

JUDGMENTS – Part One

I want to dig into the judgments. When do they happen and who will be at what judgment. Who is the Judge?

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THE CERTAINTY OF JUDGMENT

Resurrection will be followed by judgment.

Eccl.12:13b-14 Solomon wrote, “Fear God and keep His commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.

The apostle Paul emphasized the certainty of judgment.

Romans 2:16 In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel.

Romans 14:10-12 – But why dost thou judge thy brother? Or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to Me, and every tongue shall confess to God. So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.

And finally

Heb.9:27- And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:



THE COMPLETED JUDGMENT

Just as everyone is not resurrected at the same time, they will not be judged at the same time either.

For believers who walk intimately with Jesus Christ, we will not be judged for our sins. Our sins were judged at the cross when Jesus gave Himself to take the punishment for our sins.

Romans 8:3 – For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:

Gal. 3:13 – Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:



Isaiah 52:14 - As many were astonished at Thee; His visage was so marred more than any man, and His form more than the sons of men: Isaiah 50:6 I gave My back to the smiters, and My cheeks to them that plucked off the hair: I hid not My face from shame and spitting. Micah 5:1 Now gather thyself in troops, O daughter of troops: he hath laid siege against us: they shall smite the judge of Israel with a rod upon the cheek.

2 Cor.5:21 – For He hath made Him to be sin for us, Who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him.

If you have applied the blood of Jesus Christ to your life and are continuing to walk with Him then your sins have been forgiven and forgotten.

Isaiah 43:25 – I, even I, Am He that blotteth out thy transgressions for Mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins.

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

That is grace, for God to provide our sacrifice, His own Son and then forgive all our sins and forget them!!!

1 John 1:7 – But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin. (This is continually cleansing us as in present tense. Not just once for all time, but continually.)

I am not a believer in this theory that you just ask forgiveness of your sins once when you accept Christ and you never need to ask again. Some people say, well when did Jesus die on the cross? About 2000 years ago. Then they say, so all your sins were still in the future, and He died for all sin so all your sin is forgiven already. Here's the thing. He died for all our sins, even atheist who don't believe in Him. However, their sins are not forgiven until they accept His sacrifice for their lives. So if they don't accept Him – then their sin remains and the wrath of God abides on them. (John 3:36)

Just as we have relationships with those around us, for example our parents, so is our relationship with our heavenly Father. If we told our dad off and said we didn't want to help him and cursed him out and never said we are sorry, but then in a few weeks came back around asking for money like nothing ever happened, what would his attitude be? Just as we apologize for wrong things in this life to keep our relationship in right standing here, so we should do with our Heavenly Father above.

1 John 1:9 – If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

I think of Mary Kay Baxter's testimony of Jesus taking her to hell so she could come back and testify about it. There were people down there that Jesus said had walked with Him, but when they were in the hospital on their deathbeds, they did not ask Him to forgive all their sins – just to be sure that anything they had not already confessed was forgiven. They were saved and walking with the Lord at one point but there was some sin that came in (or they allowed in) that they did not confess, and they thought to themselves, I've lived a righteous life,

I've done pretty good. They wound up in hell. Remember to God, our righteous (our goodness) is as filthy rags. (Isaiah 64:6)

THE JUDGMENT OF THE JUST

Some people wonder, why are the just (or believers) going to be judged if our sins have been forgiven? The Bible teaches that the redeemed will be judged for their works, not to determine their eternal destiny, but to determine their degrees of reward. I hope you noticed the word works because many think you should do no works, they think you are trying to earn your salvation by working. No, salvation cannot be earned, it is a free gift. However, the Bible has much to say about working.

Christians don't work to be saved; they work because they are saved and love Christ and want to please Him.

Eph.2:10 – For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained (or prepared) that we should walk in them.

Titus 2:14 – Who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto Himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

The works that we are doing should be done with the right motive, and that is, done by the power of Holy Spirit. We as Christians should be doing the things we do out of a love for the Lord.



He sent them out two by two. They worked!!! He is sending us too if we will go.

1 Peter 4:11 – If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God (God’s Word); if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion forever and ever, Amen.

I Cor. 10:31 – Whether therefore you eat, or drink, whatsoever you do, do all to the glory of God.

“If God is not the center of your world, then you are not going to like heaven.” – James Merritt

SPIRITUAL GIFTS

Paul says in 1 Corinthians 12 that every person who is born again receives at least one supernatural spiritual gift from Holy Spirit. A person may receive more than one gift. And if you are a good steward of the gifts you receive, then you may receive additional gifts as you develop spiritually.

Luke 19:26 – For I say unto you, That unto every one which hath shall be given; and from him that hath not, even that he hath shall be taken away from him.

God expects us to use our spiritual gifts to advance His Kingdom. This is what the judgment of works will be all about. Each of us who are redeemed will stand before the Lord Jesus and give an accounting of how we used our gifts to advance the Kingdom of God on earth.

We will be judged as to the quantity of our works. Christ told all 7 churches in Revelation – “I know your works.”

Luke 19:11-17 – read

Romans 2:6-7 – Who will render to every man according to his deeds; to them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honor and immortality, eternal life:

Judged as to the quality of our works.

1 Cor. 3:10 -14 – read - work being set on fire

Finally, we will be judged as to the motivation of our works.

1 Cor.4:5 – Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, Who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts: and then shall every man have praise of God.

Are you using your gifts for Him? Do you know what your gifts are? Have you prayed to receive the best gifts as Apostle Paul told us to do?

I have heard testimony of a guy that preached for 20 years and then one day he found out that the Lord had not called him to preach. He said, why didn't you tell me and Jesus said, because you did not ask Me. Are you sure you are walking in the purpose that God has laid out for your life? You do not want to stand before Him and find out you totally missed what He had for you to do. Whatever He has designed you to do is where you will be most effective for His Kingdom. It is usually something you are really good at, or have a passion. I can tell you this, if you sincerely pray and ask Him to show you your purpose and to help you to fulfill

it, you are not going to go wrong with wasting years and years doing the wrong things. That is why we should seek Him first in all that we do.

Our motivation should not be to please men.

Gal.1:10 – For do I now persuade men, or God? Or do I seek to please men? For if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ.

Walking this walk, everyone is not going to agree with you and love you. Jesus did not please man, but He did the work of His Father.



Pharisees stalked and fought with Jesus. They were like paparazzi jumping out of the bushes.

He always walked in Truth, He is Truth, and at times He even had to hurt those that were close to Him that He loved like when He called Peter satan. I bet we'd lose a lot of friends if we did that.

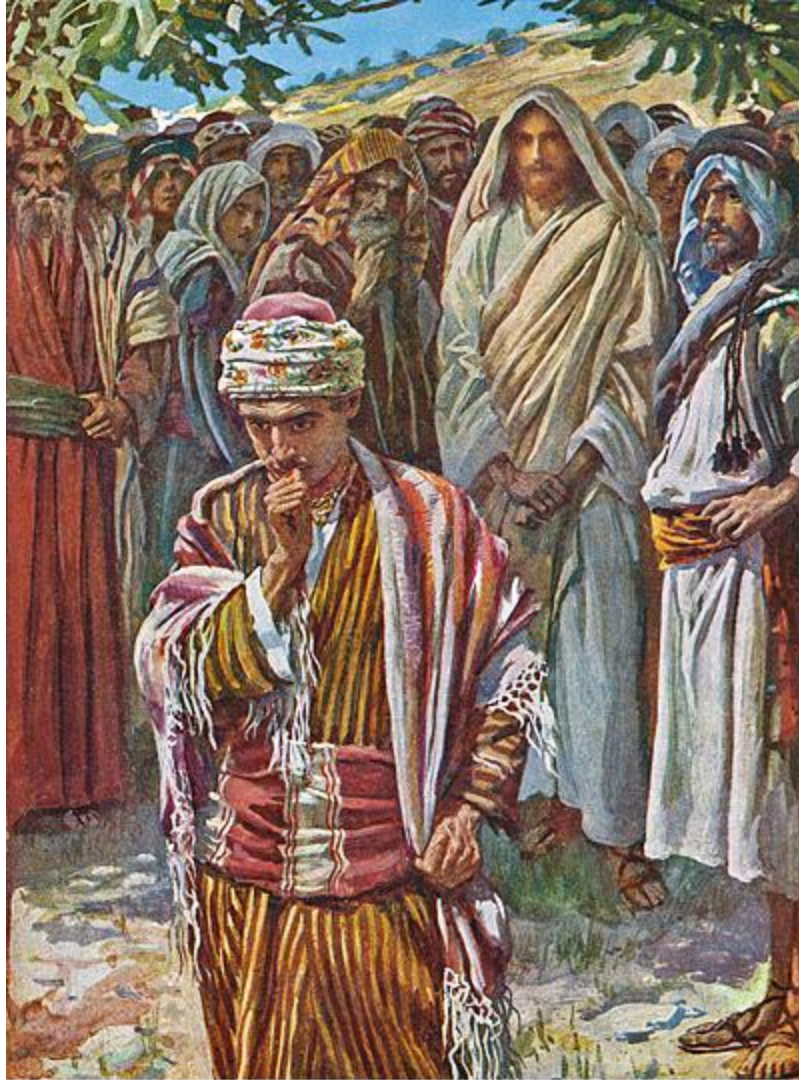
1 Thess.2:4 – But as we were allowed of God to be put in trust with the gospel, even so we speak; not as pleasing men, but God, which trieth our hearts.



How about these guys, He sure didn't please them.

What about the ones that wanted to throw Him off a cliff.

John 12:43 – For they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God.



The Rich Young Man by Harold Copping

He sure wasn't happy about what Jesus said.

People were scared of the Pharisees putting them out of the synagogue so they did not confess Jesus. Pleasing man will send you to hell. Have you ever had to point out to someone professing to be a Christian that they were living in sin? It ain't easy.

Are you doing what you are doing for your own glory and fame? Are you in it for the money? Does it serve your own ego?

How about the little old lady who lives in a poor country, yet every day she prays for all the members of the church? She cleans the church each week. She is very

poor yet she gives what she gets to the house of the Lord and to help others. She is unnoticed by men. I tell you for sure her rewards are going to far outweigh the person who had wrong motives. What if there is a famous preacher that was only wanting recognition from men? Maybe he was on tv or a magazine cover. He may have preached a true word, but he wanted man's approval, and he got it. That little old lady will be greatly recognized in heaven compared to him.

Closing:

I had someone recently tell me that they didn't want any rewards or any treasures in heaven. I used to think the same thing, I used to think, I just want to make it in. I didn't want to look greedy to God. But that was when I didn't understand and I was a baby Christian. He is a rewarder of those that believe and diligently seek Him. Most people here in this life are not happy with nothing and the things down here break and get out dated, the new wears off. Heavenly treasures are not going to break and get thrown in the trash. They aren't going to wear out or get outdated. The things we receive there will be the best of the best. I have had some really nice things but I can't say it's all been the best. There will not be sin in heaven, so no jealousy or bitterness but you will still be able to see the different levels of service and commitment that Jesus' servants honored or did not honor Him with. I have heard testimony that part of our reward is being closer or farther away from Jesus in heaven. The more you have honored Him in this life, the closer you will be to Him in heaven. Those that didn't do much are farther away. This makes sense if we think about the level of ruling authority we will be given there. I had someone tell me, well I don't want a task master. We have task master's on this earth, people who are heartless and just want to boss you around and make you do what they want.



Jesus' yoke is easy and His burden is light. In the presence of His glory you will want to please Him and worship Him and love Him and He is the same way back to you. I know this person has been blinded to the Love of Jesus. You do not want to choose satan, he is an evil task master and you will be in pain and tormented and crying out the rest of your life if you do. Remember the story I shared once of the man dying in the hospital that didn't want to pray or have anything to do with Jesus. When he was dying he was ripping at the curtains and clawing at the wall screaming how he was on fire and that the flames were burning him and he died.

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