

LESSON NINE

JUDGMENTS AND REWARDS

A. THE JUDGMENTS.

Scripture teaches us that the judgments differ as to time, place, subjects, purpose, etc.

1 . A T T H E C R O S S .

S c r i p t u r a l R e f e r e n c e s : *"For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin" (II Corinthians 5:21).*

"Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree" (I Peter 2:24).

All sin has to be judged. The sins of the redeemed have been judged at Calvary. Christ took the penalty for our sins.

2 . A D A I L Y J U D G M E N T I N T H E L I F E O F T H E S A I N T .

Scriptural Reference:

"For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged" (I Corinthians 11:31-32).

"For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth" (Hebrews 12: 6).

There is a continual self-examination on the part of a child of God; also a chastisement as God deals with him in perfecting him.

3 . A F U T U R E J U D G M E N T O F T H E S A I N T F O R R E W A R D S .

Scriptural References:

"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ..." (II Corinthians 5:10).

"Behold I come quickly and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be" (Revelation 22:12).

The judgment seat of Christ is not for the purpose of judging sin for no sin will enter there. It is a judgment of works when rewards will be given according to faithfulness, motives, etc.

This will be PAYDAY for the child of God.

4 . J U D G M E N T O F T H E L I V I N G

NATIONS. Scriptural References:

"And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats: And he shall set the sheep on the right hand, but the goats on the left" (Matthew 25:32-33).

This judgment will take place at the coming of Christ with his saints. It is a judgment of living nations in the setting up of Christ's millennial reign on earth.

One should note well that it is not individuals that are separated as sheep from the goats, but rather it is nations who are judged.

5. GREAT WHITE THRONE.

Scriptural Reference:

"And I saw a great white throne and him that sat on it... and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works" (Revelation 20:11-12).

This is the final judgment at the close of the millennium. All those who were judged on the basis of whether or not their names are in the book of life.

There are at least three different books opened here (verse 12, "books... and another book was opened). It is the opinion of the writer that these books are:

- (a) The Word of God.
- (b). Book of remembrance where a record of a man's life is kept.
- (c). Book of life.

It is the traditional teaching of the church that there is no saved person who appears before the White Throne Judgment. However, this is false for if a person reads carefully this text of Scripture, it will be seen at once that there are those whose names do appear on the Book of Life.

6. JUDGMENT OF THE FALLEN ANGELS.

Scriptural Reference:

"And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day" (Jude 6).

The angels who fell with Satan will be judged. Hell was created for them. It would seem that this is the last judgment and it should be noted that the saints have a part in this judgment.

References: II Peter 2:4, I Corinthians 6:3. B.

THE REWARDS FOR THE FAITHFUL.

Rewards will be handed to the saints chiefly on the basis of faithfulness. The parables of the talents (Matthew 25:14-30), the pounds (Luke 19:11-28) and the laborers in the vineyard (Matthew 20:1-16) make this fact plain.

In the parable of the laborers every man received one penny. The time spent in the field did not affect his wages. It was faithfulness to that to which he had been called that counted.

1. CROWNS.

- (Of Life - James 1:12, Revelation 2:10.
- (Of Glory - I Peter 5:4, Hebrews 2:9.
- (Of Righteousness - II Timothy 4:8.
- (Of Rejoicing - I Thessalonians 2:19.
- (Of Gold - Revelation 4:4.
- (Incorruptible - I Corinthians 9:25.
- (g).Thy Crown - Revelation 3:11.

2. REWARDS TO THE OVERCOMERS. (Revelation 2 & 3).

- (a). Eat of the Tree of Life.
- (b). Stone with a New Name written.
- (c). Authority over Nations.
- (d). Shall not be hurt of the Second Death.
- (e). Eat of the Hidden Manna.
- (f). Arrayed in White Garments.
- (g). Pillar in the Temple of God.
- (h). Write on him a new name.
- (i). Sit down with Him in His throne.

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SELF HELP TEST

A. Using the parables of the talents (Matthew 25:14-30), and the pounds (Luke 19:11-28), and the laborers (Matthew 20:1-16) show clearly that rewards will be chiefly given for faithfulness.

B. List the SIX judgments and state clearly the exact purpose of each:

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C. How do we know that not everyone who appears before the White Throne Judgment will be lost in hell?