

“The Seven Great Judgments of God”

Lesson #43

1. God has, does, and will JUDGE but He will judge with RIGHTEOUSNESS and UPRIGHTNESS. Psalm 9:8
2. God has made JESUS CHRIST the righteous JUDGE. John 5:22 & 23.
3. There are many judgments in Scripture, some are PAST, some are PRESENT, and many are FUTURE.

* **Special Notation**: Since God is just and holy, His judgments are a manifestation of perfect justice. If there is no judgment upon men and nations for sins, then what God has said in His Word is false. God is a God of love -- but He is also a God of judgment. All judgments are tempered with mercy. All of his judgments are just. A day of judgment will come to those who reject His plan of redemption through His Son. To those who have accepted Christ, His judgment for sin has redeemed you. To those who have not accepted Christ, the judgments of God are yet future and will vindicate God’s justice.

4. The first great judgment we will look at is the JUDGMENT OF SIN by Christ on the cross. John 3:16-18
5. This judgment of sin was for ALL BELIEVERS. John 5:24; Rom. 8:1-3; II Cor. 5:21
6. Christ’s judgment on sin was ONCE FOR ALL. Heb. 10:10, 14 & 17; Ps. 103:12
7. The second great judgment is for CHRISTIANS and it is known as the JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST or the BEMA. II Cor. 5:10; Rom. 14:10
8. This judgment DOES NOT determine our salvation but rather our REWARDS. I Cor. 3:11-15
9. The Bema seat will take place after the RAPTURE of the church and before the MILLENNIA reign of Christ. I Thess. 4:17
10. The Bible speaks of FIVE CROWNS of reward which will be given at this point in time:
 - A. The CROWN OF LIFE or martyr’s crown. Rev. 2:10 and James 1:12
 - B. The CROWN OF GLORY or the PASTOR/TEACHER’S crown. I Pet. 5:1-4
 - C. The CROWN OF REJOICING or the SOUL WINNER’S crown. I Thess. 2:19 & 20
 - D. The CROWN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS for those who LONG FOR the coming of Christ. II Tim. 4:8
 - E. The INCORRUPTIBLE crown which comes for VICTORIOUS LIVING. I Cor. 9:25-27

11. The third judgment spoken of in Scripture is SELF JUDGMENT. I Cor. 11:28-32
 12. Self judgment avoids being CHASTENED by God and it comes when we CONFESS our sins. I John 1:8 and 9
- * To review: The three judgments of believers are: Christ's judgment of sin in the PAST; personal, self-judgment in the PRESENT; and the judgments for rewards at the Bema seat in the FUTURE.
13. The fourth judgment found in Scripture is the coming judgment of ISRAEL, the Jewish people, which was prophesied in Ezekiel 20:34-37 and in Jeremiah in Jer. 30:7 and also in Rev. 4-19.
 14. The judgment of Israel will result in their TURNING TO CHRIST as the MESSIAH they had been looking for but missed. Zech. 12:10; Romans 11:25-27
 15. God's fifth judgment will be the judgment of the GENTILE NATIONS which will take place after the SECOND COMING (not the rapture) of Christ found in Matthew 25:31-33 and 40.
 - A. What is the reason for this judgment? The TREATMENT of the Jews during the TRIBULATION period.
 - B. The sheep are GENTILES saved DURING the tribulation.
 - C. The GOATS are the Gentiles who did not get saved during the tribulation period and who MISTREATED or REFUSED TO HELP the Jews during this time period.
 16. God's sixth judgment (these have not been given in a chronological order), will be the judgment of the FALLEN ANGELS which will correspond with the judgment of SATAN HIMSELF. Rev. 20:2-10; Jude 6; II Peter 2:4; Matt. 25:41
 17. Christians will be PARTICIPANTS in that judgment. I Cor. 6:3
 18. The final judgment the Bible speaks of is the GREAT WHITE THRONE judgment. This judgment is for the WICKED and for those who died WITHOUT ACCEPTING CHRIST as Lord and Savior. Rev. 20:11 & 12
 19. This judgment takes place 1,000 YEARS after the first resurrection. Rev. 20:4 & 5
 20. This judgment is BASED on their WORKS. Rev. 20:12 & 13
 21. There are two witnesses against them:
 - A. THE BOOK
 - B. THE BOOKS
 22. The BOOKS are books of WORKS and the Book is the BOOK OF LIFE. Rev. 20:12

23. The SECOND DEATH in Rev. 20:14 is ETERNAL death in the LAKE OF FIRE and eternal SEPARATION from God.

Conclusion

The main thrusts of this study have been the great joys and blessings of the Christian life as compared to the doom of eternal damnation because one dies in unbelief. If this lesson has taught you the “rewards” of the Christian life; that you can judge yourself and confess and be forgiven; that Jesus died for you *regardless* of your past sins -- then, this lesson will have accomplished its purpose.

The God of judgment is the same God who gave His Son to save you. We do not have the right nor the authority to question His Word. Accept His judgments and you will accept His Son. When you accept His Son, you will accept your “gift” to serve where He places you (I Cor. 4:5 -- read now).