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Principles
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Christ

Lesson 7:

The Doctrine of Eternal Judgment

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Just as there will be two kinds of resurrection, there will be two kinds of judgment:

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THE DOCTRINE OF

Eternal Judgment

This lesson is presented in four parts:



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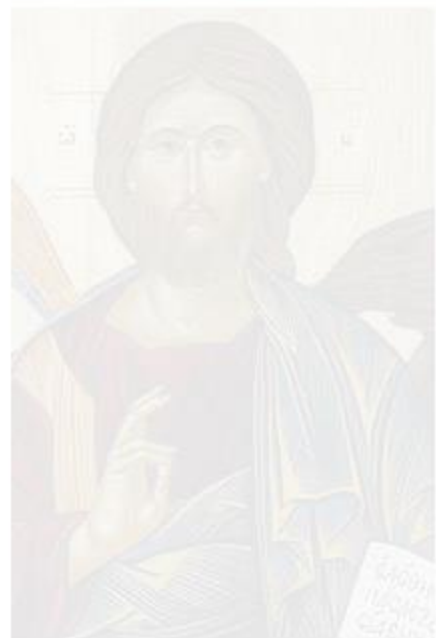


The Standard
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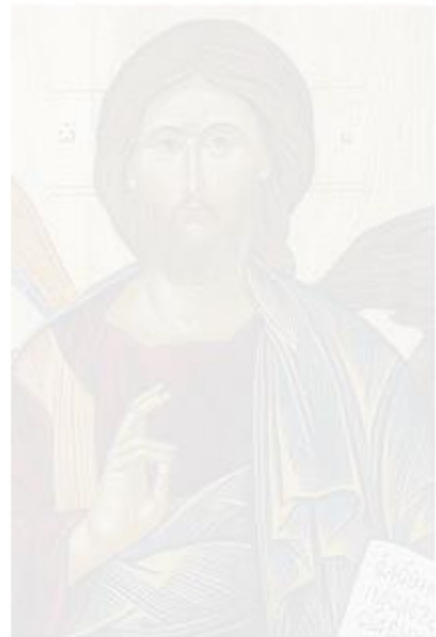


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**The Judgment
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The Standard of Judgment

A fair judgment requires a consistent standard of measurement.
What is the standard by which we are judged?



**The Standard
of Judgment**

What is the **whole duty** of man?

Ecclesiastes 12:13

¹³ Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter:
Fear God, and keep his commandments:
for this is the whole duty of man.





**The Standard
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The Law revealed what God requires from man:

Deuteronomy 10:12-13

- ¹² And now, Israel, what doth the LORD thy God require of thee, but to fear the LORD thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the LORD thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul,
- ¹³ To keep the commandments of the LORD, and his statutes, which I command thee this day for thy good?



The Standard of Judgment

Jesus held men to the same standard:

Matthew 22:37-39

- ³⁷ Jesus said unto him,
Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart,
and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.
- ³⁸ This is the first and great commandment.
- ³⁹ And the second is like unto it,
Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.



**The Standard
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Paul taught the same commandments:

Galatians 5:13-14

- 13 For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.
- 14 For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.



The Standard of Judgment

James called it “the royal law” – and showed how easy it was to break.

James 2:8 and 10

- ⁸ If ye fulfil the royal law according to the scripture,
Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself, ye do well:
¹⁰ For whosoever shall keep the whole law,
and yet offend in one *point*, **he is guilty of all.**



**The Standard
of Judgment**

Knowing the right thing to do is not enough!

James 4:17

¹⁷ Therefore to him that knoweth to do good,
and doeth *it* not, to him it is sin.



**The Standard
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Clearly we have failed to live up to our responsibility.

Romans 3:23

²³ For all have sinned,
and come short of the glory of God;

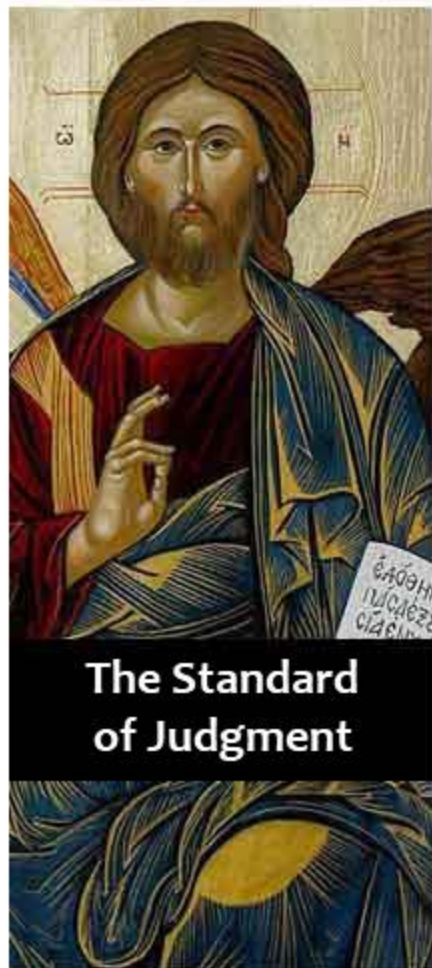


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But you and I did not become sinners through disobedience. We were *born* in sin. This is our terrible inheritance from Adam:

Romans 5:19a

¹⁹ For by one man's disobedience many were made sinners ...



**The Standard
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That is why man is NOT condemned for his sin. He is condemned when he rejects the SAVIOR from sin, Jesus Christ.

John 3:18

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For what deeds, then, are the righteous judged?



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The Judgment
of the Just





**The Judgment
of the Just**



The first judgment will be of the just, the believers.

1 Peter 4:17a

¹⁷ For the time *is* come that judgment must begin at the house of God:



**The Judgment
of the Just**



As Christians, we were saved by grace and freed from sin. No longer the servants of sin, we became the servants of righteousness.

Romans 6:17-18

- ¹⁷ But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you.
- ¹⁸ **Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.**



The Judgment of the Just



Accordingly, Christians will NOT be judged whether they are worthy of salvation (for it is only by grace that anyone is saved) but on the quality of their service to the King of kings.

2 Corinthians 5:10

¹⁰ For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in *his* body, **according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.**



**The Judgment
of the Just**



We will be rewarded in heaven according to our works here on earth.

1 Corinthians 3:8b

⁸ ... and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour.



**The Judgment
of the Just**



We get exactly the kind of treasure we worked for.

Matthew 6:19-21

- ¹⁹ Lay not up for yourselves **treasures upon earth**, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal:
- ²⁰ But lay up for yourselves **treasures in heaven**, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:
- ²¹ For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.



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Your heart is revealed by the treasure you pursue.

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**The Judgment
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Those who suffered for the gospel will have a great reward in heaven.

Luke 6:22-24

- ²² Blessed are ye, when men shall hate you,
and when they shall separate you *from their company*,
and shall reproach you, and cast out your name as evil,
for the Son of man's sake.
- ²³ Rejoice ye in that day, and leap for joy:
for, behold, your reward *is* great in heaven:
for in the like manner did their fathers unto the prophets.



The Judgment of the Just



Those who labored for treasures on earth will discover they already received their reward.

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- ²⁴ **But woe unto you that are rich!**
for ye have received your consolation.



**The Judgment
of the Just**



All of our treasures will be tested by fire.
If they CAN burn, they WILL burn.

1 Corinthians 3:13-15

- ¹³ Every man's work shall be made manifest:
for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by
fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.
- ¹⁴ If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon,
he shall receive a reward.
- ¹⁵ If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss:
but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.





**The Judgment
of the Just**



Our earthly treasures will not follow us into eternity.

Psalm 49:16-17

- ¹⁶ Be not thou afraid when one is made rich,
when the glory of his house is increased;
¹⁷ For when he dieth he shall carry nothing away:
his glory shall not descend after him.

Crowns and Rewards

Incorruptible crowns will be awarded to those who ran a good race.



1 Corinthians 9:24-25

²⁴ Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize?

So run, that ye may obtain.

²⁵ And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things.

Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible.



Crowns and Rewards

We should not expect great rewards for small sacrifices.



Hebrews 11:24-26

- ²⁴ By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter;
- ²⁵ Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season;
- ²⁶ Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward.



Crowns and Rewards

A crown of righteousness awaits those who lived their lives in light of his soon appearing.



2 Timothy 4:7-8

- 7 I have fought a good fight,
I have finished *my* course,
I have kept the faith:
- 8 Henceforth there is laid up for me
a crown of righteousness,
which the Lord, the righteous
judge, shall give me at that day:
and not to me only, but unto all
them also that love his appearing.



Crowns and Rewards

There is a crown of life for those who overcome temptation.



James 1:12

¹² Blessed is the man that endureth temptation:
for when he is tried, he shall receive **the crown of life**,
which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.



Crowns and Rewards

There is a crown of glory for church elders who served well.



1 Peter 5:2-4

- 2 Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof,
not by constraint, but willingly;
not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind;
- 3 Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock.
- 4 And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.



Crowns and Rewards

There is a crown of rejoicing for leading souls to Christ.



1 Thessalonians 2:19-20

¹⁹ For what is our hope, or joy, or **crown of rejoicing**?

Are not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at his coming?

²⁰ For ye are our glory and joy.



Crowns and Rewards

Rewards for proclaiming God's kingdom are equally shared by every contributor – whether you go into the battle, or provide for those who do.



1 Samuel 30:24

²⁴ For who will hearken unto you in this matter? but as his part is that goeth down to the battle, so *shall* his part be that tarrieth by the stuff: **they shall part alike.**



Crowns and Rewards

This is why Paul encouraged and accepted offerings of support.



Philippians 4:17

¹⁷ Not because I desire a gift:
but I desire fruit that may
abound to your account.



Crowns and Rewards

This is how someone who is *not* a prophet can receive a prophet's reward.



Matthew 10:41-42

⁴¹ He that receiveth a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward; and he that receiveth a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward.

⁴² And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward.



Crowns and Rewards

No good deed will go unnoticed.



Hebrews 6:10

¹⁰ For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister.



Crowns and Rewards

We should set our hearts to do good deeds that can only be repaid by the Master.



Luke 14:12-14

- ¹² ... When thou makest a dinner or a supper, call not thy friends, nor thy brethren, neither thy kinsmen, nor *thy* rich neighbours; lest they also bid thee again, and a recompence be made thee.
- ¹³ But when thou makest a feast, call the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind:
- ¹⁴ And thou shalt be blessed; for they cannot recompense thee: **for thou shalt be recompensed at the resurrection of the just.**

Crowns and Rewards

But why should anyone pursue these crowns and rewards? Our situation in heaven cannot be improved!



1 Corinthians 2:9

- ⁹ As it is written,
Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard,
neither have entered into the heart
of man, the things which God hath
prepared for them that love him.



Crowns and Rewards

The rewards we earn will be our offering to Christ when we stand before his throne.



Revelation 4:10-11

- ¹⁰ The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying,
- ¹¹ Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.



Crowns and Rewards

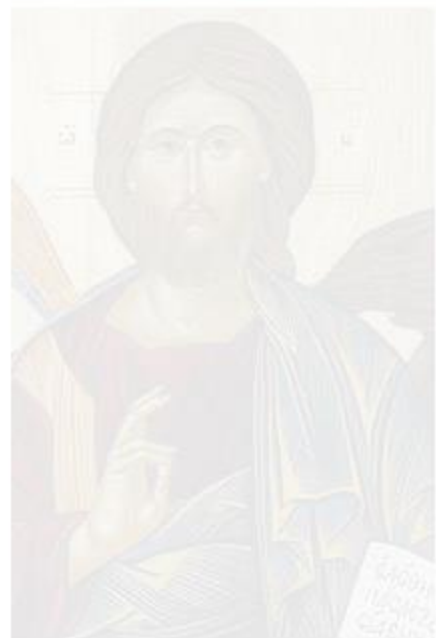
We labor and sacrifice now so we will not stand before the King of kings with empty hands.



1 John 2:28

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The Standard
of Judgment



The Judgment
of the Just



**The Judgment
of the Unjust**





**The Judgment
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After the final battle has been won, all unbelievers will be awakened from the sleep of death to hear God's judgment on their lives.

Revelation 20:11-12

- ¹¹ And I saw a great white throne, and him that 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, stand before God; and the books were opened:
and another book was opened, which is *the* book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.



**The Judgment
of the Unjust**

Their situation could not be more hopeless.

1 Peter 4:17-18

- ¹⁷ For the time *is* come that judgment must begin at the house of God:
and if *it* first *begin* at us, what shall the end *be* of them that obey not the gospel of God?
- ¹⁸ *And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?*



**The Judgment
of the Unjust**



Because they rejected Christ, they have no one but themselves to pay for their sins, and the payment for sin is death.

Romans 6:23

²³ *For the wages of sin is death;*
but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus
Christ our Lord.



**The Judgment
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There are only two options:

Romans 6:23

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The Judgment of the Unjust

Some say that the unsaved also have everlasting life, but it is a horrible, tortuous one. But the punishment for sin is not banishment, or torture, or imprisonment. Only those who believe in the Savior are saved from eternal death.

John 3:16b

¹⁶ ... that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.



**The Judgment
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Jude 1:7

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Those people were not endlessly tormented. They were instantaneously destroyed.




The Judgment of the Unjust

Those who denied the Son will perish in their own corruption.
This is the reward of unrighteousness.

2 Peter 2:12-13

- ¹² But these, as natural brute beasts, made to be taken and destroyed, speak evil of the things that they understand not; and shall utterly perish in their own corruption;
- ¹³ And shall receive the reward of unrighteousness, as they that count it pleasure to riot in the day time.

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They will be devoured in the fire of God's wrath.

Psalm 21:9

9 Thou shalt make them as a fiery oven in the time of thine anger: the LORD shall swallow them up in his wrath, and the fire shall devour them.



They will melt away like wax.

Psalm 68:2

² As smoke is driven away, so drive *them* away:
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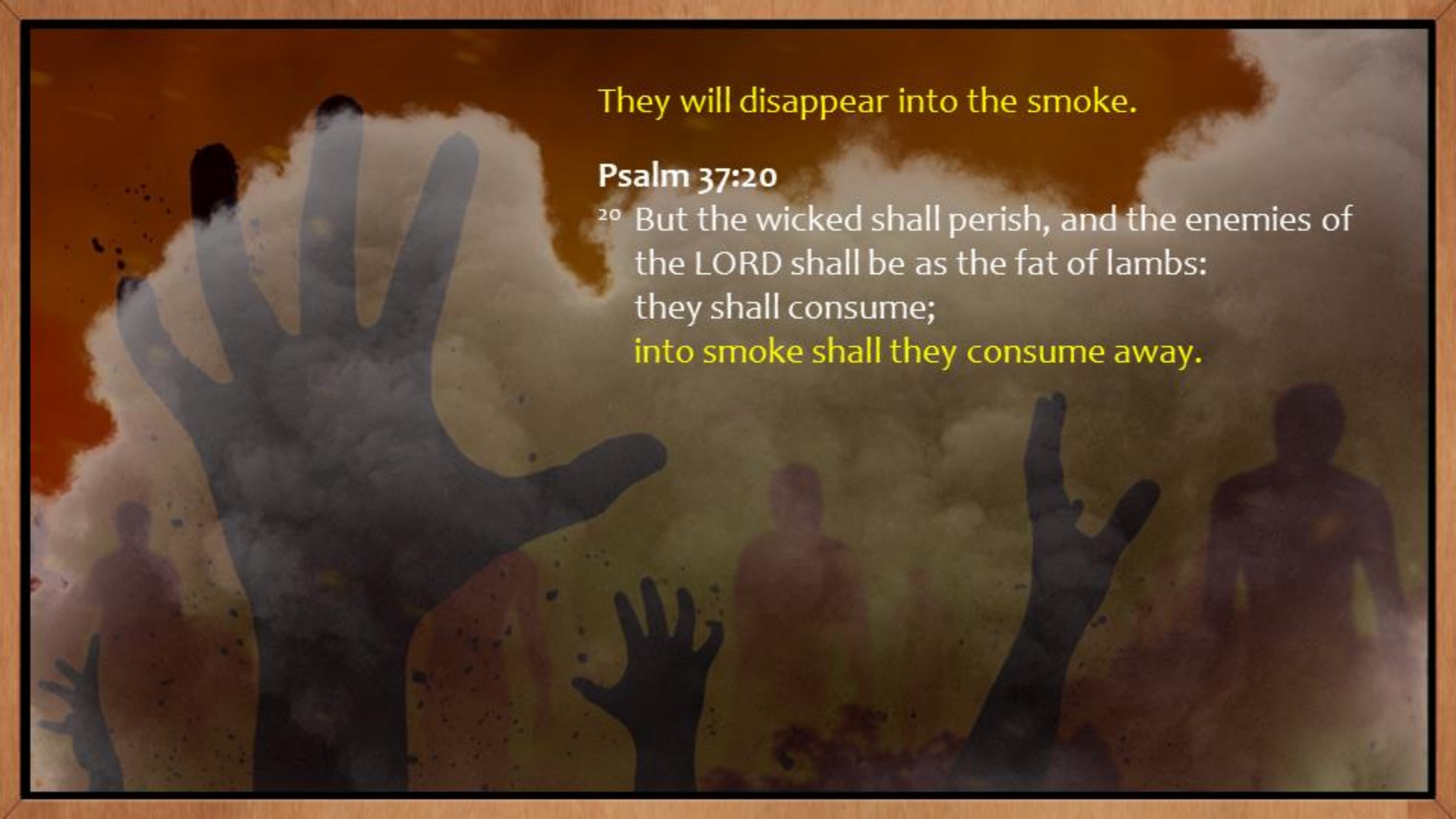




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The Judgment of the Unjust



In Hebrews 9:27 we read, “And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment.” All men die once. The unsaved are thrown into hellfire to die “the second death.”

Revelation 21:8

⁸ But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: **which is the second death.**



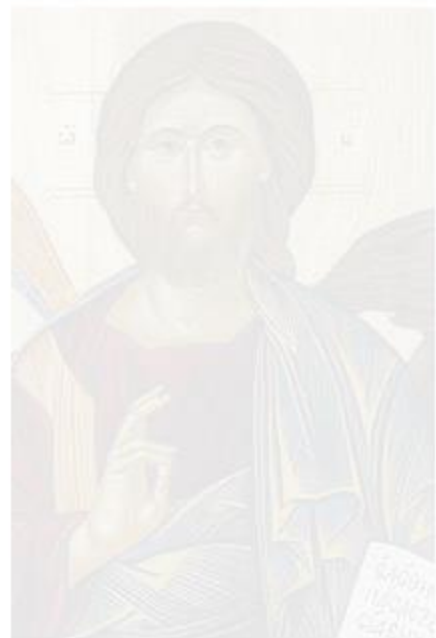
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Their sins are many, but it is their unbelief that condemns them.

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The Standard
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**The Judgment
of Satan**



The Judgment of Satan

Satan will be cast into the lake of fire and brimstone to be tormented for ever.

Revelation 20:10

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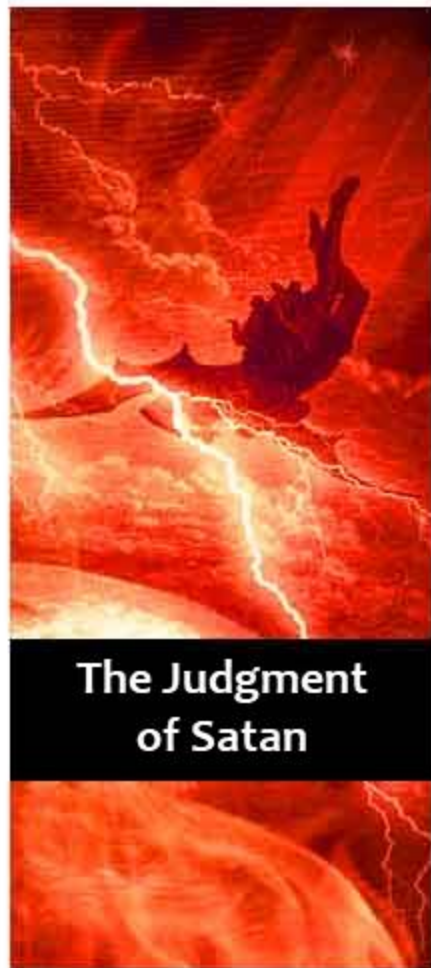
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Once again we see that it is **the devil** who is punished forever. The unsaved perish in the flames.





The Judgment of Satan

Because he is a spirit, the devil cannot die. But **his works** can and will be destroyed.

1 John 3:8b

⁸ For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

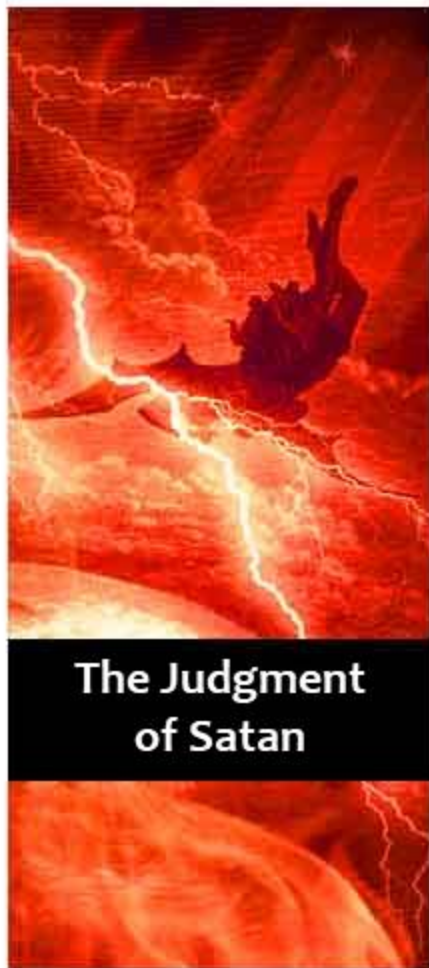


The Judgment of Satan

After sin and the devil are defeated, death itself can finally be destroyed.

1 Corinthians 15:26

¹⁰ The last enemy *that* shall be destroyed is death.



**The Judgment
of Satan**

Oh, victory in Jesus, our Savior forever!

Revelation 22:20

¹⁰ He which testifieth these things saith,
Surely I come quickly.
Amen.
Even so, come, Lord Jesus.



In the parable told by Jesus, the wise man dug deep and laid his foundation upon the rock.





The Rock is Jesus Christ.



Christ the Rock



Precept upon precept, the foundation is laid upon the Rock.

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REPENTANCE FROM DEAD WORKS

Christ the Rock



To repent of dead works is to live through faith in Christ, baptized into his complete work, and led in our new life by his guiding hand. We know that because he lives, we shall live also. And so we abide in him and let his word abide in us to the end that, when we stand before him to give account of our lives, we will receive many treasures to lay at his feet.

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Upon this foundation, we set the cornerstone in place. The house is now ready to be built.



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The Doctrine of Christ

As this presentation on THE PRINCIPLES OF THE DOCTRINE OF CHRIST comes to an end, let us not forget the importance of knowing and abiding in the doctrine of Christ.

2 John 1:9-11

- ⁹ Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God.
He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son.
- ¹⁰ If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed:
- ¹¹ For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds.



The Doctrine of Christ

We all want to hear him say, “Well done, thou good and faithful servant.” But you have to earn those words. And you earn them by loving God with your heart, soul, mind, and strength, and proving your love by your works.

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