

1 Peter 5:4

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.

Analysis

Peter promises reward: unfading crown of glory when Chief Shepherd appears. Faithful service yields future glory. Accountability to Chief Shepherd restrains abuse.

Historical Context

Faithful elders receive eternal reward. This eschatological hope motivated endurance. Chief Shepherd establishes hierarchy.

Related Passages

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. How does promise of unfading crown motivate service?
2. What does Chief Shepherd teach about elders' relationship to Christ?

Interlinear Text

καὶ	φανερωθέντος	τοῦ	ἀρχιπούμενος	κομιεῖσθε	τὸν
And	shall appear	G3588	when the chief Shepherd	ye shall receive	G3588
G2532	G5319		G750	G2865	
ἀμαράντινον	τῆς	δόξης	στέφανον		
that fadeth not away	G3588	of glory	a crown		
G262		G1391	G4735		

Additional Cross-References

James 1:12 (Parallel theme): Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.

1 Corinthians 9:25 (Parallel theme): And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible.

1 John 3:2 (Parallel theme): Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

2 Timothy 4:8 (Parallel theme): 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.

Revelation 3:11 (Parallel theme): Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.

Isaiah 40:11 (Parallel theme): He shall feed his flock like a shepherd: he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young.

Daniel 12:3 (Parallel theme): And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.

1 Peter 2:25 (Parallel theme): For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls.

1 Peter 1:4 (Parallel theme): To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you,

Revelation 2:10 (Parallel theme): Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.

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