

INTRODUCTION

- The Judgement Seat of Christ will be the next event once the Rapture takes place.
 - Only believers will be at this Judgement to receive our rewards done in the body

(2 Corinthians 5:10)

“For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.”

THE WHITE THRONE JUDGEMENT

(Revelation 20:11-15)

¹¹ Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. ¹² And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is *the Book of Life*. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. ¹³ The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works. ¹⁴ Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. ¹⁵ And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.

In the Gospels, Jesus tells of the end of the age, will be the final Judgement.

1. The separation of the sheep from the goats

(Matthew 25:31-34; 41)

³¹ “When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. ³² All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides *his* sheep from the goats. ³³ And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. ³⁴ Then the King will say to those on His right hand, ‘Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:

⁴¹ “Then He will also say to those on the left hand, ‘Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels:

2. The separation of the wheat from the tares

(Matthew 13:38-43)

³⁸ The field is the world, the good seeds are the sons of the kingdom, but the tares are the sons of the wicked *one*. ³⁹ The enemy who sowed them is the devil, the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are the angels. ⁴⁰ Therefore as the tares are gathered and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of this age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send out His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all things that offend, and those who practice lawlessness, ⁴² and will cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears to hear, let him hear!

- Our works done in the body will be classified in terms of gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay or straw and it will be revealed by fire.

(1 Corinthians 3:12-15)

12 Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, 13 each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. 14 If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward. 15 If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.

- It does matter, as a born-again believer:
 - How you live – are you living a disciplined life?
 - What you do – are you substituting sacrifice for obedience?
 - How you use what you have – are you a faithful steward?

THE PURPOSE FOR THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST

- **Not To Judge Before The Time - Until The Lord Comes**

(1Corinthians 4:1-5 NKJV)

1 Let a man so consider us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. 2 Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful. 3 But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by a human court. In fact, I do not even judge myself. 4 For I know of nothing against myself, yet I am not justified by this; but He who judges me is the Lord. 5 Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord comes, who will both bring to light the hidden things of darkness and reveal the counsels of the hearts. Then each one's praise will come from God.

(1Corinthians 4:1-5 The Message)

1-4 Don't imagine us leaders to be something we aren't. We are servants of Christ, not his masters. We are guides into God's most sublime secrets, not security guards posted to protect them. The requirements for a good guide are reliability and accurate knowledge. It matters very little to me what you think of me, even less where I rank in popular opinion. I don't even rank myself. Comparisons in these matters are pointless. I'm not aware of anything that would disqualify me from being a good guide for you, but that doesn't mean much. The Master makes that judgment. 5 So don't get ahead of the Master and jump to conclusions with your judgments before all the evidence is in. When he comes, he will bring out in the open and place in evidence all kinds of things we never even dreamed of—inner motives and purposes and prayers. Only then will any one of us get to hear the "Well done!" of God.

- "Judge nothing before the time, until the Lord comes"
 - "Don't get ahead of the Master and jump to conclusions with your judgments before all the evidence is in"

- “To light the hidden things of darkness and reveal the counsels of the hearts” [acts and intents]
 - “He will bring out in the open and place in evidence all kinds of things we never even dreamed of – inner motives and purposes and prayers.”
- When God judges us- He judges our actions with our attitudes.
 - Man is incapable of judging our intentions.
 - Some of our actions seem wrong till our attitudes are know

- **To Reveal The True Works Of The Believers**

- As stewards of God, we can build on the foundation of Jesus Christ with two sets of materials:

- GOLD, SILVER AND PRECIOUS STONES
 - Gold – Spiritual
 - When you depend solely on the power of the Holy Spirit and not on yourself to serve the Lord

(Zechariah 4:6)
“Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,’ Says the LORD of hosts.”
 - Silver – Stewardship
 - When you are willing to use what He has given you for His purpose and glory.
 - Precious stones – Discipline
 - These are builders’ stones and speak of steadfastness, consistency and faithfulness.
 - You are rewarded for your spirituality, sacrifice, faithfulness and steadfastness
- WOOD, HAY AND STUBBLE
 - Wood – Unspiritual
 - Carnal means and not spiritual, depending on your own rational and ability
 - Hay – Bad Stewardship
 - Wrong use of what you have. Doing for what you can get – earthly rewards – for fame, position and etc.
 - Stubble – Undisciplined
 - Acting as a hypocrite – having a form but denying the truth

- **To Receive Our Reward As Faithful Stewards**

Our rewards will be crowns

- The Crown Of Righteousness

(2 Timothy 4:8)

Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.

- The Crown Of Life

(James 1:12)

Blessed is the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.

(Revelation 2:10)

“Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life” 3.

- The Crown Of Glory

(1Peter 5:4)

“and when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that does not fade away.”

- The Crown Of Gold

(Revelation 4:4)

Around the throne were twenty-four thrones, and on the thrones I saw twenty-four elders sitting, clothed in white robes; and they had crowns of gold on their heads.

- Man’s rewards will perish on earth.
- God’s rewards are eternal.

(1 Corinthians 9:24-27)

24 Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain it. 25 And everyone who competes for the prize is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a perishable crown, but we for an imperishable crown. 26 Therefore I run thus: not with uncertainty. Thus I fight: not as one who beats the air. 27 But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified

CONCLUSION

Jesus warns us,

“Behold, I am coming quickly! Hold fast what you have, that no one may take your crown.”
(Revelation 3:11)

- The Bible says the 24 Elders cast their crowns at the feet of Jesus.
- When your turn comes, will you have crowns to cast at His feet?
- It will be more than being embarrassment, it will be heart breaking – great pain and sorrow for those who don't have a crown.

(1 Corinthians 3:15)

If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.

(Revelation 21:4)

And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.”