

When The Roll is Called up Yonder – Revelation 20:11-15

Stand – Read – Pray

We have now seen the end of the Millennial Kingdom and Satan has been released one last time to give those that had lived under the authority of Jesus an opportunity to choose. Unfortunately, but not surprisingly, many will choose to follow the Devil and try one last rebellion to fight against God and His people. And what do we expect? Exactly what would happen when we fight against God...they lose! We saw their end in verse 9 "...And fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them". Then we left off with the Devil joining the Beast and the False Prophet in the lake of fire. Guess what? It's not over!

11 Then 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.

After the fire came down and devoured His enemies and Satan is dealt with God appears. This is the moment that a transformation happens when all of creation affected by sin is dissolved by the very presence of God!

2 Peter 3:1-13

Beloved, I now write to you this second epistle (in both of which I stir up your pure minds by way of reminder), 2 that you may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us, the apostles of the Lord and Savior, 3 knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, 4 and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation." 5 For this they willfully forget: that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water, 6 by which the world that then existed perished, being flooded with water. 7 **But the heavens and the earth which are now preserved by the same word, are reserved for fire until the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.**

8 But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. 9 The Lord is not slack

concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, **in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up.** 11 Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, 12 looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, **because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat?** 13 Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

At this very moment the very elements that make our known laws of physics and hold together the entire universe will be gone in a moment. All the mysteries of the particles at the subatomic level, the Higgs-Boson's the new discoveries of the CERN collider will all be let go in one huge meltdown. What was physical will enter the spiritual and the consuming fire of God will not purify it but destroy it completely and there will be no more evidence of it.

Just like us there is no such thing as recovery or rehabilitation. God does not reform, He does not restore. We leave that to the Home and Garden network. All you DIYers are only holding off the inevitable. When you are born again God did not fix up the old you. You died and the old man is gone!

Colossians 3:1-4

If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. 2 Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. 3 For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.

Galatians 2:17-20

17 "But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is Christ therefore a minister of sin? Certainly not! 18 For if I build again those things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor. 19 For I through the law died to the law that I might live to God. 20 I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

Romans 6:1-4

What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? 2 Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it? 3 Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? 4 Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

2 Corinthians 5:14-17

14 For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died; 15 and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again. 16 Therefore, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know Him thus no longer. 17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

But Who is it on the Throne? Is it God the Father or Jesus.

John 5:18-30

18 Therefore the Jews sought all the more to kill Him, because He not only broke the Sabbath, but also said that God was His Father, making Himself equal with God. 19 Then Jesus answered and said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner. 20 For the Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself does; and He will show Him greater works than these, that you may marvel. 21 For as the Father raises the dead and gives life to them, even so the Son gives life to whom He will. 22 **For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son,** 23 that all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him. 24 "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life. 25 Most assuredly, I say to you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God; and those who hear will live. 26 For as the Father has life in Himself, so He has granted the Son to have life in Himself, 27 and has given Him authority to execute

judgment also, because He is the Son of Man. 28 Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice 29 and come forth—those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, **to the resurrection of condemnation.** 30 I can of Myself do nothing. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is righteous, because I do not seek My own will but the will of the Father who sent Me.

Philippians 2:8-11

8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. 9 **Therefore God also has highly exalted Him** and given Him the name which is above every name, 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, 11 and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

All that is tainted by sin is gone in a moment. But there is one thing left to deal with. The sinner!

12 And 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.

This is the scariest verse in the bible, and it should be. This verse declares to us that there is no “annihilation”. Oh, the works of God in creation that Adam sold out to Satan are gone but the focus of God’s creation is not. That is the ones He created in His own image. The ones that He did everything possible to see them saved but they have rejected the offer of Grace through Faith. These are those that were determined to face God on their own merits. They are the ones who will have to face God and be judged by their works!

Notice that those that are being judged here and being judged out of “books” plural? God is a great record keeper. I mean these books are not for Him, but for them. They are not all knowing like God so to remind them of what they have done the books are opened.

They will be judged by:

Matthew 12:35-27

35 A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good things, and an evil man out of the evil treasure brings forth evil things. 36 But I say to you that for **every idle word men may speak**, they will give account of it in the day of judgment. 37 For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.”

Jude 1:14-15

14 Now Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men also, saying, “Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints, 15 to execute judgment on all, to convict all who are ungodly among them of all their **ungodly deeds** which they have committed in an ungodly way, and of all the **harsh things** which ungodly sinners have **spoken against Him.**”

Romans 1:18-20

18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who **suppress the truth** in unrighteousness, 19 because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them. 20 For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that **they are without excuse.**

2 Thessalonians 1:3-10

3 We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is fitting, because your faith grows exceedingly, and the love of every one of you all abounds toward each other, 4 so that we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that you endure, 5 which is manifest evidence of the righteous judgment of God, that you may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you also suffer; 6 since it is a righteous thing with God to repay with tribulation those who trouble you, 7 and to give you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, 8 in flaming fire taking vengeance on those **who do not know God**, and on those who do not **obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.** 9 These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence

of the Lord and from the glory of His power, 10 when He comes, in that Day, to be glorified in His saints and to be admired among all those who believe, because our testimony among you was believed.

Nobody will be there that did not have opportunity to repent. They will have to face the music one day. But it's not too late to be recorded in the Book!

Daniel 12:1-2

"At that time Michael shall stand up,
The great prince who stands watch over the sons of your people;
And there shall be a time of trouble,
Such as never was since there was a nation,
Even to that time.

And at that time your people shall be delivered,

Every one who is found written in the book.

2 And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake,
Some to everlasting life,
Some to shame and everlasting contempt.

Philippians 4:2-3

2 I implore Euodia and I implore Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. 3 [a]And I urge you also, true companion, help these women who labored with me in the gospel, with Clement also, and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the **Book of Life.**

Revelation 13:8

8 All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the **Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.**

So, this Book is the book of life and it is of the Lamb!

What happens now?

13 The 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. 14 Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the

second death. 15 And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.

Just in case you thought God misplaced someone or maybe someone fell through the cracks. Maybe, just maybe, there was a clerical error. Some sort of technicality that was not done. God makes it clear, ALL who died without faith is brought before the throne.

Then where are they now?

Luke 16:19-31

19 "There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day. 20 But there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate, 21 desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table. Moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. 22 So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried. 23 And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.

24 "Then he cried and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.' 25 But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented. 26 And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us.'

27 "Then he said, 'I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father's house, 28 for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.' 29 Abraham said to him, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.' 30 And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' 31 But he said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.' "

They are in Hades waiting for this day. It is in the center of the earth and when the throne appears, and earth is dissolved they are all that is left to stand before

God. After the judgement they are all thrown into the lake of fire. They did not have to go there. It was not made for them.

Matthew 25:41

41 “Then He will also say to those on the left hand, ‘Depart from Me, you cursed, into the **everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels**

Only those that are written in the book of life will be spared. How does one get in that book?

Revelation 3:4-5

4 You have a few names even in Sardis who have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with Me in white, for they are worthy. 5 **He who overcomes** shall be clothed in white garments, and **I will not blot** out his name from the Book of Life; but I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels.

How does one overcome?

1 John 5:1-5

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves Him who begot also loves him who is begotten of Him. 2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep His commandments. 3 For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome. 4 **For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.** 5 Who is he who overcomes the world, **but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?**

How do you know if your name is written in the book of life? Put your faith in Christ. You will never again have to worry about being judged by your works. Once you have put your faith in Him you cannot be blotted out as it was written before the foundation of the world! How do you know that? You won't until you put your faith in Him. Do it today. Do it before it is too late!

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