

WHAT THE BIBLE TEACHES ABOUT JUDGMENT FOR ALL OF HUMANITY

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THE JUDGMENT

1. What will God judge?

Ecclesiastes 12:142

2. How many will appear before the judgment?

Corinthians 5:10

THE JUDGMENT IN ACTION

3. Who is the judge?

John 5:22

4. Where are our actions recorded?

Revelation 20:12

5. Who are the witnesses?

Matthew 18:10

6. Who is the lawyer?

1 John 2:1

7. By what code will we be judged?

James 2:12

8. What will be the sentence?

Matthew 25:31-46

WHAT MUST I DO?

1. Believe and obey Jesus.
2. Love God and keep the commandments.

John 5:24

Ecclesiastes 12:13

I accept Jesus as my lawyer. I desire to be faithful to God and respect all his commandments.

SIGNATURE

THE FAITH
OF JESUS

► ADDITIONAL STUDY ◀

There Will Be A Judgment. God has established a day to judge (Acts 17:31). Even hidden things will be judged (Romans 2:16).

Everyone Will Appear Before The Judge. We shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. (Romans 14:10). Even the evil angels will be judged (Jude 6). Each one will have to answer for their actions (Matthew 12:36; Romans 14:12; Ecclesiastes 11:9). The judgment will begin at the house of God (1 Peter 4:17). The just and the wicked will be judged (Ecclesiastes 3:17). It is impossible to deceive God (Galatians 6:7).

The Records. The judgment is carried out with the help of the records that are in heaven. (Revelation 20:12). There are several books:

- a) The Book of Life (Revelation 20:12).
- b) The Book of Remembrance (Malachi 3:16).
- c) The Book of Sins (Isaiah 65:6, 7; Matthew 12:36, 37).

The Standard of Judgment. The supreme standard is God's holy law (Romans 7:7; James 2:12; Ecclesiastes 12:13, 14). We will also be judged according to the teachings and the gospel of Jesus (John 12:48; Romans 2:16).

The Reality of the Judgment

The prophet Daniel saw the dramatic moment of the beginning of the judgment (Daniel 7:9, 10).

Diverse religious authorities refer to that moment. "And each one shall have to give account before God's tribunal, of their own life, according to how they chose to do good or evil".—*The Vatican Documents II*, p. 209).

"Jesus will return to the world at the end of time, to exercise his power as sovereign judge. That judgment called public, universal, ultimate, is necessary to justify Divine Providence, glorify Jesus Christ, gladden the just and confuse the wicked."—Hillaire, *Religion Demonstrated*, p. 500.

The Time of the Judgment

Daniel, in his prophecy in chapter 8 verse 14, establishes that at the end of the period of 2,300 years "the sanctuary would be purified".

The sanctuary was the Jewish house of worship. Once a year, a very important judgment ceremony would take place. But the Bible explains that the true sanctuary is in heaven (Hebrews 8:2, 5). The purification of this heavenly sanctuary is nothing else than the beginning of the investigative judgment, the one that began at the end of the 2,300 years, in other words, in 1844.

The Defense Attorney

The Lord Jesus plays an important role in the judgment. The Father assigned Him the specific task of judging (John 5:22, 27; Acts 10:42). "God, in order to glorify the humanity of his divine Son, entrusted to him the judgment of men. We must all stand before the judgment seat of Christ". — Hillaire, *Religion Demonstrated*, p. 508.

However, Jesus' most important task is that of lawyer and intercessor. Daniel tells that with the judgment in action, our Lord Jesus Christ presents himself and is taken to the Father (Daniel 7:9, 13). There he intercedes for us (1 Timothy 2:5; Hebrews 7:25).

The sinner must come to Jesus with confidence, his lawyer (Hebrews 4:16). When we have sincerely repented, after confessing all our sins, Jesus takes care of our cause and acts as our effective lawyer (1 John 1:9; 2:1).

Assurance In The Judgment

The assurance for the judgment consists in separating completely from sin (Ezekiel 18:20-22, 27).

Then Jesus will come and reward each according to their works (Matthew 16:27). But there will be no problem with all who have stayed firm and faithful until the end (Revelation 2:10; 3:5).

Believing in Jesus, walking in his light and trusting fully in Him, we can have absolute certainty of having a favorable outcome at the judgment (1 John 1:7; John 5:24).