

THE JUDGEMENT



The cleansing of the sanctuary in the Old Testament referred to Christ's work of final judgment, which Daniel 8:14 indicates will begin at the end of the 2300- year prophecy in 1844. In this lesson, we wish to examine

the whole concept of the judgment as it appears in the Bible. In fact, the pre-advent judgment is the focal point of this study. If you are found guilty, then you will not make it to heaven. After all, for Jesus to take the righteous living and resurrected to Heaven, there has to be a judgment or else the wicked will be going as well. The best part of the judgment is that we are greatly loved by God and He wants us to be ready. He gives us all the help we need.



HIS WORD SAYS

1. What is the scene that Daniel beholds after the papal "little horn" power holds sway over the earth? Daniel 7:9,10.

Notice very clearly the sequence in Daniel 7. Daniel portrays the panorama of the nations, each one following the other. The next great scene that Daniel beholds after the reign of the little horn power is none other than the judgment scene prior to Jesus' second coming. (Daniel 7:9)

WHAT JESUS SAID ABOUT THE JUDGEMENT

“As I hear I judge; and my judgment is righteous”.

John 5:30

As you study, be thinking about the Life Quest questions.

- What does this topic tell me about God?
- What difference does this topic make to my daily life?
- How does this topic help me in my relationship with Jesus?

2. Has God appointed a day when the judgment should begin? Acts 17:31

As already discovered in Daniel 8:14, 1844, being the end of the 2300 years, is the year that the judgment began.

3. What will be happening on earth while the judgment is taking place? Matthew 24:38

While the judgement is going on in heaven, we are oblivious to it here on the earth. Only those who are studying God's word know that we are living in the final judgement hour. For everyone else, each day is like the next. The judgement is Christ's final work before He returns to our world to give every man according to his works (Matthew 16:27).

4. Who will be appearing before the judgment seat of God? Romans 14:11-12, 2 Corinthians 5:10.

All means all, even those who profess to love Jesus and believe they are faultless. This does not imply that we will be there in person, but our books will be opened and our lives will be judged out of those things written in the books (Daniel 7:10). The important thing is to make sure that by faith we are clothed in Christ's righteousness and have 'pardoned' written next to our name.



5. With whom does the judgment begin? 1 Peter 4:17.

This judgment is known as the investigative judgment, investigating the lives of God's people. The House of God are those who profess to be Christians.

6. In the Old Testament sanctuary service, what necessitated the cleansing of the sanctuary? Leviticus 16:16.

The sacrifice had been provided for the peoples' sins, but they were in type still recorded in the temple. The day of atonement was a final judgment and wiping away of all the sins of the truly penitent. On this day the sins of the people were finally removed from the temple and placed onto the scapegoat who was led out into the wilderness. In reality Christ will remove our sins from the Heavenly Sanctuary and place them on Satan who will take them with him into the lake of fire. Those sins will be forever separated from us.

7. What shall God bring into judgment? Ecclesiastes 12:14, Revelation 22:12.

8. What else will we be judged on? Matthew 12:36, 37.

The lesson here is that nothing goes unnoticed by God. Every thought, word and deed will be brought up before the courts of heaven. God reads the deep and secret things of the heart.



9. Is the Lord going to keep everything he judges a secret? I Corinthians 4:5.

10. What are God's judgments declared to be? Revelation 19:1-3.

People often judge wrongly, which is why we are told not to judge one another. However, God knows all things and we can be sure that His judgement will be just and true.

11. What does the first of the three angel's messages proclaim about the judgment? Revelation 14:7.

This angel began to sound its warning back in 1844 and it will continue until the second coming of Jesus.

12. Is it possible to still be lost after accepting Christ as your Saviour? Ezekiel 18:24.

Jesus does not force us to remain loyal to Him. At any time we can choose to go back to a life of sin and reject God's grace. However, so long as we abide in Christ and maintain our faith in Him, no one can pluck us out of His hand (John 10:28-29).

13. By what standard are we to be judged? James 2:11, 12.

Verse 11 quotes some of the Ten Commandments so the law of liberty is the Ten commandments.



14. How is one to be blessed by the law of liberty? James 1:25

15. What is the whole duty of man? Ecclesiastes 12:13.

16. What is said about someone claiming to be a Christian who does not keep God's Commandments? 1 John 2:4

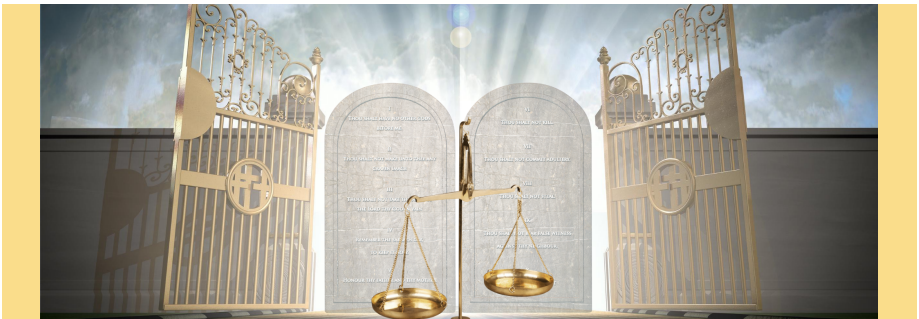
17. Who is going to be our Judge? John 5:22, 27.

18. Who is to be my lawyer (advocate) in the judgment 1 John 2:1.

With Jesus as your advocate and judge you can be feeling very safe, because you love Him and keep His commandments. Put your life in His arms, and His righteousness will cover you. Colossians 3:1-3, Matthew 10:32

19. What invitation is Jesus giving each one of us and what does He promise? Revelation 3:20, 5.

What love and what care Jesus has for everyone. How will you measure up when the judgment is over? Jesus offers us every help and hope we could need.



For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.
Ecclesiastes 12:14



LIFE QUEST:

Have you thoughtfully reviewed these Questions?

- What does this topic tell me about God?
- What difference does this topic make to my daily life?
- How does this topic help me in my relationship with Jesus?

YOUR TURN

Check the statements that most closely reflect your response to this study.

I feel comfortable with my understanding of the judgment.

I would like to study this topic further.

I want to express my thanks to Jesus for His love to me and for being my Advocate.

I can now see that Jesus of Nazareth is the Messiah and is my judge and wants to sup with me.

Other _____