

# **"THE TWO JUDGEMENTS OF GOD"**

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Introduction: The Scriptures are very clear when they teach us of "The Two Judgments of GOD." One concerning the wicked unbeliever. . . the other the child of GOD. The following study is dedicated to a greater understanding of these two very important Truths of Scripture.

When we speak of the word "judgment", we mean. . .

"That time in the future when each one of us will give an account to GOD of every word we spoke, every thought we had in mind, every action we participated in, and every attitude we expressed."

## **I. The Judgment Of The Wicked Unbeliever**

A. Jesus spoke of this judgment in Matthew chapter eleven. First the Scriptures tell us why HE spoke these Words. . .

*"Then began HE to denounce the cities where in most of HIS mighty works were done, because they repented not." v.20*

Then the actual words of judgment. . .

*"Woe unto thee Chorazin! Woe unto thee, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works, which were done in you, had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. But I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the day of judgment, than for you. And thou, Capernaum, which art exalted unto heaven, shalt be brought down to hell: for if the mighty works, which have been done in thee, had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. But I say unto you, That it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment, than for thee." vv. 21-24*

B. The Apostle Peter spoke of this judgment. . .

*"For if GOD spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment; and spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly; And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them ensample unto those that after should live ungodly." II Peter 2:4-6*

*"The LORD knoweth how to. . . reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished." II Peter 2:9*

*"But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men." II Peter 3:7*

C. The Apostle John also spoke of this judgment. . .

*"And I saw a great white throne, and HIM that sat on it, from whose face the earth and heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before GOD; and the books were opened: and another book was opened. . . and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it, and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them, and they were judged every man according to their works. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire." Revelation 20:11-15*

What is the solution to this problem if you are one of these "ungodly" men or women who have rejected the LORD JESUS CHRIST and are destined to this "day of judgment" and "lake of fire"? The answer is found right in GOD'S Word. For there it is written. . .

*"The LORD is not slack concerning HIS promise. . . but is patient toward us, not wishing that any (of us) should perish, but that all should come to repentance." II Peter 3:9*

## **II. The Judgment Of The Child Of GOD**

A. JESUS spoke of this judgment in Matthew chapter twelve. . .

*"But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned." Matthew 12:36-37*

*"idle" here means unfruitful and unprofitable*

Following are some examples of "unfruitful and unprofitable" words we can speak as CHRISTians. . .

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| 1. foolish talking | 4. slander and backbiting  |
| 2. ethnic jokes    | 5. complaining   |
| 3. gossip          | 6. criticizing our authorities<br>(i.e.- parents, government, spiritual) |

Application: Everyone of us are going to *"give account"* of these words we spoke as CHRISTIANS to GOD!

B. The Apostle Paul spoke of this judgment. . .

*". . . For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of CHRIST. So then every one of us shall give account of himself to GOD."*

Romans 14:10b,12

Following are some examples of wicked attitudes we can express as CHRISTians...

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| 1. pride                            | 4. selfishness  |
| 2. rebellion                        | 5. covetousness |
| 3. bitterness toward GOD and others | 6. etc.         |

Application: Everyone of us are going to "give account" of every attitude we have ever had as CHRISTians to GOD!

C. The Apostle Paul addressed this judgment again when he wrote...

*"Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the LORD come, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts, and then shall every many have praise of GOD."*

I Corinthians 4:5

Following are some examples of wicked "counsels of the heart" (i.e. thoughts), we can possess as CHRISTians. . .

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| 1. immoral<br>(including dreams)             | 3. hateful |
| 2. vengeful toward<br>those who have hurt us | 4. angry   |

Application: Someday GOD is going to "make manifest" every thought we ever had as CHRISTians!

D. Again the Apostle Paul spoke of this judgment when he said. . .

*"Wherefore we labor, that whether present or absent, we may be accepted of HIM. 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."*

Here the Scriptures address our actions as CHRISTians, ". . . whether (they) be good or bad."

#### Good Actions

1. telling others about JESUS CHRIST
2. serving others
3. giving to others
4. praying for others
5. memorizing Scripture
6. giving money to the LORD's work

## Bad Actions

1. not being concerned about others spiritually
2. being lazy and slothful
3. taking advantage of others
4. watching evil movies and television
5. listening to evil music
6. hoarding money for ourselves

Application: All during our lifetime, GOD is recording every action we take as CHRISTians either to reward us for the good or reward us for the bad!

What can motivate us as CHRISTians to repent of these wicked words, actions, thoughts and attitudes, and to stop participating in them? The fear of the LORD! That is, us realizing that GOD. . .

1. hears every word we speak
2. sees every action we take
3. knows every thought we think
4. perceives every attitude we possess

*"Wherefore GOD also hath highly exalted (JESUS CHRIST), and given HIM a Name which is above every name, that at the Name of JESUS every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that JESUS CHRIST is LORD, to the glory of GOD the FATHER."*

Philippians 2:9-11