

THE JUDGING PROCESS

Lesson 13 for
December 24, 2022



“For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad”

2 Corinthians 5:10 NIV



The Bible is clear about the judgment, “For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ” (2Co. 5:10).

A judgment involves salvation or condemnation. And we all deserve condemnation (Ro. 3:23)!

But there’s good news. God wants our salvation and not our condemnation (Ez. 33:11). In that case, why is He going to judge us? Why doesn’t He save us without a judgment?



- **The foundation of the judgment:**
 - How will we be judged?
- **The stages of the judgment:**
 - The pre-advent Judgment
 - The millennial judgment
 - The final judgment
- **The consequences of the judgment:**
 - The second death

THE FOUNDATION OF THE JUDGMENT

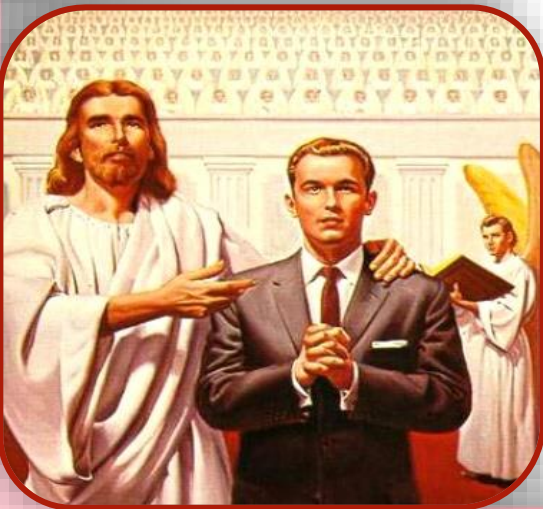
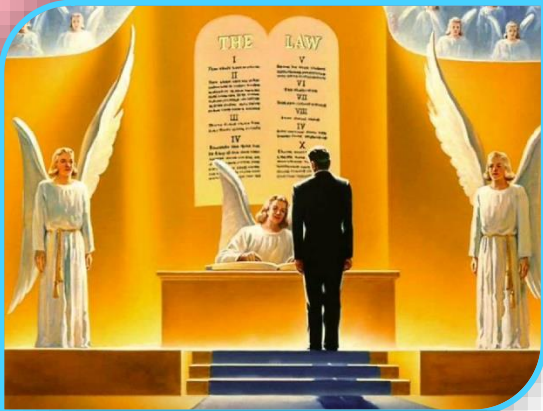
HOW WILL WE BE JUDGED?

“So speak and act as those who will be judged according to a Law that gives freedom.” (James 2:12 TLV)

The Ten Commandments are the foundation of the judgment (James 2:12). They determine who has sinned (1Jn. 3:4), and every sinner will be condemned.

However, there’s good news. Sinners have an attorney available (1Jn. 2:1). Everyone can hire Him, and it’s free! (Ro. 3:24). Our absolution is guaranteed by the intercession of Jesus.

We’ll be judged according to our works (Eccl. 12:13-14), but the life of Christ will replace ours if we accept His sacrifice. And we will overcome the judgment! (Ps. 76:9)



THE STAGES OF THE JUDGMENT

THE PRE-ADVENT JUDGMENT

"[...] Your wrath has come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that You should reward Your servants [...] And should destroy those who destroy the earth." (Revelation 11:18)



Jesus will come, and “His reward with Him” (Is. 40:10; see also Rev. 22:12).

No one will receive the reward before the Second Coming of Jesus. The dead are waiting unconscious in their tombs.



The life of every person must be judged before the Second Coming, because some will be resurrected for eternal life, and others will have to wait until the second resurrection for condemnation (Dn. 12:2; Mt. 25:46; Rev. 20:5-6 NIV)?

The angels and the non-fallen worlds are attending this judgment in Heaven. Meanwhile, life on Earth goes on as usual (Dn. 7:9-12).



THE MILLENNIAL JUDGMENT

“And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.”

(Revelation 20:4)

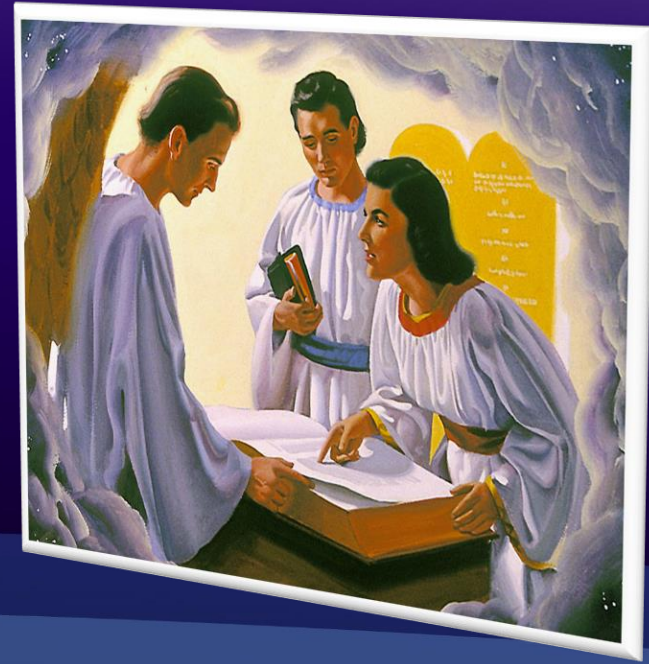
If God will have already judged everyone before the Second Coming, why will we judge the world and the angels during the millennium (1Co. 6:2-3)?

We will confirm that Satan's accusations against God are false

We will confirm that God has justly saved the righteous

We will confirm that the sentence against the wicked is fair

Every question will be answered so that evil no longer appears

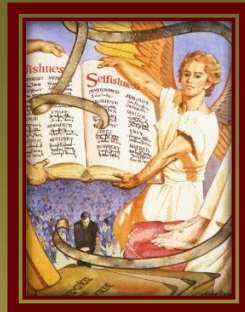


THE FINAL JUDGMENT

“The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works.” (Revelation 20:13)

After the millennium, those who weren't resurrected at the Second Coming are resurrected. They [together with Satan and his angels] are the only ones who have not reviewed God's judgment.

They will be judged in that moment for everything they did, and they'll be condemned to the second death in the lake of fire (Rev. 20:11-15).



THE FINAL JUDGMENT

Justice demands the wicked to pay for their sins, and love prevents sinners from suffering forever. Death puts an end to the suffering of the sinners, like in other punishments from God.



Genesis 7:21-23



Genesis 19:24-28



Exodus 12:29-30



2 Samuel 6:6-7



2 Kings 19:35



Acts 5:1-10

THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE JUDGMENT

THE SECOND DEATH

"But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death." (Revelation 21:8)



The judgment has ended. God's justice and mercy have been clearly shown (Ps. 89:14). They acknowledge their condemnation is fair and bow down before God (Philp. 2:10).

Will our loving God destroy the creatures He created? Yes. He will have done everything possible to save them, but He respects their free will. They will die forever because they didn't want to accept the salvation God offered them (2Ths. 1:9).



Sin will have an end, and it will never be back (Nah. 1:9). The whole universe will be restored to its original perfection.

Do you want to be there?



E. G. W. (In Heavenly Places, December 20)

“The abundant evidence given by God that He desires the salvation of all, will be the condemnation of those who refuse the gift of heaven. At the last great day, when all will be rewarded or punished according to their obedience or disobedience, the cross of Calvary will appear plainly before those standing before the Judge of all the earth to receive sentence for eternity. They are made capable of comprehending something of the love that God has expressed for fallen human beings. They see how greatly He has been dishonored by those who have continued in transgression, choosing sides with Satan and showing contempt for the law of Jehovah.”