



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FROM September 17/18 SERMON

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Scripture from this week's sermon: [Ecclesiastes 12:13-14](#)

1. What was your main take-away from the sermon?
2. Read [Ecclesiastes 12:13](#). Discuss Martin Luther's description of "servile fear" and "filial fear." What does it mean to fear God?
3. Read [Ecclesiastes 12:14](#). What's the reason given to fear God? What does this tell us about God the Judge?
4. The Old and New Testament speaks of God's judgment. Below is a quote from a theologian named Leon Morris. Do you agree with Morris? How does the doctrine of judgment give meaning to life?

The doctrine of the final judgment . . . stresses man's accountability and the certainty that justice will finally triumph over all the wrongs . . . This doctrine gives meaning to life . . . [it] means that history moves to a goal. Judgment means that evil will be disposed of authoritatively, decisively, finally. Judgment means that in the end God's will will be perfectly done.

-Leon Morris, *The Biblical Doctrine of Judgment*, 72. Quoted in *Knowing God*, 144.

5. [John 5:22](#) says that God "has given all judgment to the Son." The clearest explanation of Jesus as Judge is in [Matthew 25](#). Read [Matthew 25:31-46](#). Who are the sheep and the goats? We are saved by grace so why are the judgment of our actions important? Read [Romans 8:1](#). How can we be confident about the final judgment?