

**"GOD'S HIDDEN REWARDS"****Introduction**

1. The domain of science is the things visible
2. But there are also things invisible
3. Invisible things are known only by faith

**1. THERE ARE MANY INVISIBLE THINGS: "eye...not seen".**

- 1) God himself: "No man hath seen God..."
- 2) The place of God's dwelling: "Third heaven"
- 3) Angels – only occasionally seen: Exx.
- 4) Devils, or demons: fallen angels
- 5) The resurrection body: "that body that shall be"
- 6) The Church as it shall be: "fair as the moon, clear as the sun..."  
**APPLICATION:** Those who never read the Bible have little idea about this invisible world

**2. BY FAITH IN GOD'S WORD WE ARE ASSURED THAT GOD HAS MANY HIDDEN REWARDS TO GIVE**

- 1) Some foolishly think Christianity is boring:
  - (i) Because we practice self-denial now
  - (ii) Because we cannot now see our good things  
**ILLUSTRATION:** Bunyan's Patience + Passion
- 2) But the Bible tells us of these good things (v.10):
  - (i) For the Christians, death is better than life
  - (ii) ...our real fatherland is above: Phil. 3:20  
**APPLICATION:** Look at the Patriarchs: Heb. 11:13-16
  - (iii) There is a great reward to come
  - (iv) Heaven is a place of Pure Delight

- (v) Every joy is there, and none to spoil it
- (vi) All the best of all the ages is there: Paul, Augustine, Luther...
- (vii) Above all: to be swallowed up in the love of God forever

**ILLUSTRATION:** "My dear Bride, how I love you"! So Christ will say to us forever.

**OBSERVE:** The happiness of heaven we are told of in the Bible – but the reality will excel!

**3. THESE HAPPY THINGS ARE NOW FREELY AND FULLY PROMISED TO ALL WHO LOVE GOD**

- 1) Not just for some, but for all, who love God:  
Cp. "144,000", so called.  
**ILLUSTRATION:** poor children looking through the dining-room window. No!
- 2) Not just for a time: "everlasting life / everlasting joy / everlasting love"
- 3) Not just earthly things on a grander scale but better than our minds can imagine:  
**ILLUSTRATION:**  
"I never saw such a sight as God"!  
"I never heard such singing"!  
"I never felt such joy + peace"!  
"I never experienced such love"!

**CONCLUSION**

Whose shall it all be?  
"Those who LOVE GOD", i.e., true believers.  
What a TEXT!

**PSALM****107: 1 – 8****149: 1 – 5****45<sup>2</sup>: 13 - 15**