

The Victors' Crowns

- I.** Summary of victor's crowns: Christians are expected to attempt to earn victor's crowns (1 Cor. 9:24-25). Christians can know that they have earned a crown (2 Tim. 4:8). The crowns: 1). Bodily control; 2). Life; 3). Leading one to the Lord; 4). Glory/pastor; 5). Righteousness.
Victor's crown contrasted to ruling crown (Rev. 12:3; 13:1; 19:12).
- II.** The crowns will be awarded after saints receive glorified bodies.
 1. Which means the crown is not awarded nor worn to make the saint "feel" good (1 Cor. 15:44).
 2. After the Rapture the purpose of the crowns is not primarily for the saints.
- III.** A convergence of events:
 1. A half hour before Mid-Tribulation, there is a silence in heaven (Rev. 8:1).
 2. What occurs involving heaven just before Mid-Trib. to cause this silence in a place of numerous activities such as worship? (Rev. chapters 4 & 5).
 3. Satan is expelled from heaven.
 - 1) During the first half of the Trib. Satan has access to the Third Heaven.
 - 2) The crowns on the saints' heads must provoke him because he counterfeits his own crowns for his minions (Rev. 9:7).
 - 3) A war takes place (Rev. 12:7).
 - 4) Satan is defeated, kicked out of heaven, and confined to earth (Rev. 12:8-10).
 - 5) All who witness the Creator demonstrating inherent power are awe struck: ½ hour of silence.
- IV.** Adoration follows the silence in the Throne Room (Rev. 4:9-11).
 1. Representatives of the church/bride are in the Throne Room around the Throne (Rev. 4:4).
 2. All three Persons of the Godhead are present (4:4).
 3. It is a special, one-time occasion:
 - 1) Fall down.
 - 2) Cast crowns.
 4. The focus of the adulation: He created all things (Rev. 4:11; Jn. 1:3; Col. 1:16).
 - Worth: deserving
 - Glory: dazzling demonstration
 - Honor: high value
 - Power: inherent ability