



Living in the End Times Session 11 – What about the Judgement?

I. Review/Introduction

- A. Five sessions on the signs preceding the coming of Jesus.
- B. Two sessions on the resurrection of the dead in Christ and the Rapture of the Church.
- C. Three sessions on the Tribulation

II. What about the Judgement?

A. Misconceptions about the future

- 1. Ideas about heaven. What will heaven really be like?
- 2. Ideas about the judgement.
 - a. Many saved people believe that they will stand before God one day and facing him for final judgment regarding where they will spend eternity.
 - b. They believe that God will go over their record and if their good deeds outweigh their evil ones, they will get a ticket into heaven.

B. Truth – As a saved person, your destiny is already secure, you will never stand before God to be judged regarding your eternal destiny, heaven, or hell.

If you are in heaven because of the resurrection or the rapture, your eternal destination being heaven is secure!

C. Two Judgements

- 1. The Judgement Seat of Christ.
- 2. The Great White Throne Judgment



III. Understanding the Judgement Seat of Christ

A. **2 Corinthians 5:9-10 (NKJV)** – ⁹Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him. ¹⁰For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

2 Corinthians 5:10 (AMP) – For we must all appear and be revealed as we are before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive [his pay] according to what he has done in the body, whether good or evil [considering what his purpose and motive have been, and what he has achieved, been busy with, and given himself and his attention to accomplishing].

1. Judgement Seat of Christ Definition

- a. This is a special judgement that is for believers only.
- b. The only participants in this judgement will be the Church/Body of Christ.
- c. This is not a judgement for sin. The sins of believers will not be an issue at the Judgement seat of Christ. – Their sins have already been forgiven.

Psalms 103:10-12 NKJV – ¹⁰He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor punished us according to our iniquities. ¹¹For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is His mercy toward those who fear Him; ¹²As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us.

Hebrews 8:12 (KJV) – For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more.

- d. Jesus took our sins, the penalty for our sins, and paid the price for our redemption.

Redemption – He saved us – He regained possession of us – clearing our sin debt.



- e. If Jesus took my sins and paid the price for my sin, then there is no judgment for sin in my future.

1 Peter 2:24 (NKJV) – *who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness — by whose stripes you were healed.*

- f. **The Judgement Seat of Christ is designed to reward believers for faithful service.**

Yes, believers will stand before the Lord for judgment to receive the rewards for the things we have done for Him.

2. Do you have any Rewards Coming?

- a. The Bible speaks of five crowns to be given.
- The Victors Crown – Those who have lived a disciplined life to overcome their flesh – disciplined athletes.
 - The Crown of Rejoicing – Soulwinners Crown
 - Crown of Righteousness
 - Crown of Life
 - Crown of Glory
- b. **Psalms 62:12 (NKJV)** – *Also to You, O Lord, belongs mercy; for You render to each one according to his work*
- c. **Matthew 5:11-12 (NKJV)** – *¹¹Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. ¹²Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.*
- d. **Revelation 22:12 (NKJV)** – *“And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work*
- e. No, this judgement is not about sin – our sin has already been judged at Calvary, but we will be in heaven’s great award ceremonies – DO YOU HAVE ANY REWARDS?



- f. **1 Corinthians 3:9-15 (NKJV)** – ⁹For we are God’s fellow workers; you are God’s field, you are God’s building. ¹⁰According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it. ¹¹For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. ¹²Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, ¹³each one’s work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one’s work, of what sort it is. ¹⁴If anyone’s work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward. ¹⁵If anyone’s work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.

Note: In this judgment God will judge the motives of our work.

- 1) Jesus becomes the foundation of our life at salvation.
 - 2) We, as co-laborers with Him are to build a life of service unto Him.
 - 3) Paul compares our labor to gold, silver, precious stones, wood, etc.
 - 4) Some will give of themselves in service compared to gold.
 - 5) Some will only give of themselves little – hay and straw.
 - 6) The Test will be – what sort of work it is – the motives
 - 7) Notice – it is not the size of the work but the sort of work.
 - 8) Some works will remain – and be rewarded
 - 9) Others works will not remain and they will suffer loss – no rewards.
- g. Everyone should desire to work for the kingdom – and receive rewards.

The Significance of our Rewards

Revelation 4:10-11 (NKJV) – ¹⁰the twenty-four elders fall down before Him who sits on the throne and worship Him who lives forever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying:
¹¹“You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power;



for You created all things, and by Your will they exist and were created.

- h. The only thing we have to offer to him is our service to him. Our crowns/rewards reflect our service unto him.
- i. How sad it will be for those who have no rewards – nothing to cast at His feet.

3. Practical Considerations

a. What am I doing with my time?

Does God receive any of my time?

How much of my time does God receive?

b. What am I doing with my finances?

Do I give anything to God's work on earth?

Am I willing to give the tithe?

Do I sow seed?

Do I give to others?

c. What am I doing with my talents?

Do you use any of your talents for the Kingdom of God?

Many people will give their talent to everything but God.

d. Where does God's work rank on your priority lists?

Many people will not commit to serve in the church because they do not want to be committed. (Personal Freedom)

e. What is your response when ask to serve or participate in something the church is doing?

Everything that we do is to be done as unto the Lord.

f. What about faithfulness?

When you do serve, are you faithful?

Are you going to show up?

Are you going to only serve on when it is convenient to serve?

IV. The Great White Throne Judgement

Revelation 20:11-15 (NKJV) – ¹¹Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. ¹²And I saw the dead, small and great,



standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. ¹³The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works. ¹⁴Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. ¹⁵And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.

Great White Throne Judgement Definition

The Judgement for all who died without a relationship with Jesus Christ.

All the unsaved bodies are summoned from their graves – their souls are called from death and Hades to stand before God in final judgement.

A. They will be judged according to their works.

Revelation 21:7-8 (NKJV) – ⁷*He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son. ⁸But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.*

NOTE: Because they have not received the savior – who paid the price for their sins – their sins have remained stacked against them to call for final judgement.

The reason we partake of the Judgement Seat of Christ is simply because we gave our sin to Jesus and accepted His Righteousness.

The ultimate sin that will cause people to go to hell is the rejection of Christ (The remedy for sin) thus leaving God no choice but to allow them to deal with their own sin – resulting in Judgment.

B. Revelation 21:15 (NKJV) – *Everyone whose name was not found written in the Lamb's book of life was cast into the lake fire.*



The one and only reason people will spend eternity in Hell is for rejection of God's grace, mercy, and salvation.

Hebrews 2:3 (NKJV) – *how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard Him*