

REVELATION Lesson 189

Chapter 20:11-15—with Job 14:14-22 — The Individual at the White Throne Judgment

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Vs 11 Earth and Heaven disappear at the time of the White Throne Judgment. Therefore, anyone who is trusting anything in heaven or on earth has a vain faith. All that is left is God and man. Your trust must be in the God who remains eternally.

Vs 12 **“The dead were judged...according to their works.”** That means it’s too late to change your mind. It’s too late to repent and turn to God.

- Today is the day of salvation. Trust Jesus Christ today and receive eternal life. The purpose at the White Throne is judgment, not debating or bargaining with God. It is the time to judge the sinner.

Vs 13 **“They were judged every man...”** It doesn’t matter who you are; if you rejected Jesus Christ, you will be judged at the Great White Throne. **“Judged...according to their works.”** You will give account for what you did with Jesus Christ. You won’t be able to blame anyone else.

14-15 **“Death and hell...the lake of fire.”** This is the reason Jesus Christ died on the cross; so you wouldn’t have to go there.

THE THRONE PICTURED (1 Kings 10:18-20)

Mat 12:38-42 Jesus said the men of Nineveh and the Queen of Sheba (1 Kings 10), who had less light than the scribes and Pharisees of Jesus’ time, would rise up at the judgment to condemn them for rejecting the light that they had.

- The men of Nineveh heeded the warning of Jonah and repented immediately.
 - They will condemn anyone who had the light of the gospel and rejected it.
- The queen of the south went to great lengths to see the glory of the king in Jerusalem.
 - She will condemn anyone who lacked the interest to find out about the King.

John 3:16-19 People will be condemned to hell fire because they refuse to let loose of their evil deeds and because they despise the light that God gave them. Those who do not believe in God’s only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, do not have everlasting life.

- Condemnation is a result of not believing God. If you’re trusting in yourself or the things that you do, Jesus will say to you, **“I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.”** (Mt 7:23).
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THE FINAL JUDGMENT DESCRIBED IN JOB (Job 14:14-22)

Vs 14 Every person will live again. Some will be resurrected to everlasting life and live forever with God. Others will be resurrected only to be condemned at the White Throne Judgment. They have an appointment with judgment (Heb 9:27). ***“Till my change come”*** is a reference to resurrection.

Vs 15 ***“Thou shalt call, and I will answer thee.”*** God will require men to give their personal account to Him. He will not give account to men (Mk 15:5); He is not the guilty one; He is the Judge.

“Thou wilt have a desire to the work of thine hands.” God is going to want the man that He created to answer for the things he did with his life. What have you done for God?

Vs 16 God is watching men step into sin, convincing them that they will be accountable for their actions.

Vs 17 In this verse, our sins are pictured as sewn up in a bag that we carry with us. If you don't give those sins to Jesus Christ at the foot of the cross, you'll still have them with you at the White Throne.

18-19 ***“...thou destroyest the hope of man.”*** If you find yourself standing before the White Throne, all hope is gone.

FIVE FALSE HOPES THAT WILL BE DESTROYED AT THE WHITE THRONE JUDGMENT:

1. Men hope there is no death, denying that it is real. They hope to find cures for all illnesses and diseases and prolong life in various ways.
 - a. Jesus already solved the death problem. If you reject Him, all hope is lost.
2. Men hope that death leads to annihilation (end of existence) rather than eternity in the Lake of fire. When you're resurrected at the White Throne Judgment, you'll find out that was a vain hope.
3. Others hope for reincarnation. The White Throne will cure them of that false hope.
4. Some hope there is no God to whom they must answer. Seeing Him on His throne will dash that hope.
5. *“I hope there's no eternal punishment. God might change His mind and be compassionate in the end and let everybody go to heaven.”*
 - a. God's compassion and mercy will not play a role in judgment. His word will condemn them to everlasting punishment in the Lake of Fire (John 12:48).

Vs 20 At the White Throne Judgment, when the guilty party finds out that their sentence is forever, and there is no changing God's mind; when all hope is lost, their countenance (the look on their face) will change.

Vs 21 After that judgment, you won't ever know what happened to any of your family members.

Vs 22 The guilty sinner will be resurrected for judgment. In his resurrected body, he'll be cast into the Lake of fire and his flesh...shall have pain, and his soul...shall mourn.
