

Eternal Judgment

Last of the six foundations of Hebrews 6:

1. Repentance from dead works
2. Faith toward God
3. Baptisms
4. Laying on of hands
5. Resurrection of the Body
6. Eternal Judgment

There are two main ways God make Judgment in Scripture

1. Judgments in history
2. Eternal Judgment – when one steps into eternity

Historical Judgments are based on obedience to God's law

1. Exodus 20:4-6 – sins of the fathers
2. Jeremiah 32:18 – judgment on following generations because of disobedience
3. Ps 103: 17-18 – blessing on children (a positive judgment) for obedience
4. Duet 28 – blessings and curses of obedience to the covenant

Eternal Judgment

Ezekiel 18:1-4; 20

The word of the LORD came to me: ²“What do you^[a] mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, ‘The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge’? ³As I live, declares the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. ⁴Behold, all souls are mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is mine: the soul who sins shall die.

The soul who sins shall die. The son shall not suffer for the iniquity of the father, nor the father suffer for the iniquity of the son. The righteousness of the righteous shall be upon himself, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon himself.

When we step out of time and into eternity we will answer to God as individuals for what we have done.

Five Principles of How God Will Judge Us – Romans Chapter 2

1. According to truth – facts – reality (verse 2, Rev 20:12)
2. According to our deeds (verse 6; I Peter 1:17)
3. With no respect of persons – rich and poor judged equally by God (verse 11)
4. According to the measure of light we possess (verse 2) – greater light/greater judgment
5. Motives and secrets of the heart (verse 16)

There are Four Specific Scenes of Judgement Regarding Eternity

1. The Judgment Seat of Christ
2. The Nation of Israel
3. The Sheep and Goat Nations
4. The Great White Throne of Judgment

The Judgment Seat of Christ – Judgment for Believers

- I Peter 4:17 – Judgment begins at the house of God
- Romans 14:10-12 – each to give an account
- 2 Corinthians 5:10 – all must appear to give account

Insights

- The judgment will be individual
- The judgment will be based on what we did – good or bad
- The judgment is not for condemnation but reward – not a salvation issue
 - John 3:18
 - John 5:24
 - Romans 8:1
- The judgment will assess our service – test of fire
 - I Corinthians 3:11ff

Service that Stands the Test of Fire

1. Our motivation (I Corinthians 10:31 – for the glory of God)
2. Our obedience to the word of God – (Matt 7:21)
3. Power we operate in (Rom 15:18-19 – what God did, not Paul)

Two Parables of Judgment

Luke 19:11-17 – Parable of the Minas

- The most obedient received the highest commendation and position in eternity
- It was their faithfulness, not their success
- The one who did nothing was wicked and rejected
- His excuse was rejected
- Could have put in the bank

Matthew 25: 14-30 Parable of the Talents

- Given according to their ability
- They had to give an account

If you don't use what God gives you lose it.

No not use what God gives is a sin – James 4:17

2 Judgment Scene – the Judgment of Israel through the great tribulation (Jeremiah 30:3-7)

3 Judgment Scene – All the Nations – Joel 3:1-2 – Sheep and Goat

4. Great White Throne of Judgment – Rev 20 – the books