

Lesson Notes:

The Coming Judgment

All of human kind will face judgment. Believers will be judged based upon their service to the Lord in relation to the talents and gifts God has given each believer. Those that refuse the atoning blood of Jesus will face the White Throne judgment and condemned to an eternal separation from God. Following is a discussion of Bible truths concerning these judgments.

Scriptural Principles

- 1) **Misunderstanding of God's Expectations.** – Many think it is good enough to be saved through God's grace. This is clearly not consistent with what is said in the Bible. In **Genesis 2:15** we are told that Adam was placed in the garden of Eden to tend to the garden. In Jesus' parable of the three servants we find in **Matthew 25:29-30** that the servant that buried his talent was cast into outer darkness.
- 2) **Even believers face judgment.** – We find in **2 Corinthians 5:10** that we will be rewarded according to our works. The second judgment is the judgment of acceptance known as the White Throne Judgment in **Revelation 20:11-15**. This is the judgment in which the unsaved will be condemned to the lake of fire.
- 3) **Preparation for the Judgment** – In **2 Corinthians 5:9** Paul tells us that our ambitions should be pleasing to him. If we are living to please Jesus we will be focused on the eternal and not the nuances of this world. This will prepare us for our eternal judgment and service to God.
- 4) **Greg's Goal – Matthew 25:21** – A frequent guest of our Bible Study has indicated that his goal in life is to hear the words "Well done O Good and Faithful Servant" when he is judged before God. He indicates that if he hears those words he will have accomplished his life goal of living a life pleasing in the eyes of Jesus Christ. This is an excellent example and inspiration for all of us.
- 5) **Christ will be the Judge** – Jesus tells us this in **John 5:22** and **Matthew 28:18** that power will be given to the son in heaven to judge all men.
- 6) **This judgment will be Holy and Righteous.** – Jesus tells us in **John 2: 24 – 25** that we need not fear this judgment as it will be holy and righteous.
- 7) **We have nothing to fear if we are walking in the Spirit** – Paul tells us this in **Romans 8:1**.
- 8) **Purpose of this Judgment** – In **Hebrews 6:10** and **1 Corinthians 3:6-8** we are told that God will not forget our good works. Therefore, one purpose of this

judgment will be to reward us for our efforts and good works here on this earth. Also, **Revelation 22:5** says we will live and reign with him. Therefore, he will determine our place of service in heaven based upon **Matthew 25:23** (how well we utilized the talents he gave us for the glory of Jesus Christ).