

ENTER HIS GATES

Inspection Gate

Romans 14:10-12

The Inspection Gate is the final gate in the walk of the Christian.

Nehemiah 3:29

The Hebrew word used for this gate's name is Miphkad, which can be translated as "appointment, mandate, designated spot, mustering, the numbering in a census."

For this reason, this gate has the following three common names: a) the Inspection Gate, b) the Muster Gate and c) the Gate Miphkad.

This gate led into the temple courtyard, the "appointed place" of God's presence. It is the gate through which we must pass when we die.

This Inspection Gate calls us to live our lives with eternity in view. The entire Christian walk, starting with salvation, all leads up to one place: we must learn to care more for the things of eternity than for the things of this world.

The psalmist declared, "LORD, make me know my end, and the measure of my days, what it is: that I may know how frail I am," and the writer of Hebrews said, "And as it is appointed to men once to die, but after this the judgment."

This gate speaks to us of the examination of our lives by the Lord.

Matthew 25:31

It's not His will that they should perish.

Why would God see it important to remind us of the final judgment? Because He hopes it will motivate us to desire the label "sheep"!

Luke 12:33–34 - where your treasure is there your heart will be also.

2 Corinthians 5:10 - we will all give an account

The Word speaks of two main types of future judgment: the judgment of what the believer has done for his Lord and the judgment of those who are not saved.

This latter judgment refers to those who will be condemned to eternal punishment. Though we have been applying each gate to the believer and the church, we should step aside for a minute and apply the Inspection Gate to the unbeliever.

Judgment for the unbeliever is described as the “Great White Throne Judgment,” where eternal punishment will be handed out to those who have never confessed Jesus Christ as their Redeemer.

Revelation 20:11-15

Romans 6:23

John 3:16-18

At Christ’s return, the church will be “caught up”.

Then we will stand before the Judgment Seat of Christ “Christ’s judgment of the believers will not be a judgment of sin; rather, it will resemble the scene where a captain inspects his troops.

Christ will reward each one according to their work done while on the earth.

The “judgment seat,” or bema, was the name of the platform used at the ancient Greek Olympic Games, upon which the winners were decorated. This was done in much the same way as in our times at the Olympic Games, when the gold, silver, and bronze medals are awarded. At the end of our journey, there will be rewards for service well done.

Revelation 4:10-11