

Eternal Judgment

Heb. 6:1-3

Heb. 9:27 - And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment This is universal.

TWO JUDGMENTS

(1) Great White Throne Judgment

- Rev. 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.
- How do you get your name in the Book of Life?
 John 5:24 - *"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life".*

(2) Judgment Seat of Christ

- 2 Cor. 5:10 - *¹⁰ For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body,*

THE MEANING OF ETERNAL JUDGMENT:

(1) God sees everything and everything will be revealed

- Heb. 4:13 - *And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.*
- Luke 8:17 - *For nothing is secret that will not be revealed, nor anything hidden that will not be known and come to light.*
- Jesus said this 3X, in the context - of persecution (Matt. 10:26), letting your light shine (Luke 8:17), and hypocrisy (Luke 12:2).

(2) All actions have consequences

- Gal. 5:19-22 - *¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, ²¹ envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.*
 (See also 1 Cor. 6-9-10)

- Rev. 21:7-8 ⁷ *He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son.* ⁸ *But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.”*
- Gal. 6:7-8 ⁷ *Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap.* ⁸ *For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.*
- This is the meaning of the fear of the Lord
- The fear of the Lord is not just what God will do, but what I might do!
- Not just OT! Acts 9:31 - *Then the churches throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria had peace and were edified. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, they were multiplied.*

(3) God’s punishment is worth avoiding

- Matt. 5:29 - *If your right eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and cast it from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell.*
- Matt. 10:28 - *And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.*

(4) God’s rewards are worth receiving

- I Cor. 3:11-15 - ¹¹ *For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.* ¹² *Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw,* ¹³ *I 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.*
- This deals not as much with evil lives as empty lives.
- People really aren’t motivated by this as they should be. We are dealing with a benevolent, powerful king

“If you read history, you will find that the Christians who did most for the present world were just those who thought most of the next.... Aim at Heaven and you will get earth ‘thrown in’: aim at earth and you will get neither.” – C.S. Lewis

Rewards are about potential.

“We should live our lives as those whose every action is recorded, for recorded they shall be.” -- C. H. Spurgeon