LESSON 24

The Final Judgment

Read: Matthew 25:31-46; John 5:21-30; 2 Thessalonians 1:6-10; Revelation 20:11-15

1. Q. When Jesus returns, what will follow the resurrection of the dead? (Revelation 20:11-15)

   A. The f _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ will follow the resurrection of the dead.

2. Q. How will Christ judge all people?

   A. According to all they have done, whether it be good or _ _ _ _ .

3. Q. What will be the results of that judgment?

   A. The impenitent sinners will suffer eternal p _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ , but God's people will enjoy e _ _ _ _ _ _ life with Christ.

The return of Jesus Christ is one of the most majestic truths the Bible teaches. The thought of Jesus' return to judge the living and the dead causes an inward pang of fear in the hearts of many unbelievers who are not prepared for His coming.

However, the Bible speaks of it as a comfort to the true believer (Luke 21:27-28; 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18).

Is it a comfort to you that Christ is coming to judge the world in righteousness? It will be a true comfort to you, if you live "in all holy _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ and _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ " (2 Peter 3:11b).

I. The People Who Will Be Judged

1. Q. Where will the judgment take place? (Revelation 20:11,12a)

   A. In the presence of God who will be seated on a great _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ .

2. Q. Briefly, who will be judged? (Romans 14:10-12)

   A. We shall _ _ _ stand before the _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ seat of _ _ _ _ _ _ ; every one of us shall give _ _ _ _ _ _ _ of himself to _ _ _ .

3. Q. How will the righteous and the wicked be separated? (Matthew 25:33)

   A. Christ, as a Shepherd, shall set the _ _ _ _ _ on His _ _ _ _ _ hand, but the _ _ _ _ _ on His _ _ _ _ hand.

4. For what will men be judged and of what will they give account?

   (a) Everyone will be judged "according to that he hath done, whether it be _ _ _ _ or _ _ _ " (2 Corinthians 5:10c).

   (b) For "every _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the _ _ _ of _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ " (Matthew 12:36).

   (c) "In the day when _ _ _ shall _ _ _ _ _ the _ _ _ _ _ _ _ of men" (Romans 2:16).

II. The Judge

1. Q. Who will be the Judge? (Romans 2:16)

   A. _ _ _ will _ _ _ _ _ the secrets of men by _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ .

2. Q. Will the judgment be just? (Acts 17:31)

   A. Yes Jesus will judge justly, for He will judge the world in _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ .

3. Q. Who will assist Christ in the judgment? (Matthew 13:41, 49)

   A. The _ _ _ _ _ _ will assist Christ in the judgment.

4. Q. Who will the saints judge? (1 Corinthians 6:2a, 3a)

   A. The saints will judge the _ _ _ _ _ and _ _ _ _ _ _ .

5. Q. By which standards will God judge those who have not known the truths of the Holy Scripture? (Romans 2:12a, 15)

   A. By the _ _ _ _ of the _ _ _ written in their _ _ _ _ _ _ .

6. Q. By what standards will God judge those who have known the Gospel? (Romans 2:16c)

   A. They will be judged according to the _ _ _ _ _ _ .

III. The Sentence Which Will Be Pronounced

1. Q. What then will happen to the deceiver, the devil? (Revelation 20:10a)

   A. The devil will be cast into the _ _ _ _ of _ _ _ _ and _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ .

2. Q. Do the demons know that this torment awaits them? (Matthew 8:29c)

   A. _ _ _ they do.

3. Q. What fearful question did they ask? (Matthew 8:29c)

   A. "Art thou come hither to _ _ _ _ _ _ _ us before the time?"

4. Q. What will try every man's work on the judgment day? (1 Corinthians 3:13b)

   A. On the judgment day the _ _ _ _ with which Jesus will come will try every man's _ _ _ _ of what sort it is.

5. Q. When Jesus comes what will He give to every man? (Revelation 22:12)

   A. When Jesus comes, He will give every man his _ _ _ _ _ _ according as his _ _ _ _ shall be.

6. Q. In the judgment, who will receive severe punishment? (2 Thessalonians 1:8)

   A. In the judgment the people who will receive severe punishment are they "that know _ _ _ _ _ _ , and that obey _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ ."

7. Q. What will Jesus say to those on His right? (Matthew 25:34b)

   A. He will say, "Come, _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ of my _ _ _ _ _ _ , _ _ _ _ _ _ _ the _ _ _ _ _ _ _ prepared for you from the foundation of the _ _ _ _ _ ."

8. Q. What will Jesus say to those on His left? (Matthew 25:41)

   A. "Depart from me, ye _ _ _ _ _ _ , into _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ ."

9. Q. How long will the sentence be in effect? (Matthew 25:46)

   A. It will be an _ .

10. Q. In view of Jesus' return in judgment, what should we do? (Matthew 24:44)

    A. "Therefore be ye also _ _ _ _ _ : for in such an _ _ _ _ as ye think not the Son of Man _ _ _ _ _ _ ."

Christ may yet tarry for a season, but the Judgment Day is sure to come. Christ will come at God's appointed time.

The entire New Testament emphasizes that He who once came to this earth to be the Saviour from sin, will come a second time, but then as Judge.

The Importance of the Final Judgment

First of all, the history of the world is not a sequence of senseless insignificant events that will continue forever; it is rather a dynamic movement toward a definite purpose.

Secondly, the final judgment will be the full realization of the divine and blessed victory of God's redeeming love in Christ. Evil will be conquered forever. The final judgment will be the ultimate revelation of the supreme triumph of the Redeemer from sin.

Thirdly, the final judgment is the clearest revelation that salvation in a blissful eternity is the exclusive fruit of divine grace and depends on being united to Christ by the sovereign grace and power of the Holy Spirit.

Fourthly, the eternal certainty of the final judgment is a strong confirmation of our personal responsibility to God our Maker and Provider for our entire life and existence here on earth.

Fifthly, all our thoughts, words, and deeds will be judged, and no one will be able to find the smallest flaw in the justice of our holy Judge.

In conclusion, the most urgent call to the sinner is, "Prepare to meet your Maker and your Judge!" Do not waste your time; use it wisely. Value the instruction of your precious Bible. Prayerfully search the Word of God.

Plead for the gracious assistance of God's Holy Spirit. Christ saves everyone who comes to Him as a needy sinner begging for pardon. Christ can do more for you than anyone else. He alone does save, even the worst of sinners. Escape the wrath to come. Flee to the gracious Saviour. He is the only trustworthy and compassionate Refuge made known to us in the Gospel. Make haste for your life's sake.

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