

**XVIII. WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS  
LESSON EIGHTEEN  
... ABOUT ETERNAL JUDGMENT**

**INTRODUCTION**

"Eternal Judgment" is the seventh of the seven FIRST PRINCIPLES OF THE DOCTRINE OF CHRIST, Hebrews 6:1,2.

The purpose of this lesson is to acquaint the student with the basic truths concerning the different judgments seats of God.

**THE ETERNAL JUDGE**

According to the following Scriptures, who is the eternal judge?

Hebrews 12:23

Genesis 18:25

Psalms 94:2

Isaiah 33:22

1 Peter 1:17

John 5:22

John 12:47,48

**Conclusions:** We would note from the above Scriptures that God the Father, who is the Eternal Judge of heaven and earth, in order to honor His only begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ has passed judgment to His Son, and that Jesus then passed judgment to "the word I have spoken." Therefore the bottom line: The Word of Jesus/God is/will be the standard by which all will be judged.

**PRINCIPLES OF ETERNAL JUDGMENT**

The Apostle Paul in Romans, chapter 2, gives us four basic principles of judgment.

**1. Romans 2:1-2**

John 17:17

Romans 2:16

**2. Romans 2:6**

2 Corinthians 5:10

1 Peter 1:17

Revelation 20:12

Romans 2:16

1 Corinthians 4:5

3. Romans 2:11

Ephesians 6:9

4. Romans 2:12

James 4:17

Matthew 11:20-24

**Conclusions:** We would note from the above Scriptures that the basic principles of judgment are: (1) judgment according to the truth/Word of God; (2) judgment according to what one has done, ones works; (3) basis of judgment same for all rich/poor, believers/unbelievers, etc; (4) severity of judgment according to ones knowledge.

#### **SCENES OF ETERNAL JUDGMENT**

Eternal judgment will be carried out in three stages or scenes. Each scene is a type of judgment seat.

1. The first Judgment seat is described in Romans 14:10,12 and 2 Corinthians 5:10 as what?Who is to be judged?

2 Corinthians 5:10 tells us the basis of this judgment, what is it?

Into what categories will they be divided?

According to Romans 14:23, what is to be the one factor which determines the category into which they are to placed?

From 1 Corinthians 3:11-15 what do we learn about the purpose for this judgment?

**Conclusions:** We would note from the above Scriptures that all Believers will appear before the judgment seat of Christ to determine his eternal rewards. This judgment will be made on the basis of their works of faith. Those works not done in Faith Toward God will be burnt up.

2. The second scene of judgment (judgment seat) is found in Matthew 25:31-46. How is this judgment seat described?

When and where will this judgment take place?

Who is to be judged?

The two categories of those to be judged?

**What is the factor which determines their being separated into these categories?**

**What is the destination of those on His right hand?**

**Those on the left hand?**

**Conclusions:** We would note from the above Scriptures that when the Lord Jesus Christ returns, all the Gentiles living at that time will appear before the Throne of His Glory to be judged on the basis of their treatment of the Jews during the last 3 1/2 years of the Great Tribulation. Those who have befriended the Jews (sheep) will be allowed to enter into His Kingdom on Earth. Those who have persecuted the Jews (goats) will be delivered directly to the eternal destruction in the Lake of Fire.

**3. The scene of the third judgment seat is described in Revelation 20:11-15 and is known as what judgment?**

**When will this judgment take place according to Revelation 20:5?**

**Who will be judged?**

**What will be the basis of the judgment?**

**What will happen to those judged?**

**Conclusions:** We would note from the above Scriptures that at the end of our Lord Jesus Christ's thousand year reign on earth that all the dead who have not up to this point been judged, will be resurrected and will appear before Christ's Great White Throne judgment seat and will be judged on the basis of their works. Those whose name is not found in the Book of Life will be cast into eternal destruction in the Lake of Fire.

#### **THE ETERNAL FATE OF UNBELIEVERS**

**From the following Scriptures describe the condition and fate of unbelievers.**

**John 8:24**

**2 Thessalonians 1:7-9**

**Mark 9:46**

**Revelation 20:14,15**

**Matthew 3:7**

**Conclusions:** We would note from the above Scriptures that the fate of unbelievers/unsaved will be eternal destruction, separated from the

**presence of God in the Lake of Fire/Hell**

### **RESPONSE TO THE TRUTH**

**In light of this terrible future awaiting all the unsaved, what should your attitude be toward those who have not yet been born again? Romans 1:14-16.**

**What course of action will you take to be a witness for Christ?**

**In light of the fact that you as a Christian will face the Judgment Seat of Christ to determine what if any rewards you will receive, are you prepared to meet the qualifications to receive the rewards stored up in heaven for you?**

**If not what are you doing about it?**

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