

REVELATION PART 4, LESSON #14
ETERNAL REWARDS AND JUDGMENT
7 BLESSINGS

I. THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST homework, day 1 pp.177-179

A. 2 Corinthians 5:1-10

Verses 1-9: Paul's exhortation

Why are we to "be of good courage?" "...be pleasing to Him"? "9 Therefore we also have as our ambition, whether at home or absent, to be pleasing to Him."

Verse 10: Why must we all appear before the judgment seat of Christ?

"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad."

Defn: recompensed, #2865-KOMIZO-bring, receive for deeds done in the body (Rev.22:12)

Therefore, Romans 12:1-2

Defn: Bad, #5337-PHAULOS-adj. Morally bad, evil wicked--In the N.T. spoken of wicked deeds, wicked statements --could also mean worthless or good-for-nothing (S. Zodiates)

B. Romans 14:7-12

Verses 1-10a: Paul's exhortation

Verses 10b-12: When we stand before the judgment seat of God, what will we do?

C. 1Corinthians 3:1-15:

Verses 1-9: Context

Verses 10-15: the apostles' and teachers' responsibility to build on the foundation of Jesus Christ

This applies to all believers-we should all be building truth into each other's lives

Verses 12-15: What do we learn about "the day"? (v.13) Is this the same event as in Romans 14:10 and 2Corinthians 5:10?

How do we know that this judgment seat is for believers?

2 John 8: *“Watch yourselves, that you do not lose what we have accomplished, but that you may receive a full reward.”*

WHEN will this event occur? Based on 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Revelation 19:7-21:

***It seems logical that it will take place sometime AFTER all believers are with the Lord.**

***It is possible that it takes place BEFORE Christ's Second Coming to earth, as His armies follow Him.** (“armies” includes the Church, v.8; tribulation saints 7:13; OT believers, Jude 14; and angels, Matt.25:31)

BUT, if Revelation 22:12 means the 2nd Coming and not the Rapture, then it must be AFTER His return to earth.

Revelation 22:12: *“Behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to render to every man according to what he has done.”*

Based on these day 1 references, what might the rewards be?

WHO will rule and reign with Christ for 1000 years?

Revelation 2:26-27: *“He who overcomes, and he who keeps My deeds until the end, to him I will give authority over the nations; 27 AND HE SHALL RULE THEM WITH A ROD OF IRON, AS THE VESSELS OF THE POTTER ARE BROKEN TO PIECES, as I also have received authority from My Father;”* see Psalm 2:9; Is. 30:14; Jer. 19:10

Defn: keeps, #5083--to watch, observe attentively, keep the eyes fixed upon

Figuratively, to obey, observe, keep, fulfill--a duty or law or precept

Defn: deed, #2041--that which one has been called or ordained to accomplish

Defn: end, #5056--in respect to time: a term, termination, completion

Ezekiel 34:23-24; Jeremiah 30:1-9

Ezek.34:20-22 define “them” in v.23

Jeremiah 30:1-9: How are the “days are coming” described?

READ vv.10-11; Romans 11:1-29

Define “Israel”: Romans 2:28-29; 9:6-8; Philippians 3:3

“So all Israel will be saved” Romans 11:26

II. THE JUDGMENT OF THE NATIONS homework, Day 2 p.180

Matthew 25:31-46: Jesus judges between the sheep and goats-WHEN?

III. RESURRECTION TO EVERLASTING LIFE OR JUDGMENT Days 3&4, pp.180-183

A. Daniel 12:1-2; John 5:28-29

What is needed for a clear understanding of the resurrection to judgment based on these passages?

Will the dead/unbelievers suffer different levels of punishments according to the deeds they do on earth?

Matthew 10&11; Mark 12 & Luke 20; John 19:10-11; Revelation 1:17-18; Luke 12:5

III. HADES, HELL, and THE LAKE OF FIRE Day 5 pp.184-187

Who is in Hades now?

From p.187:

Is anyone in the lake of fire now?

Who goes there first? Rev.19:20

Who follows and when? Matt.25:41; Rev.20:4-6

Who follows after that? Rev.20:10

Then who? Rev.20:12-15

When will Hades be thrown into the lake of fire?

Jesus gives the kingdom to God the Father. That is the time of the new heaven, earth, and Jerusalem

IV. REVELATION 22:1-21 homework, pp.187-188

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Verses 1-5: The Tree of Life

Beside the River of Water of Life, flowing forever from the throne of God.

Verses 6-10: Importance of the Book

A reaffirmation that it is the Word of God, v.6. and a blessing in v.7

Verses 11-15: End of the Day of Grace

Character, in this world, while the day of grace lasts, may become better or worse. But the time comes when it is fixed for eternity, as fruit issues from the bud.

Verses 16,17: Final Invitation

Everyone may join in the invitation. Come, before it is too late.

Verses 18-21: Final Warning

Better accept God's Word just as it is, and beware of treating any of it too lightly
Jesus' last recorded word: "Yes, I am coming quickly"

Defn: blessed #3107, MAKARIOS-possessing the favor of God, that state of being marked by fullness from God. It indicates the state of the believer in Christ; said of the one who becomes a partaker of God's nature through faith in Christ (2 Peter 1:4). The believer is indwelt by the Holy Spirit because of Christ and as a result should be fully satisfied no matter the circumstances. To be MAKARIOS, blessed, is equivalent to having God's kingdom within one's heart (Matthew 5:3,10). MAKARIOS is the one who is in the world yet independent of the world. His satisfaction comes from God and not from favorable circumstances. Zodh.

7 BLESSINGS IN REVELATION

As the book begins by pronouncing blessing on those who read and keep its words, 1:3, so it closes, 22:7.

1:3-He who reads, those who hear and heed

14:12-13- the dead who die in the Lord "from now on" possibly trib. Martyrs

16:15- the one who stays awake...

19:9- those invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb

20:6- and holy, the one who has part in the first resurrection

22:7- he who heeds the prophecies of this book

22:14- those who wash their robes

"I prayed for Faith and thought that someday Faith would come down and strike me like lightning. But Faith did not seem to come. One day I read in the tenth chapter of Romans, "Now faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God." I had closed my Bible and prayed for Faith. I now opened my Bible, and began to study, and Faith has been growing ever since." D.L. Moody

May our hearts, minds, and Bibles, be open always to God's Word. love, sharon

Homework, p.183:

