

The Judgments Pastor Jeremy McGarity

"Just as people are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment." $\ensuremath{\mathsf{HEBREWS}}$ 9:27 | NIV

I. THE JUDGMENTS

1. THERE ARE JUDGMENTS FOR BELIEVERS AND

NON-BELIEVERS

2. THE JUDGMENT AWAITING BELIEVERS IS KNOWN AS THE

BEMA SEAT JUDGMENT.

3. THE JUDGMENT AWAITING NON-BELIEVERS IS KNOWN AS

THE GREAT <u>WHITE</u> <u>THRONE</u> JUDGMENT.

II. THE BEMA SEAT JUDGMENT IS ABOUT **REWARDS**

1. OCCURS _____AFTER___ THE RAPTURE.

"Look, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to each person according to what they have done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End." REVELATION 22:12-13 | NIV

2. BELIEVERS WILL BE JUDGED FOR WHAT WE'VE DONE

WITH WHAT WE'VE **BEEN** GIVEN . AND WE WILL BE

JUDGED FOR WHAT WE WERE <u>SUPPOSED</u> TO DO AND

DIDN'T DO.

"For no one can lay any foundation other than the one we already have—Jesus Christ. Anyone who builds on that foundation may use a variety of materials—gold, silver, jewels, wood, hay, or straw. <u>But on the judgment day, fire</u> will reveal what kind of work each builder has done. The fire will show if a person's work has any value. If the work survives, that builder will receive a reward. **But** if the work is burned up, the builder will suffer great loss. The builder will be saved, but like someone barely escaping through a wall of flames." 1 CORINTHIANS 3:11-15 | NLT

3. YOUR REWARDS WILL LAST FOR **ETERNITY**

BUT, YOU CAN ONLY EARN THEM WHILE YOU'RE HERE

III. THE GREAT WHITE THRONE JUDGMENT IS ABOUT

PENALTIES

1. OCCURS AFTER THE MILLENNIUM.

2. NON-BELIEVERS WILL BE JUDGED FOR NOT ACCEPTING

CHRIST AND THEY WILL BE JUDGED FOR THE **EVIL** DONE

IN AND THROUGH THEM.

"Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. The earth and the heavens fled from his presence, and there was no place for them. And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books.

The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and <u>each person was judged according to what they had done</u>. Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death.

Anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the lake of fire." REVELATION 20:11-15 | NIV

3. ALL NON-BELIEVERS OF ALL TIME WILL BE AT THIS

JUDGMENT WITH ONE THING IN COMMON: THEY ALL

DIED WITHOUT CHRIST.

"For God will bring every deed into judgment, including every hidden thing, whether it is good or evil." ECCLESIASTES 12:14 | NIV

IV. THE RESULT

1. BELIEVERS: JOY , LAUGHTER , AND HAPPINESS

FOREVER.

"You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand." PSALM 16:11 | NIV

2. NON-BELIEVERS: PAIN , SUFFERING , AND REGRET

FOREVER.

"... they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. They will throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." MATTHEW 13:41-42 | NIV

NIV = NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION, NLT = NEW LIVING TRANSLATION.

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

1. What is one thing that stood out to you in this week's sermon and why?

2. As a group, read 1 Corinthians 3:11-15. Do you feel you will pass the test with how you have handled all God has given you in life?

3. How does learning more about *The Great White Throne of Judgment* convict you to bring others to Christ? Is there anyone in your OIKOS who you need to be praying about more during this season?

4. How can we be praying for you this week?