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**Judgment Day**

Rev 20:11-15 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. 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. 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. Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire. NKJV

* every person will be judged by their works according to the books (of the Bible) – I Pet 1:17 “And if ye call on the Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man's work, pass the time of your sojourning here in fear:” – no respect of persons / favoritism
* it is a non-starter for those not in the book of life – they have no chance to begin with

II Cor 5:10 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.

* done in his body – while we are alive – there are no second chances after death – Rev 14:13 “And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.” Heb 9:27 “And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment”
* whether good or bad – Of course we will be judged based upon whether we believe (John 3:16, etc.), but also by what we do - Matt 12:36 “But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment.”

Rom 14:10-12 “But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God. So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.”

* treat others the right way because you will answer for how you treated them at the judgment
* everybody will bow to Jesus then, but it will be too late for many
* we will have to give account to God – doesn’t that scare you a little?

Nahum 1:3 The Lord *is* slow to anger and great in power, And will not at all acquit *the wicked.*

* God is not just going to let us off the hook for our sins
* but then how can anyone be acquitted? Ezek 18:21-22 But if the wicked will turn from all his sins that he hath committed, and keep all my statutes, and do that which is lawful and right, he shall surely live, he shall not die. All his transgressions that he hath committed, they shall not be mentioned unto him: in his righteousness that he hath done he shall live.

II Pet 3:9-10 “The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.”

* repentance is necessary to avoid perishing on the judgment day
* nobody knows when that day will be – no way to predict it – no advance warning - Jesus will come as “thief in the night” - Mark 13:32 But of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father.
* on the judgment day, the earth and everything else will be burned up – no room for “Premillennialism”

Acts 17:31 “Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead.”

* the whole world (every single person) will be judged
* judged through Christ – the job will be delegated to Christ – John 5:22 “For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son”

John 12:48 “He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day.”

* Jesus will judge through his word – so we know without doubt what the standard of judgment is

Eccl 12:14 “For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.”

* every deed, good or bad, will be examined
* even those things done in secret from others - Rom 2:16 “In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel.”

Rev 22:12 “... behold, I come quickly; & my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.”

* again, “every man” (saint and sinner alike) will be judged based upon their works, what they did

Matt 25:31-46 God will judge us based upon our doctrine, morality, AND our charitable deeds

* one of two things happens to people at the judgment – verse 46 – “And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.”