

## The Judgment Seat of Christ. Part 2

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We meet like this primarily to encourage each other to continue to walk for Him in this "present evil age" (**Gal 1:4**)

### **2 Corinthians 4:4**

*<sup>4</sup>The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.*

Who is "the god of this age"?

### **Hebrews 10:24, 25, 35-39**

*24 and let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. 25 Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see **the Day** approaching.*

*35 So do not throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded. 36 You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised. 37 For in just a very little while, "He who is coming will come and will not delay. 38 But my righteous one will live by faith. And if he shrinks back, I will not be pleased with him." 39 But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who believe and are saved.*

What is **"The day"** referring to?

It's Christ's Return; it's the day when He comes back in all his glory. Then we will all stand before him and give account of our lives here on earth.

## Review

Last week we learned:

- That the Judgment Seat of Christ takes place after Christ returns, at the time of the resurrection.
- We learned that God our Father has given all judgment to the Son but that today Christ is our High Priest not our Judge, today he intercedes/mediates on our behalf as we confess our sins.
- We learned that God uses two ways to motivate us: rewards and fear and that this in no way negates His grace, because we saw from scripture that it is all by grace.
- We learned that we will be rewarded depending on how we have lived our lives here, it's not enough to say that we are redeemed we have to live according to the will of the Father.

## Part 2

But let's look at what **Christ taught** us about this Judgment:

### **Luke 19:11-27**

*11 While they were listening to these things, Jesus went on to tell a parable, because He was near Jerusalem, and they supposed that the kingdom of God was going to appear immediately.*

*12 So He said, "A nobleman went to a distant country to receive a kingdom for himself, and then return.*

### **Hebrews 4:14**

*Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.*

### **Hebrews 7:26**

*For it was fitting for us to have such a high priest, holy, innocent, undefiled, separated from sinners and exalted above the heavens.)*

<sup>13</sup>So he called ten of his servants and gave them ten minas. 'Put this money to work,' he said, 'until I come back.'

14"But his subjects hated him and sent a delegation after him to say, 'We don't want this man to be our king.'

15"He was made king, however, and returned home. Then he sent for the servants to whom he had given the money, in order to find out what they had gained with it.

16"The first one came and said, 'Sir, your mina has earned ten more.'

17" 'Well done, my good servant!' his master replied. 'Because you have been trustworthy in a very small matter, take charge of ten cities.' 18"The second came and said, 'Sir, your mina has earned five more.'

19"His master answered, 'You take charge of five cities.'

20"Then another servant came and said, 'Sir, here is your mina; I have kept it laid away in a piece of cloth. 21I was afraid of you, because you are a hard man. You take out what you did not put in and reap what you did not sow.'

22"His master replied, 'I will judge you by your own words, you wicked servant! You knew, did you, that I am a hard man, taking out what I did not put in, and reaping what I did not sow?

23Why then didn't you put my money on deposit, so that when I came back, I could have collected it with interest?'

24"Then he said to those standing by, 'Take his mina away from him and give it to the one who has ten minas.'

25" 'Sir,' they said, 'he already has ten!'

26"He replied, 'I tell you that to everyone who has, more will be given, but as for the one who has nothing, even what he has will be taken away.'

27But those enemies of mine who did not want me to be king over them—bring them here and kill them in front of me."

***We are judged according to our works but our reward is out of proportion to that because we serve a gracious Lord.***

### **2 Corinthians 5:10-11**

*10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether **good or bad**. 11 Since, then, we know what it is to fear the Lord, we try to persuade men. What we are is plain to God, and I hope it is also plain to your conscience.*

### **Romans 2:6-8**

*6 God "will give to each person according to what he has done." 7 To those who by persistence in doing good seek glory, honor and immortality, he will give eternal life. 8 But for those who are self-seeking and who reject the truth and follow evil, there will be wrath and anger.*

First of all who was Paul addressing?

**Romans 1:7** *those Jews and Gentiles "called to be saints"— not the unredeemed*

Here we have 2 different responses from the redeemed resulting in 2 different outcomes.

### **Equation:**

(Verse 7) **Glory + honor+ immortality = Age-lasting life**

(Verse 8) **Self-seeking + rejecting the truth + following evil = wrath and anger**

Just like we learned in the Parable of the Mina, they were all subjects in his kingdom. This is two different responses from those already redeemed.

Let's look at **Paul's** perspective of Judgment:

### **Galatians 6:7-8**

*7 Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. 8 one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction; the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life.*

Again we see 2 different outcomes at the Judgment Seat dependant on how someone lives their life here on earth.

### **Galatians 5:19-26**

*19 The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; 20 idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions 21 and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.*

### **Proverbs 6:16-19(NASB)**

*<sup>16</sup>There are six things which the LORD hates, Yes, seven which are an abomination to Him: <sup>17</sup>Haughty eyes, a lying tongue, And hands that shed innocent blood, <sup>18</sup>A heart that devises wicked plans, Feet that run rapidly to evil, <sup>19</sup>A false witness who utters lies, And one who spreads strife among brothers.*

**Remember:**

**James 4:6 , 1 Peter 5:5**

*"God opposes the **proud** but gives grace to the **humble**."*

**Galatians 5:22-26**

*22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. 24 Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires. 25 Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. 26 Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.*

**So we inherit according to how we live now. Again the epistle of Galatians is addresses to "Brethren" Paul was not writing to a mixture of redeemed and unredeemed people here, but rather to the Body of Christ, the church.**

We are here to encourage one another

Let's finish off in **Psalms 33:12-22**

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*13 From heaven the LORD looks down and sees all mankind;*

*14 from his dwelling place he watches all who live on earth-*

*15 he who forms the hearts of all, who considers everything they do.*

*16 No king is saved by the size of his army; no warrior escapes by his great strength.*

*17 A horse is a vain hope for deliverance; despite all its great strength it cannot save.*

*18 But the eyes of the LORD are on those who fear him, on those whose hope is in his unfailing love,*

*19 to deliver them from death and keep them alive in famine.*

*20 We wait in hope for the LORD; he is our help and our shield.*

*21 In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name.*

*22 May your unfailing love rest upon us, O LORD, even as we put our hope in you.*

## **Recap:**

- We saw from Corinthians that the devil is the “god” of this world
- Jesus Christ taught that if we are faithful in very little we will be rewarded with much
- We have to walk by the spirit and not by the flesh as exhorted by Paul in Galatians
- That if we don’t throw away our confidence or shrink back we will be richly rewarded.