

Don't Take the Bait: The Judgment Day

Rev. 20:11-15

Introduction:

- A. Whether we want to believe or not, the Judgment Day is a reality (Rev. 20:11-12; Acts 17:30-32; Heb. 9:27).
- B. The Lord's Second Coming is mentioned more than His initial coming. Yet, the Judgment Day is one of the most often neglected topics in churches today.
- C. What does the Bible teach concerning the Judgment Day?

No One Can Escape the Judgment Day

- A. Everyone must appear at the final Judgment.
- B. The significant and insignificant in this life will be there on that day (Rev. 20:12). God is no respecter of persons (Acts 10:34; Rom. 2:11).
- C. Those who are both, dead and alive will be there on that day (Rev. 20:13; Jn. 5:28-29).

How We Have Lived Will Matter

- A. John said twice that the judgment would be based on "what they had done" (Rev. 20:12-13).
- B. The Judgment will be very personal for each one of us. We will be judged and give an account based on what we have done and how we have lived (I Cor. 5:9-10; Rom. 14:10-12).
- C. We will give an account for our actions and deeds (2 Cor. 5:10), our words (Matt. 12:36-37), and the secrets of our hearts (Eccl. 12:14).
- D. The standard for our judgment will be the Word of our Lord (Rev. 20:12; Jn. 12:48).

There Will Be No Second Chances

- A. Anyone who's name is not found in the book of life, will be cast into the lake of fire (Rev. 20:15).
- B. There will be many who find themselves unprepared (I Thess. 5:2; 2 Thess. 1:7-9).
- C. No amount of begging and pleading will lead to another opportunity (Lk. 16:24-26).

Conclusion:

- A. Someday each one of us will stand before Jesus and give an account for the lives we have lived.
- B. Will we stand before Him with confidence or in shame (I Jn. 2:28)?
- C. Many people will be surprised on the Day of Judgment (Matt. 7:21-23).