

## What Will Happen in the Future? Lesson 4 – The Final Judgment

### Introduction:

- God is a God of love, but God is also a God who \_\_\_\_\_.

***Heb 9.27*** And just as it is appointed for man to die once, **and after that comes judgment.**

***Eccl 12.14*** For God will bring every deed into judgment, with every secret thing, whether good or evil.

***Matt 12.36-37*** I tell you, **on the day of judgment people will give account** for every careless word they speak, 37 for by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.

- There is coming a day of \_\_\_\_\_ judgment for all believers, unbelievers, and fallen angels.

#### 1. The final judgment of \_\_\_\_\_.

##### A. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the believer's judgment.

***Rom 14.10-12*** Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? **For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God;** 11 for it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God." 12 **So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.**

***2 Cor 5.10*** For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

##### B. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the believer's judgment.

- The purpose of the believer's judgment is not for God to judge the \_\_\_\_\_ of His people.
  - The judgment for our sin was poured out on Jesus at the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - God will not judge our sin \_\_\_\_\_ by first punishing Jesus for us on the cross, and then punishing us afterward also.

**1 Pet 3.18** *For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit,*

- When Jesus died on the cross, He \_\_\_\_\_ God's justice and bore all of God's wrath against us, therefore there is nothing left for us but God's mercy.

**2 Cor 5.21** *For our sake He (God) made Him (Christ) to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.*

**Rom 8.1** *There is therefore no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.*

**Micah 7.19** *He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities under foot. **You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.***

**Isa 43.25** *I am He who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, **and I will not remember your sins.***

- The purpose of the believer's judgment is for the Lord to \_\_\_\_\_ His people.

**1 Cor 4.5** *Therefore do not pronounce judgment before the time, before the Lord comes, who will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. **Then each one will receive his commendation from God.***

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**1 Cor 3.13–14** *each one's work will become manifest, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. 14 If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, **he will receive a reward.***

**Matt 5.12** *Rejoice and be glad, **for your reward is great in heaven,** for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.*

- The New Testament describes some of our rewards as \_\_\_\_\_.

- There is an imperishable crown (or wreath) for those who \_\_\_\_\_ themselves in order to follow Christ.

**1 Cor 9.24–25** *Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. 25 **Every athlete exercises***

**self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable.**

- There is a crown of life for those who \_\_\_\_\_ temptations, trials, and persecution.

***James 1.12 Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him.***

***Rev 2.10 Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and for ten days you will have tribulation. Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life.***

- There is a crown of righteousness for those who love the Lord and wait \_\_\_\_\_ for His return.

***2 Tim 4.8 Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.***

- There is a crown of rejoicing (or boasting) for those who \_\_\_\_\_ others to follow Christ in faith and obedience.

***1 Thess 2.19-20 For what is our hope or joy or crown of boasting before our Lord Jesus at his coming? Is it not you? 20 For you are our glory and joy.***

- There is a crown of glory for those who \_\_\_\_\_ their calling and finishing their assignment from the Lord in His kingdom.

***1 Pet 5.2-4 shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly; 3 not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock. 4 And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.***

- Though believers will not be judged for their sins, they can \_\_\_\_\_ their rewards through sinning and failing to live faithfully for Christ.

***1 Cor 3.15 If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire.***

- Though some believers will receive more rewards than others, we must keep the following truths in mind:
  - Our rewards will not be the basis of our happiness in Heaven, because our true happiness will come from \_\_\_\_\_ in God Himself.
  - We will recognize that the commendations and rewards we receive are all because of \_\_\_\_\_ and His work in us.

**Rev 4.10–11** *the twenty-four elders fall down before him who is seated on the throne and worship him who lives forever and ever. **They cast their crowns before the throne, saying,***

*11 “Worthy are you, our Lord and God,  
to receive glory and honor and power,  
for you created all things,  
and by your will they existed and were created.”*

## 2. The final judgment of the fallen \_\_\_\_\_.

### A. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the judgment of fallen angels.

**2 Pet 2.4** *For if **God did not spare angels when they sinned**, but cast them into hell and committed them to chains of gloomy darkness to be kept until the judgment;*

**Jude 6** *And the angels who did not stay within their own position of authority, but left their proper dwelling, **he has kept in eternal chains under gloomy darkness until the judgment of the great day—***

**1 Cor 6.3** *Do you not know that **we are to judge angels**? How much more, then, matters pertaining to this life!*

### B. The \_\_\_\_\_ of judgment prepared for the fallen angels.

**Matt 25.41** *Then he will say to those on his left, Depart from me, you cursed, into the **eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.***

**Rev 20.10** *and the devil who had deceived them was thrown into **the lake of fire** and sulfur where the beast and the false prophet were, and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.*

- The Devil and his demons \_\_\_\_\_ that this is their future destination.

**Matt 8.29** *And behold, they cried out, “What have you to do with us, O Son of God? **Have you come here to torment us before the time?**”*

### 3. The final judgment of \_\_\_\_\_.

#### A. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the unbeliever's judgment.

- God's justice must be \_\_\_\_\_.
- Since unbelievers do not receive the benefits of Christ's death, God's wrath still burns \_\_\_\_\_ them for their sin.

***John 3.18*** *Whoever believes in Him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.*

***John 3.36*** *Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.*

- Unbelievers must be \_\_\_\_\_ forever for their sins in the lake of fire, because God's holiness is infinite and sin requires an infinite payment.
- Man's mouth must be \_\_\_\_\_.

***Rom 3.19*** *Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God.*

- God will judge unbelievers in order to show them that He is perfectly \_\_\_\_\_ for punishing them by throwing them into the lake of fire.

***Rev 20.12*** *And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Then another book was opened, which is the book of life. **And the dead were judged by what was written in the books, according to what they had done.***

***Rev 20.15*** *And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.*

- Every unbeliever's mouth will be silenced in recognition that they have broken God's holy laws and that they \_\_\_\_\_ God's punishment.

***Heb 10.31*** *It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.*

- God's Glory must be \_\_\_\_\_.

**Isa 48.11** For my own sake, for my own sake, I do it, for how should my name be profaned? **My glory I will not give to another.**

**Phil 2.9-11** Therefore God has highly exalted Him (Christ) and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus **every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

B. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the unbeliever's final judgment.

**Matt 25.41** Then he will say to those on his left, Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.

**Rev 21.8** But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, **their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death.**"

**Matt 25.30** And cast the worthless servant into the **outer darkness**. In that place there will be **weeping and gnashing of teeth.**'

4. The final judgment and its present \_\_\_\_\_ for believers.

A. The final judgment satisfies our inward longing for \_\_\_\_\_.

**Rom 12.19** Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, **I will repay, says the Lord.**"

B. The final judgment enables us to \_\_\_\_\_ others freely.

**1 Pet 2.23** When He was reviled, He did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, **but continued entrusting Himself to Him who judges justly.**

C. The final judgment provides a motive for righteous \_\_\_\_\_.

**Matt 25.21** His master said to him, '**Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.**'

D. The final judgment provides a motive for \_\_\_\_\_.

**2 Cor 5.10–11a** For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil. 11 **Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade others.**

***Rom 9.2-3*** I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. **3 For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh.**

***Rom 10.1*** Brothers, **my heart's desire** and prayer to God for them is that they might be saved.

### **Conclusion:**

- God is not only a God of love, He's also a God of \_\_\_\_\_.
- God has \_\_\_\_\_ judged the sins of believers when He poured out His wrath upon Christ who took our punishment for us on the cross.
- God has \_\_\_\_\_ to commend and reward believers for their faithfulness to Him during their lives.
- God will judge the sins of unbelievers and fallen angels in the \_\_\_\_\_ by casting them into the Lake of Fire forever and ever.