Greater Rewards: Confess His Name

in this part nine of the Greater Rewards series, “Greater Rewards” examines in a logical and Biblical sense what it possibly means to receive what the spirit of Jesus promised the Seven Churches in Revelation chapters two and three, as a reward for “overcoming sin.”

The last of three blessings that seem to be said in one breath, “…but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels,” is the topic of our search today as we grasp to desire more of His promise to those who overcome sin in their life. Let’s pray. “Father, help us today to love You more and desire more to be a pleasure to You. Open our eyes to Your Word so we attain joy and excitement for what You have planned. Open our hearts so that under no circumstance will we miss Your Eternal Life. Amen.”

More or less, I have gotten over it, but my memory is still vivid. My father loved his four boys, but one boy — David, who was the eldest, he loved more. He wouldn’t admit it, I am sure, but the three younger boys saw it. Many times when important guests were present, he would introduce us as, “This is my son David and these are my other sons.” Now, my father was a good man and I loved him deeply and I know he loved me, but there was something special between he and brother David. Also, we didn’t resent David too much, but we knew that he was special. He was the first-born, he was handsome and when Dad left town, it was always announced to David, “Remember SON, you’re the man of the house when I am gone.”

Honestly, my eyes water each time I read this promise from Jesus, that He will introduce me (personally) to the Father who sits on the Throne and to the angels of God. That means everything to me, because He will stand before the Throne in Heaven and say, “Father, this is Thomas Leo Buttram and I died for him. If no one else had trusted in Me, I still would have died for him.” That my earthly father introduced me as “a” son, my Heavenly Father will introduce me as “His son.”

The one thing we should learn, whether its in family relationships, business or socially, the most precious thing in a person’s ear is his own name. The only thing we leave after we pass on is our name. It can be a good name or it can be a name that is tainted by our deeds, but it is all we have.

Most cities have unsolved murders and occasionally the victims are unknown. To give identity to that victim, police arbitrarily assign the names of Jane or John Doe, so some dignity remains. Then as community involvement increases, more personal names are given so as to say to us, ‘this person matters.’ The point is this: To give dignity to someone, you honor his or her name, and conversely, to rob that person of his or her personal worth, you deny them the use of their name as they are taken slave or prisoner. More precious than silver or gold or mansions on a hilltop, is the sound of our name lifted in heavenly atmosphere as an introduction to the Creator of all things. Maybe you have hurts from your life on earth. Tainted by original sin, life can be very cruel and hard — even seemingly unbearable. Sometimes the pain is so great as we endure abuse, emotional and physical pain, it seems there can be no redemption, but there is Light at the end of this tunnel. That Light can be found in this promise of introduction.
All our life we have heard John 3:16, “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” Often overlooked are the promises found in the messages to the seven churches of Asia, that bring a 3-D effect to John 3:16. Those words of everlasting life jump out at us as we realize that He wants to glorify us before the Father, but first, we must glorify Him through obedience in the overcoming of sin. In thinking about that, as a punishment, what would be the opposite of an introduction of our name to the King? — Tom Buttram