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THE RECOMPENSE OF THE UNRIGHTEOUS
Revelation 20:11-15

THE RECOMPENSE OF THE RIGHTEOUS

- Believers standing before the Lord and receiving rewards for faithful service to the King
 - 2 Corinthians 5:6-15: Everyday Choices
 - 1 Corinthians 3:5-15: The Quality of our Works
 - Romans 14:10-12: A failure to pass judgment on fellow believer

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- Judgment throughout history:
- Judgment in the Latter Days:
 - The believer's works (1 Cor. 3:10-15; 2 Cor. 5:10)
 - Old Testament Saints (Daniel 12:1-3)
 - Tribulation Saints (Revelation 20:4-6)
 - Living Jews (Ezekiel 20:34-38)
 - Living Gentiles (Joel 3:1-2; Matt. 25:31-46)
 - Satan and Fallen Angels (Matt. 25:41; 2 Peter 2:4; Jude 6; Rev. 20:10)
 - Unrighteous people (Rev. 20:11-15)

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THE GREAT WHITE THRONE JUDGMENT (REV. 20:11-15)

- The Place of This Judgment (v. 11; cf. 2 Pet. 3:10)
 - Throne is great, depicting both the majesty and sovereignty of God and the greatness of the issues involved
 - Throne is white, symbolizing the holiness of God and His justice
 - “Uncreation” is in view here, suggesting that this throne stands in space prior to the new heaven and earth seen in Revelation 21:1

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- The Person Upon the Throne (v. 11a)

See John 5:22,27; Acts 10:42; 2 Timothy 4:1

- “For not even the Father judges anyone, but He has given all judgment to the Son...and gave Him authority to execute judgment...”
- “...this is the One who has been appointed by God as Judge of the living and the dead.”
- “...who is to judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom...”

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- The People at this Judgment (vv. 12-13, 15)
 - The unbelievers of all ages and nations (cf. Matt. 25:31-46)
- The use of the phrase “the great and the small” occurs 5 times in Revelation and speaks to their position in life having no bearing upon the certainty of their judgment (cf. Tit. 2:11)
- The names of the unrighteous do not appear in the Book of Life (v. 15; cf. Luke 10:20: “your names (the believer) are recorded in heaven.”)

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- The Purpose of this Judgment (vv. 12-13)
 - Salvation (or the lack thereof) is not the sole issue in question here; it is also the judgment of their works which determines the gradation of their punishment
- Books as mentioned in Scripture:
 - Romans 2:15
 - Matthew 12:36
 - 2 Corinthians 11:15; Matthew 16:27
 - Revelation 20:15; Luke 10:20

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- The Punishment of this Judgment (v. 15)
 - The Finality of this Judgment (Hebrews 9:27)
 - The eternality of this judgment (Rev. 20:10; Matt. 25:41)
 - “And these will pay the penalty of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power...”

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IN LIGHT OF THESE TRUTHS...

- We should be grateful for the work of Jesus in lives having called us out of darkness into His marvelous light!
- We should take every opportunity we have to present the truths of Scripture in as clear a manner as possible!
- We should make every effort to “share our story” with others so that they do not face a Christ-less eternity!

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