitments"
synonyms: responsibility, obligation, duty, tie, liability; [More](#)

1st Step of Commitment is....



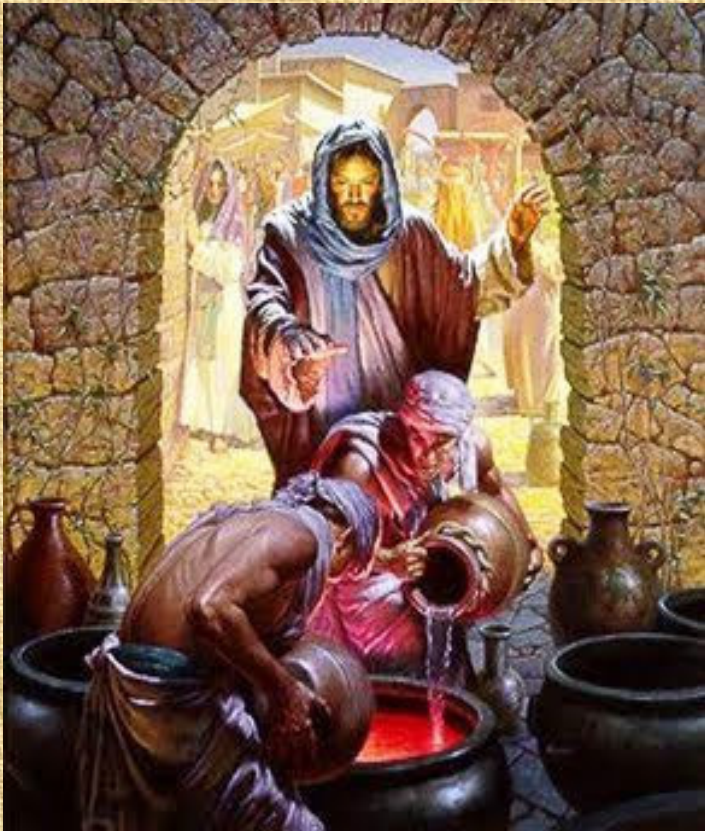
John 1:43 ¶The day following Jesus would go forth into Galilee, and findeth Philip, and saith unto him, **Follow me.**

Matthew 4:19 And he saith unto them, **Follow me**, and I will make you fishers of men. 20 And they straightway left their nets, and followed him.

Matthew 9:9 ¶And as Jesus passed forth from thence, he saw a man, named Matthew, sitting at the receipt of custom: and he saith unto him, **Follow me.** And he arose, and followed him.

.... to **FOLLOW!**

Commitment is based upon...



- John 2:1 ¶ And the third day there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee; and the mother of Jesus was there:
- 2 And both Jesus was called, **and his disciples, to the marriage.**
- 3 And when they wanted wine, the mother of Jesus saith unto him, They have no wine.
- 4 Jesus saith unto her, Woman, what have I to do with thee? mine hour is not yet come.
- 5 His mother saith unto the servants, Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it.

John 2:11 This **beginning of miracles** did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth his glory; and his disciples believed on him.

Faith...

They Believed!



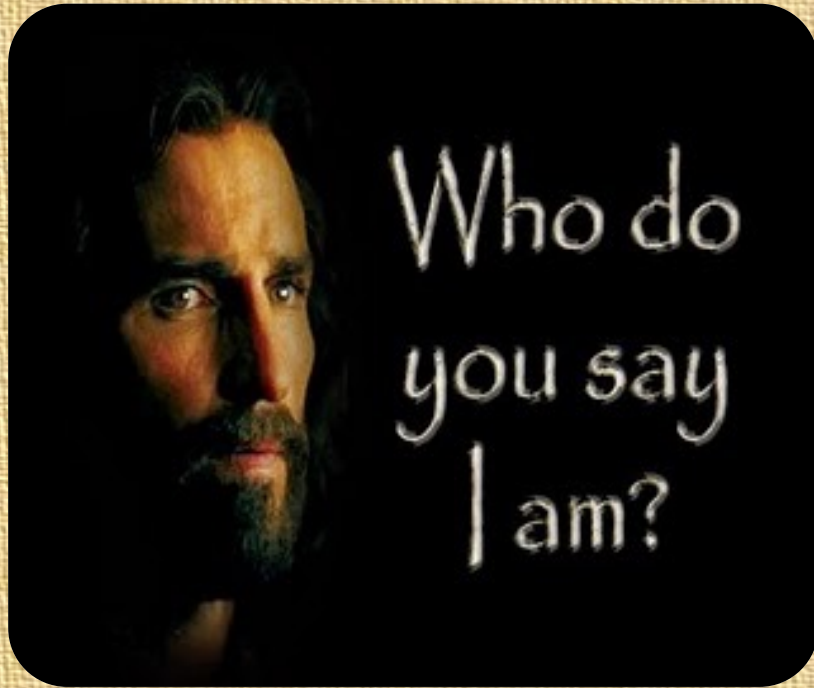
John 1:35 Again the next day after John stood, and two of his disciples;

36 And looking upon Jesus as he walked, he saith, Behold the Lamb of God!

37 ¶ And the two disciples **heard him speak, and they followed Jesus.**

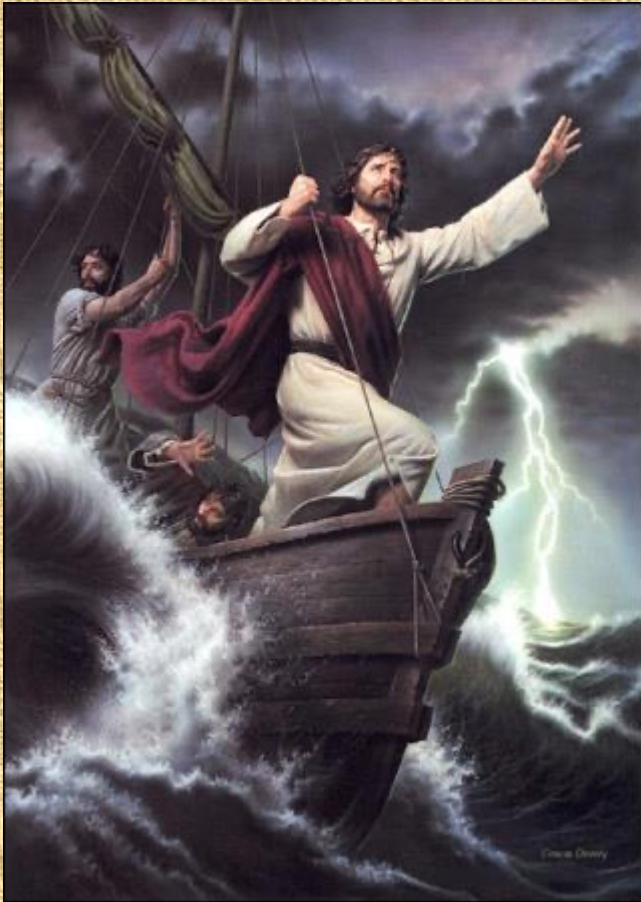
- John 1:40 One of the two which heard John speak, and followed him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother.
- 41 He first findeth his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, We have found the Messiah, which is, being interpreted, the Christ.

So the level of your Commitment is founded on how much you believe!



- Matthew 16:13 ¶ When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?
- 14 And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets.
- 15 He saith unto them, **But whom say ye that I am?**
- 16 And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.

Growing your commitment through growing your faith



Mark 4:37 And there arose a great storm of wind, and the waves beat into the ship, so that it was now full.

38 And he was in the hinder part of the ship, asleep on a pillow: and they awake him, and say unto him, Master, carest thou not that we perish?

39 And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.

40 And he said unto them, Why are ye so fearful? how is it that ye have no faith?

41 And they feared exceedingly, and said one to another,
What manner of man is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?

Reinforcing your Faith

Commitment:

*If you want to leave footprints
in the sand don't drag your
feet!*

"For we walk by faith, not by sight"

2 Corinthians 5:7 (KJV)

- Romans 10:17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

- Prayer
- Bible Reading
- Worship
- Witness
- Service

Commitment in practice



Matthew 21:28 ¶But what think ye? A certain man had two sons; and he came to the first, and said, Son, go work to day in my vineyard.

29 He answered and said, I will not: but afterward he repented, and went.

30 And he came to the second, and said likewise. And he answered and said, I go, sir: and went not.

31 Whether of them twain did the will of his father? They say unto him, The first. Jesus saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, That the publicans and the harlots go into the kingdom of God before you.

There is a cost to commitment!



- Matthew 17:24 ¶ And when they were come to Capernaum, they that received tribute money came to Peter, and said, Doth not your master pay tribute?
- 25 He saith, Yes. And when he was come into the house, Jesus prevented him, saying, What thinkest thou, Simon? of whom do the kings of the earth take custom or tribute? of their own children, or of strangers?

What is the cost ?



- Hatred

- Genesis 27:41 ¶And Esau hated Jacob because of the blessing wherewith his father blessed him:
- Genesis 37:5 ¶And Joseph dreamed a dream, and he told it his brethren: and they hated him yet the more.
- Luke 21:17 And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake.
- John 15:18 ¶If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you.

What is the cost

- Suffering



- 24 Five different times the Jews gave me thirty-nine lashes. 25 Three times I was beaten with rods. Once I was stoned. Three times I was shipwrecked. Once I spent a whole night and a day adrift at sea. 26 I have traveled many weary miles. I have faced danger from flooded rivers and from robbers. I have faced danger from my own people, the Jews, as well as from the Gentiles. I have faced danger in the cities, in the deserts, and on the stormy seas. And I have faced danger from men who claim to be Christians but are not. 27 I have lived with weariness and pain and sleepless nights. Often I have been hungry and thirsty and have gone without food. Often I have shivered with cold, without enough clothing to keep me warm. 28 Then, besides all this, I have the daily burden of how the churches .

Is it worth it?



- Matthew 13:44 ¶ Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field.
- 45 Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls:
- 46 Who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it.

Is it worth it?



Matthew 16:26 For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, *and lose his own soul*? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?

For some people the cost is too great



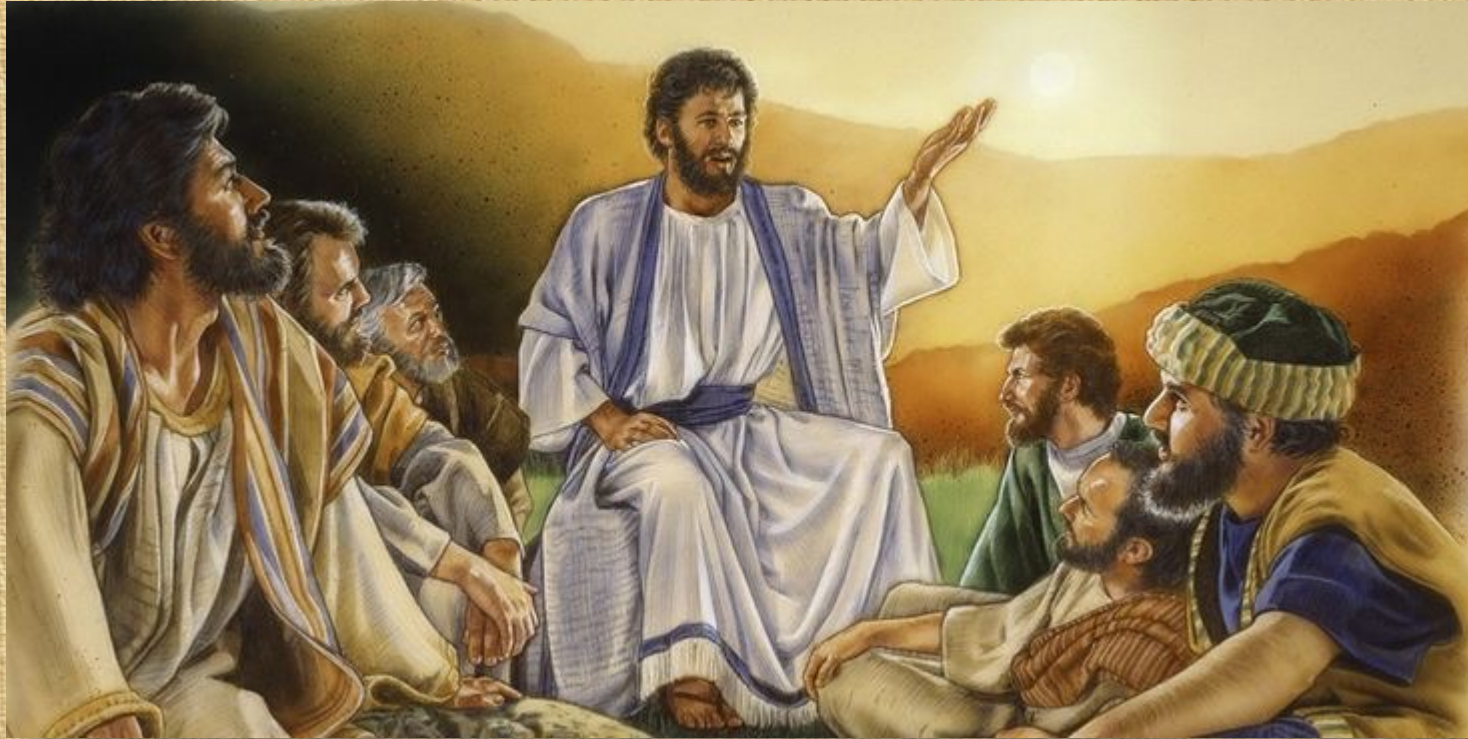
Luke 18:18 ¶ And a certain ruler asked him, saying, Good Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?

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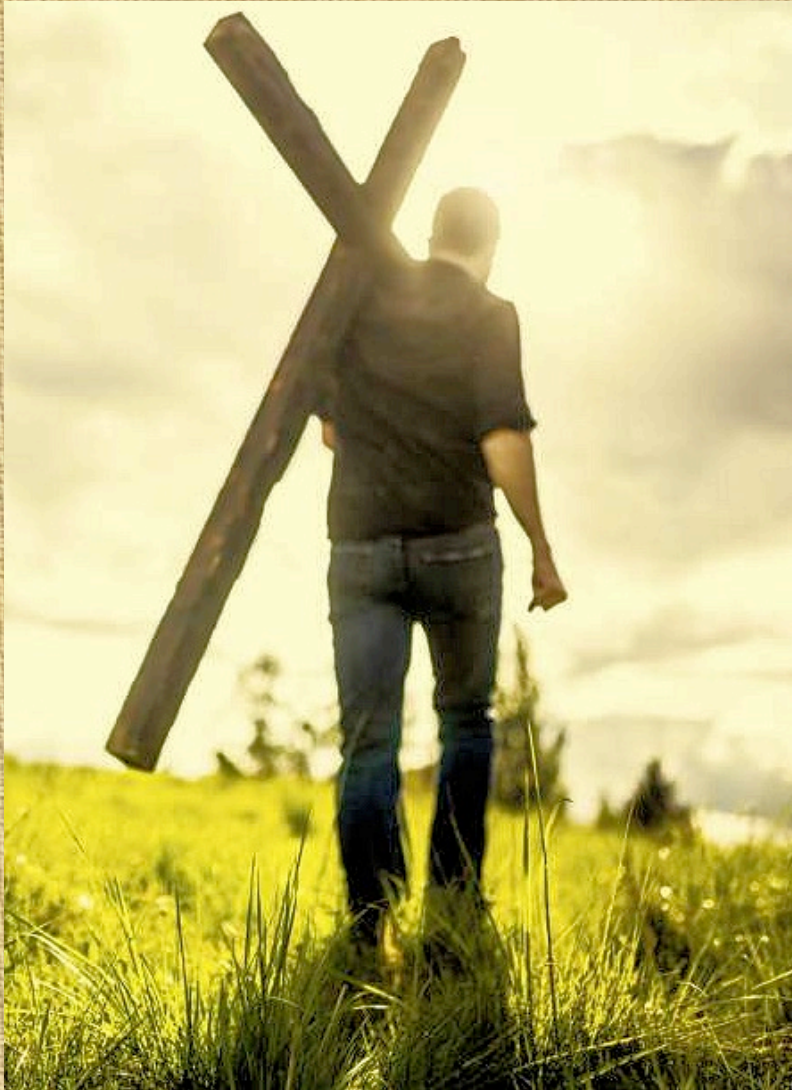
- Luke 18:20 Thou knowest the commandments, Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honour thy father and thy mother.
- 21 And he said, All these have I kept from my youth up.
- 22 Now when Jesus heard these things, he said unto him, *Yet lackest thou one thing: sell all that thou hast, and distribute unto the poor,* and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, follow me.

The Cost of Commitment!



- A hard Saying
 - Luke 14:25 ¶ And there went great multitudes with him: and he turned, and said unto them,
 - 26 If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple.

Counting the cost

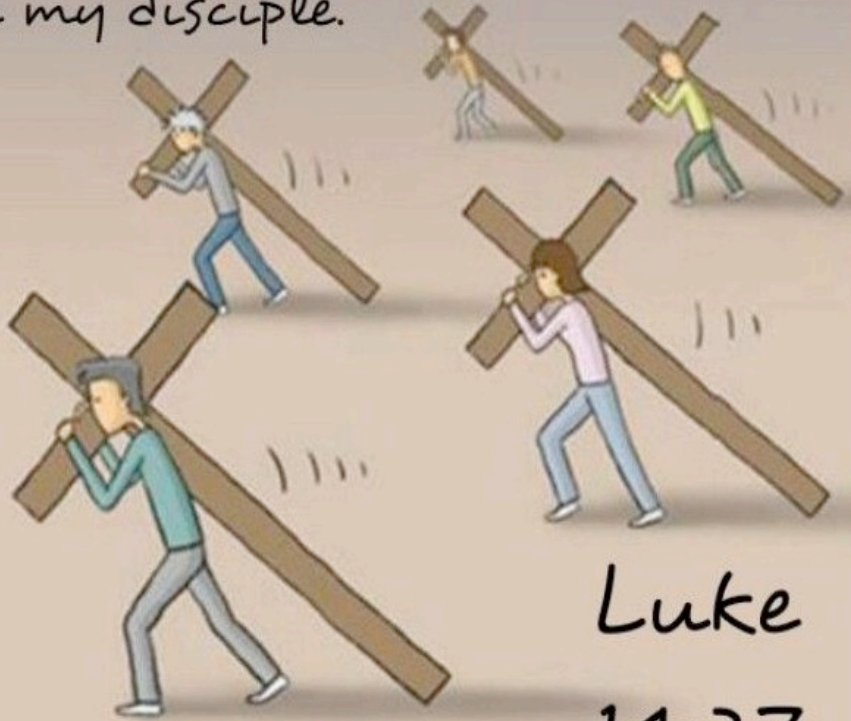


- A hard Saying
 - Luke 14:27 And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple.
 - 28 For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, *and counteth the cost*, whether he have sufficient to finish it?

Counting the cost

- A hard Saying

Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.



Luke
14:27

- Matthew 16:25 Great crowds were following Jesus. He turned around and said to them, 26 "If you want to be my follower you must love me more than your own father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters -- yes, more than your own life. Otherwise, you cannot be my disciple. 27 And you cannot be my disciple if you do not carry your own cross and follow me. 28 "But don't begin until you count the cost. For who would begin construction of a building without first getting estimates and then checking to see if there is enough money to pay the bills?

Running That You May Obtain!

*Race to the
Finish*



1 Corinthians 9:24-26

- 1 Corinthians 9:24 ¶ Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain.
- Timothy 4:3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;
- 4 And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.
- 5 But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.
- 6 For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand.
- 7 I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:
- 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.

The reward



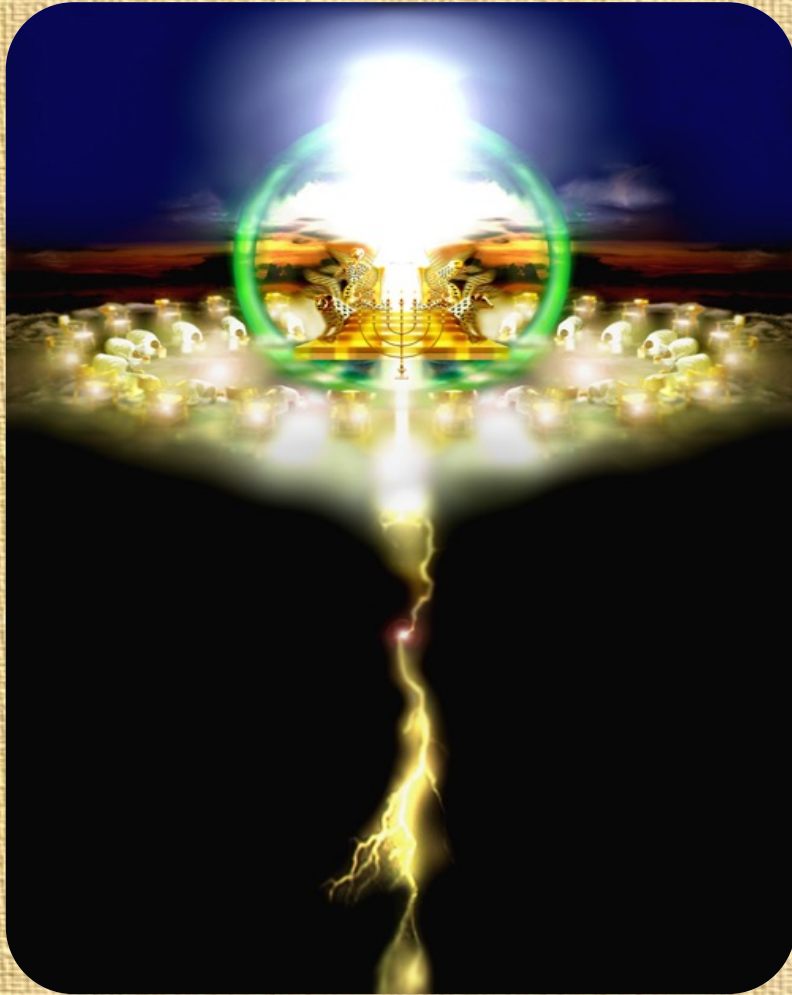
Matthew 19:29 And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life.

The Reward



Revelation 3:21 To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.

The Reward



Revelation 1:6 And
hath made us kings and
priests unto God and his
Father; to him be glory
and dominion for ever
and ever. Amen.