

I. The coming King has entrusted us with his resources

A. We have been entrusted with the gospel

“We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us.” (2 Corinthians 5:20)

B. We have been entrusted with money

“Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.” (2 Corinthians 9:6)

C. We have been entrusted with authority

“All authority in heaven and earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” (Matthew 28:19)

D. We have been entrusted with power

“His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.” (2 Peter 1:3)

II. The coming King will hold us accountable

“So then, each of us will give an account of himself to God.” (Romans 14:12)

A. Jesus will return to reign as King

“The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he will reign for ever and ever.” (Revelation 11:15)

B. Jesus will be King despite opposition

C. Jesus will call his servants to give an account

III. The coming King will reward us for faithful service

A. The rewards will fit the return on the investment

1. Faithful service will bring appropriate rewards

“For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father’s glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what he has done.” (Matthew 16:27)

2. Faithful service will bring new opportunities

B. The unfaithful servant will not be rewarded

1. There is no excuse for unfaithful service

2. Proper knowledge of God will inspire faithful service

IV. The coming King will judge each person fairly

A. Those who receive him will enjoy eternal life

B. Those who reject him will suffer eternal death

“And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life in his Son. He who has the Son has life: he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.” (I John 5:11-12)