

The Judgment Revelation 20:11-15

Longer passages are not quoted in the study sheet, but they can be read in the accompanying transcript.

When Jesus comes again we'll _____ gather before the judgment seat of Christ. What will happen there? Today, we will explore what the Bible says about the Judgment Day. Of all the books you might study, none is more crucial to your _____ than the Bible. It alone has the Lord's words of _____ life. It contains the _____ criteria that will one day judge your souls. You cannot afford to _____ what God's Word says.

I grew up watching Perry Mason on television. As a defense attorney, Mason nearly always demonstrated that there was a reasonable _____ about his client's guilt. Usually the judge dismissed the case because Perry Mason exposed someone else as _____. It was an exciting drama, all over, in one hour.

The Bible, however, describes the Judgment Day differently. The Lord _____ all things. He already knows those who _____ Him and have their names written in the book of life. He also knows those who have _____ Him and followed their own path. He'll _____ the saved on His right from the lost on His left.

The Judgment Day is not so much a day of _____ as it is a day of sentencing or rewarding. Some will enter their _____ in the heavenly city, while others are taken away from God forever. I'm talking about these matters today because we all _____ to know them. We don't want the Day of Judgment to find us unprepared.

Our reading today comes from the book of Revelation 20:11-15.

Pay very close attention to Revelation 20:11-15 because it _____ what will happen to you on Judgment Day. No matter who you are, where you've lived, when you lived, what language you spoke, or how important you thought you were, you'll be _____ before the great white throne. The Lord will _____ you on that day. The great and the small will all be accountable to God. Those who _____ and were resurrected at the second coming will be there, both the righteous and the unrighteous. The sea will deliver up its dead. Death and Hades will deliver up their dead. Those whose _____ are in the Lamb's book of life and those whose names are not found in the book of life, both of them, will be there at judgment.

Some present will try to escape out of _____, but there is no place for them to go. You cannot _____ your appointment with the Lord Jesus on Judgment Day. Second Corinthians 5:10 says, "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be recompensed for his _____ in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad." How you have _____ your life will determine how the Lord will recompense you for eternity.

On the last day, the Day of Judgment, the Lord Jesus will judge us by the things which

were written in the open books and He'll do it according to our _____. The Lord Jesus said, "He who rejects Me and does not receive My sayings, has one who judges him; the _____ I spoke is what will judge him at the last day" (John 12:48). Those words are recorded in the New Testament. The Day of Judgment is also called the _____ day because there will be no other days after it. It's the _____ of this age and the beginning of the age to come.

We will not be judged by councils or creeds. Popular _____ will not decide right from wrong. The Lord Jesus will not take opinion _____ asking us what we think He should do. What Jesus said and what is recorded in the books, that is the New Testament, will be the _____ and _____ basis of authority to determine our eternal destiny.

The Lord Jesus will sit on that great white _____ as our judge on that day. Paul said, "Therefore having overlooked the times of ignorance, God is now declaring to men that all people everywhere should _____, because He has fixed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness through a Man whom He has appointed, having furnished _____ to all men by raising Him from the dead" (Acts 17:30-31). Just as surely as Jesus _____ from the dead, so we can be sure there will be a second coming and a Day of Judgment.

I'm thankful the Lord Jesus will judge us. The Bible says that He is a _____ judge in 2 Timothy 4:8. He loved us enough to upon the cross _____ for our sins. He's been our mediator (1 Timothy 2:5) and our advocate with the Father (1 John 2:1). The Lord Jesus is full of mercy, and He will exercise mercy to the extent that it is consistent with His _____ justice and truth. Since He lived as a man on this earth, He has perfect sympathy and understanding of our _____. He will do what is right on that day.

On the Day of Judgment, the Lord will judge us individually. Romans 14:12 says, "each one of us will give an _____ of himself to God." My friend, no one can believe, repent, or obey the gospel in baptism for you. God will hold you _____ responsible for the sins that you committed and for the good things that you failed to do. The Scripture says that God will "repay each person _____ to what he has done" (Matthew 16:27).

We sometimes judge others for their sins but _____ our own. Some suppose God will condemn others for their sins but will _____ about their own. Paul said, "Therefore you have no _____, everyone of you who passes judgment, for in that which you judge another, you condemn yourself; for you who judge practice the same things. And we know that the judgment of God rightly falls upon those who practice such things" (Romans 2:1-2). Sin is still sin, no matter who commits it.

On that day, the Lord Jesus will judge each one _____. He won't play favorites. **Read Romans 2:6-11.** God will judge us on the _____ of our faith, not out of prejudice; out of what He teaches, not out of presumption or prejudice.

The Lord will judge us honestly and righteously. There won't be anything _____ from His sight. The Bible says, "For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and

able to _____ the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And there is no creature _____ from His sight, but all things are open and laid bare to the eyes of Him with whom we have to do” (Hebrews 4:12-13). When you stand before the Lord Jesus and His Word is _____, He will judge you fairly and openly. You might be able to _____ things in this life, but all will be laid bare to His eyes in the life to come.

First, the Lord will judge our _____ and motives. Our hearts can be so _____. The Lord said, “For out of the _____ come evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, slanders” (Matthew 15:19). What we think in our hearts prompts our _____. This is why willfully _____ about sin is as bad as acting on it. The Lord Jesus said, “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery’; but I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with _____ for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart” (Matthew 5:27-28).

God knows what is in our hearts. John 2:24-25 says, “But Jesus, on His part, was not entrusting Himself to them, for He knew all men, and because He did not need anyone to testify concerning man, for He Himself knew what was in man.” Romans 2:16 reminds us on that day that “God will judge the _____ of men through Christ Jesus.” If you are contemplating evil in your heart, remember God knows your heart.

Proverbs 21:2 says, “Every man’s way is right in his own _____, But the LORD weighs the _____.” The Lord knows your _____ reasons. Each of us needs to be like David who said to God, “Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me and know my anxious thoughts; And see if there be any hurtful way in me, And lead me in the everlasting way” (Psalm 139:23-24). If God looked into your heart, what would He see there? Would He see good or evil in you?

Second, the Lord will judge us by how we _____. **Read what the Lord Jesus said in Matthew 12:34-37.** A careless word is a worthless comment that’s made by an unthinking person. They don’t realize how _____ their words can be. Idle words may be gossip or lies; they may be endless grumbling or complaining. These careless words may be unfair criticism, or name-calling, or slander. They may show hatefulness and anger. They may be filthy talk. Ephesians 4:29 says, “Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification according to the _____ of the moment, so that it will give grace to those who hear.” You will have to give an _____ to God one day for how you speak. Proverbs 18:21 says, “Death and life are in the _____ of the tongue.”

Third, God will judge us by our works. Proverbs 15:3 says, “The eyes of the LORD are in every place, watching the evil and the good.” God sees everything we _____, even if no one else sees it. Second Corinthians 5:10 says, “For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.” The Lord Jesus said, “I am He who _____ the minds and hearts; and I will give to each one of you according to your _____” (Revelation 2:23).

Our morals matter; right and wrong. Romans 8:12-13 says, “So then, brethren, we are

under obligation, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—for if you are living according to the flesh, you must die; but if by the Spirit you are putting to death the deeds of the body, you will live.” If we allow sinful passions to _____ us, and act upon them, we’ll lose our souls. We must _____ from the sinful behavior and live godly lives. Galatians 6:7-8 says, “Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap. For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life.”

How we _____ others also matters. If we _____ to be forgiven, then we must learn to forgive. Jesus said, “For if you forgive others for their transgressions, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive others, then your Father will not forgive your transgressions” (Matthew 6:14-15). First John 4:20 says that you can’t claim to _____ God if you _____ your brother. Loving God means learning to love and to forgive others. Don’t let _____ come between you and your God. Being _____ to others matters. In Matthew 25:31-46 the Lord Jesus separated the sheep from the goats on the basis of their _____. The sheep fed and clothed the needy; they visited the sick and those in prison; but the goats ignored their needs. The Lord said in verse 46, “These (that is, the goats) will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

When the Lord Jesus passes judgment on our souls, we too will either enter into eternal life or be taken away into eternal punishment. No event has _____ consequences than this one. Eternity has no _____. Once the Lord passes judgment on us, there’s no second chance and no _____. Whether we live in the grace of God in this life will determine our eternal destiny. If the Judgment Day came today, would you be _____ with God according to the Scriptures? The Lord Jesus died on the cross for you, but has His blood washed you _____ from sin?

Someone says, “Surely God is too _____ to punish anyone in the lake of fire.” If God let impenitent, sinful people go unpunished, He would certainly be an unholy and an unjust God. Habakkuk 1:13 says of God, “Your eyes are too _____ to approve evil, And You cannot look on wickedness with favor.”

Read what the apostle Peter says in 2 Peter 2:4-9. Peter also says that God does not wish “any to _____ but for all to come to repentance” (2 Peter 3:9). It breaks God’s heart to see the wicked lost. God said, “‘Do I have any _____ in the death of the wicked,’ declares the Lord GOD, ‘rather than that he should _____ from his ways and live?’” (Ezekiel 18:23). God doesn’t want to condemn you or anyone. But He wants you to _____. You must be prepared for the Judgment Day!

To become a Christian, _____ Jesus is the Son of God, _____ of your sins, _____ Jesus as Lord and Christ, and be _____ into Christ. Baptism is an immersion in water in the name of Jesus for the forgiveness of your sins (Acts 2:38). When you’re baptized, your sins will be washed away, and the Lord will add you to His church (Acts 2:47; 22:16). Once you become a Christian, stay faithful! Love God and serve Him for the rest of your life.