

永生（貳）

Eternal Life (II)

貳 来世得永生

II. Obtaining Eternal Life in the Coming Age.

来世得永生，是在将来千年国度的时候，只关系我们在国度时得赏赐，并不关系我们永远得救。

Obtaining life in the coming age, which is the time of the millennial kingdom, **is related only to the matter of reward in the kingdom age; it is not related to our eternal salvation.**

（一）“人为我和福音撇下…没有不在今世得百倍，…在来世必得永生。”马可十章二十九至三十节，路加十八章二十九至三十节，马太十九章二十九节。

1. “No one who has left...for My sake and for the gospel’s sake, but that he shall receive a hundred times as much now at this time...and in the coming age, eternal life” (Mark 10:29-30).

主耶稣在这里说到今世和来世。今世就是现今的世代，也就是我们今天所处的这恩典时代。来世是将来的世代，也就是将要来的国度时代。主在这里应许说，我们若为祂和福音撇下一切，必在来世得永生。这给我们看见，来世得永生，乃是一个赏赐，是需要我们出代价——就是为主和福音撇下一切——才能得着的。这明明和我们在前面所看的，一信就得着永生，是不同的。那是因着信，不需要出任何的代价；这是因着撇下一切，需要出相当的代价。那是一信就得着永生；这是在今世撇下一切，等到来世才得着永生。所以这不关系我们永远得救，乃关系我们在国度时得赏赐。因为：1 这是为主和福音撇下一切，出代价所换得的；2 这是在来世得着的。照圣经的原则，凡是需要我们出代价，换得在来世得着的东西，都是在千年国度时的赏赐。所以这个需要我们撇下一切，换得在来世才得着的永生，必是主在千年国度时，所给我们的赏赐。这是告诉我们，主是把千年国度时，人对永生一段时期的享受，特别划出来，作为那些忠心跟从祂者的赏赐。所有信主的人，一信，就得以在今世，就是在今天，享受主永远的生命；但是只有那些出代价，忠心跟从主的人，才能在来世，就是在千年国度时享受主永远的生命。换一句话说，在今世得永生，在今天得享受主永远的生命，是无论谁一信就可以得到的，但是在来世得永生，在将来千年国度时，得享受主永远的生命，是必须那些忠心跟从主的人，在今天为主撇下一切，才能得到的。因为主是定规，要把千年国度时人对永生的享受，当作赏赐，报赏那些在今天为祂撇下一切的人。

In these verses the Lord Jesus speaks of the present age and the coming age. The present age is the age today; it is the age of grace in which we live. The coming age is the next age; it is the age of the coming millennial kingdom. The Lord promised that if we leave everything for His sake and for the gospel’s sake, we will obtain eternal life in the coming age. This shows that **obtaining eternal life in the coming age is a reward for which we must pay a price**, the price of leaving everything for the Lord’s sake and for the gospel’s sake. **This is clearly different from obtaining eternal life immediately upon believing.** Believing does not require anyone to pay a price, but in these verses the requirement to leave everything is an extremely high price. Previously, we gained eternal life by believing, but in these verses we will obtain eternal life in the coming age only if we leave everything. Therefore, **this obtaining is not related to eternal salvation; instead, it is related to our reward in the coming kingdom age.** This is because the eternal life that is spoken of in these verses is gained by leaving everything for the Lord’s sake and for the gospel’s sake, and it is gained in the coming age. According to the principle in the Bible, anything that requires us to pay a price now in order to receive it in the coming age is related to the reward in the millennial kingdom. Therefore, since obtaining eternal life in the coming age requires us to leave everything in this age, it must be related to the reward that the Lord gives in the millennial kingdom. This shows that **the Lord especially designated the kingdom age as a period of enjoyment of eternal life as a reward for those who faithfully follow Him.** All believers obtain and enjoy the Lord’s eternal life in this age as soon as they believe in the Lord; however, only those who pay the price and faithfully follow the Lord will enjoy the Lord’s eternal life in the coming age, the age of the millennial kingdom. In other words, **anyone who believes can obtain eternal life in this age and enjoy it today, but only the faithful followers of the Lord who leave everything in this age will obtain and enjoy the Lord’s eternal life in the coming age, the age of the millennial kingdom.** The Lord ordained the enjoyment of eternal life in the millennial kingdom as a reward to those who leave everything for His sake today.

（二）“你务要至死忠心，我就赐给你那生命的冠冕。” 启示录二章十节。

2. “Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life” (Rev. 2:10).

主在这里应许说，祂要把生命的冠冕，赐给为祂至死忠心的人。冠冕乃是作王的荣耀的表号。生命的冠冕，就是在生命中作王的荣耀的表号。所以主把生命的冠冕赐给人，就是主赐给人在生命中作王的荣耀。这个在生命中作王的荣耀，乃是主赐给为祂至死忠心的人的，所以是为主至死忠心所换得的。这不是因信白白在今世得到的永生的恩赐，乃是因出了极大的代价，换得在来世得到的永生的赏赐。这个赏赐，就是得以在将来享受在生命中作王的荣耀。这自然是在千年国度的时候。

The Lord promises to give the crown of life to those who are faithful unto death. A crown is a symbol of the glory of reigning as a king. The crown of life is a symbol of the glory of reigning in life. Thus, for the Lord to give the crown of life means He gives the glory of reigning in life. The glory of reigning in life is given to those who are faithful unto death; it is bought at the price of being faithful unto death. **This is not related to the free, gracious gift of eternal life obtained by faith in this age; rather, it is the reward of eternal life obtained in the coming age for paying the highest price. This reward is to enjoy the glory of reigning in life in the coming age. This will be in the millennial kingdom.**

（三）“得胜的，我必将神乐园中生命树的果子赐给他吃。” 启示录二章七节。

3. “To him who overcomes, to him I will give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the Paradise of God” (Rev. 2:7).

这里所说的神的乐园，里面有生命树。所以这乐园就是将来的新耶路撒冷，因为将来只有新耶路撒冷里有生命树。（启二二 2。）新耶路撒冷和其中一切福气，是神为我们所有蒙恩的人所预备的，要我们在永世里一就是在新天新地时一享受。但主在这里（启二 7）却应许，要把新耶路撒冷里生命树的果子，当作赏赐，赏给得胜的信徒吃。照圣经的教训说，信徒得赏赐是在千年国度的时候。所以这也是告诉我们，主要是在千年国度的时候，先把新耶路撒冷里生命树的果子，当作赏赐，赏给祂的得胜者。这就叫我们知道，虽然所有的信徒将来在新天新地时，都得享受新耶路撒冷和其中的福气，但只有得胜的信徒，才能在千年国度时，得预尝新耶路撒冷里生命树的果子。吃生命树的果子，就是享受永生的福气，也就是享受永生。预尝生命树的果子，就是预先享受永生的福气。这永生福气的享受，到新天新地时，是所有蒙恩的人都得有分的。但这永生福气的预享预尝，只是得胜的信徒在千年国度时所能有分的。新天新地还未来到之前，主在千年国度的时候，先把永生的福气一就是生命树的果子一的新鲜，当作赏赐，给得胜的信徒预享预尝。所以这是在来世得享永生，和在今世得永生，或在永世享永生，都是不同的。

The Paradise of God spoken of here has the tree of life. Therefore, **this Paradise must be the future New Jerusalem because the coming New Jerusalem has the tree of life (22:2).** The New Jerusalem and all its blessings have been prepared for us by God and are for our enjoyment in eternity in the new heaven and new earth. In 2:7 the Lord promised that to eat of the fruit of the tree of life in the New Jerusalem would be a reward to the overcoming believers. The Bible teaches that the believers will be rewarded in the millennial kingdom. Therefore, this also indicates that the Lord will give the fruit of the tree of life in the New Jerusalem as a reward to the overcoming believers in the millennial kingdom. **Although all believers will enjoy the New Jerusalem with its blessings in the new heaven and new earth, only the overcomers will have a foretaste of the fruit of the tree of life in the New Jerusalem during the millennial kingdom.** To eat the fruit of the tree of life is to enjoy the blessing of eternal life, to enjoy eternal life itself. To have a foretaste of the fruit of the tree of life is to have an early enjoyment of the blessing of eternal life. This enjoyment of the blessing of eternal life is something every saved one will partake of in the new heaven and new earth. However, only the overcomers will enjoy the foretaste of the blessing of eternal life in the millennial kingdom. Before the coming of the new heaven and new earth, the Lord first gives the freshness of the blessing of eternal life, the fruit of the tree of life, as a reward to the overcomers as a foretaste and early enjoyment in the millennial kingdom. Thus, **enjoying eternal life in the coming age is different from obtaining eternal life in the present age and enjoying eternal life in eternity.**

（四）“凡得胜的，…我…必不从生命册上涂抹他的名。” 启示录三章五节。

4. “He who overcomes...I shall by no means erase his name out of the book of life” (Rev. 3:5).

我们一因信，得着主的生命，我们的名字就记在主的生命册上。主的生命是永远的生命，我们得着主这永远的生命，就永不灭亡。（约十 28。）但照主在这里（启三 5）所应许的，只有得胜的信徒，他们的名字才不至于从生命册上被涂抹，我们因信得着永生，就永不灭亡，是没有条件的。但主在这里所应许的，名字不至于从生命册上被涂抹，是以得胜为条件的。所以这又是一个赏赐的问题，不是一个恩赐的问题。因为恩赐是白赐的，赏赐才是有条件的。既是赏赐，就是在千年国度时。以永远的救恩说，所有蒙恩的人都永不灭亡；以国度的赏赐说，只有得胜的信徒，得在千年国度时，有名字享受永生的福气。

As soon as we believe and obtain the Lord's life, our names are written in the book of life. The Lord's life is the eternal life, so if we obtain the Lord's eternal life, we will never perish (John 10:28). According to the Lord's promise in Revelation 3:5, the names of the overcoming believers will not be erased from the book of life. [Obtaining eternal life by faith and not perishing in eternity have no requirements related to overcoming. But the Lord's promise to not erase our names from the book of life has the requirement of overcoming. Therefore, this verse is related to the matter of reward, not to the gift of grace.](#) A gift is given freely, but a reward has requirements. Since this is a reward, it is related to the millennial kingdom. With respect to eternal salvation, no saved person can perish; with respect to the reward of the millennial kingdom, only overcoming believers will enjoy the blessing of having their names in the book of life during the millennial kingdom.

所以以上这些地方的圣经，所说的永生的问题，都是说到在来世国度时的得享永生。这是永生的赏赐部分，和永生的恩赐部分有分别。那是白得的，这是换得的。

These passages of the Bible all speak of enjoying eternal life in the kingdom age. This is the section of the reward of eternal life, which is different from the section of the gracious gift of eternal life. [The gift is free; the reward is earned.](#)

叁 永世享永生

III. Enjoying Eternal Life in Eternity.

永世享永生，是在新天新地的时候，乃是神救恩的完满享受，是所有蒙恩得救的人，都永远有分的。

The enjoyment of eternal life in eternity in the new heaven and new earth is [the full enjoyment of God's salvation](#), which [all the saved ones will share in eternity](#).

（一）“我（主）所赐的水，要在他里头成为泉源，直涌到永生。”约翰四章十四节。

1. **“The water that I will give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into eternal life” (John 4:14).**

主所赐我们的水，就是祂的生命。这生命要使我们里头成为泉源，一直涌流，直到把我们涌流到永生里面，在永世里永远享受生命的福气。

The water the Lord gives is His life. [This life will become a fountain of water in us, springing up and flowing us into eternal life.](#) Thus, we will enjoy the blessing of eternal life in eternity.

（二）“只有名字写在羔羊生命册上的，才得进去（进新耶路撒冷）。”启示录二十一章二十七节。

2. **“Enter into it, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life” (Rev. 21:27).**

神救恩的完满福气，都在将来的新耶路撒冷里，给蒙恩的以在永世里永远享受。这福气，是所有有了主永远的生命，名字记在主生命册上的人都有分的。所有因信得着永生的人，将来都得以凭着主的生命，进到新耶路撒冷，享受其中永生的福气。

The full blessing of God's salvation is the coming New Jerusalem, which is given to all the saved ones for their enjoyment in eternity. All those who have the Lord's eternal life and whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life will participate in this blessing. [All those who have received eternal life by faith will enter into the New Jerusalem based on this life and enjoy the blessings of eternal life.](#)

（三）“要将生命泉的水白白赐给那口渴的人喝。”启示录二十一章六节，二十二章一节。

3. **“I will give to him who thirsts from the spring of the water of life freely” (Rev. 21:6; see also 22:1).**

所有得救的人，将来在新耶路撒冷里所享受的永生的福气，其中有一种就是生命泉的水。这水是从神的宝座流出来的，乃是指明神那永活的生命。所有蒙恩的人在永世里，永远喝这生命的水，永远享受神永活的生命。

All the saved ones will enjoy the blessings of eternal life in the New Jerusalem, and one of these blessings will be the water of life. This water flows out from the throne of God and refers to God's ever-living life. *All the saved ones will eternally drink of this water of life and eternally enjoy God's ever-living life.*

（四）“可得权柄能到生命树那里。” 启示录二十二章十四节，二节。

4. “They may have right to the tree of life” (Rev. 22:14).

所有得救的人将来在新耶路撒冷里所享受的福气，还有一种，就是生命树。生命水是说，神的生命如何永远解蒙恩者的渴；生命树是说，神的生命如何永远充蒙恩者的饥。所以我们蒙恩的人将来在永世里所享受的，就是神永活的生命，使我们永永远远不饥也不渴，这就是在永世享永生。

All the saved ones will enjoy the blessings of the New Jerusalem, including another blessing—the tree of life. *The water of life indicates that the life of God will eternally quench our thirst, and the tree of life indicates that the life of God will eternally satisfy our hunger. Therefore, in eternity future we will enjoy God's ever-living life, causing us to never hunger or thirst. This will be our enjoyment of eternal life in eternity.*

所以，我们在今世一信，就得着永生，就是得着主的生命。从得着这生命之后，我们就能享受这生命，而靠着这生命活着。我们若是在今天靠着这生命的能力，作一个得胜者为主而活，我们就得以在来世国度里，和主一同在生命中作王，享受生命的荣耀，预尝永生的福气。以后永世来到时，我们就和所有蒙恩有永生的人，在新耶路撒冷里，永永远远享受永生的福气。

In this age we obtain eternal life as soon as we believe. After obtaining eternal life, we can enjoy it and live by it. If we live for the Lord today by the power of this eternal life, we will be overcomers. **Then during the coming kingdom age**, we will reign in life together with the Lord, we will enjoy the glory of life, and we will have a foretaste of the blessings of eternity. **Finally, when eternity arrives**, we, who have received eternal life through salvation, will enjoy the blessings of eternal life in the New Jerusalem for eternity.

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