

# Book of Revelation

## 30. The Judgment



### Revelation 20

#### Introduction

In our previous study from the Book of Revelation we learnt about the thousand year reign of Christ on the earth – often called ‘The Millennium’. Immediately following this is an awesome and fearful event for those who do not know Jesus – it is called the ‘Day of Judgment.’ We will look into the Word of God to see what it teaches us about God’s judgment.

**Scripture Reading:** Revelation 20:11-15



John sees a great white throne and someone sitting on it. Who is this one? V11  
Also compare with Revelation 4:3, 5: 6-7; John 8:16, 5:22, 30; Acts 10:42

*(We see in Revelation 4:3 God Himself is sitting on the throne, and yet in 5:6-7 John sees Jesus standing in the center of the throne. We can understand this more if we read Jesus’ words in John 8:16: “I stand with the Father.” God the Father has entrusted all judgment to the Son, and yet Father and Son are One.)*



On what basis are the dead judged according to v12-13. Does this include only those who don’t believe or everyone? Also see Romans 2:6-8; 2 Corinthians 5:10; 1 Peter 1:17.

*(All men are judged according to what they have done.)*

All men are judged according to their works however they will be separated into two groups, with two different destinations.



What determines the ultimate destiny of every person according to v15 and Revelation 21:27?

*(Whether his or her name of recorded in the Lamb’s Book of Life.)*

All those whose names are found recorded in the Lamb’s Book of Life will be with the Lord for eternity. As we have seen they too will be judged for their works, and will have to give an account for the way they have lived their life for the Lord. See Romans 14:12. This judgment takes place at the second coming of Jesus, and is called the ‘judgment seat of Christ’. The word used in the Greek for ‘judgment seat’ is the word that is used to describe the judge’s bench at sports events, where rewards were given to those who do well.



Discuss the principles and standards by which God will judge and reward each of his children. Luke 12:47-48; Matthew 12:36-37; 1 Corinthians 3:11-15; 2 Corinthians 5:10

- (1. *We will be judged according to the light we have been given.*
- (2. *We will be judged by our own words.*
- (3. *We will be judged by the quality of our works.*
- (4. *We will receive what is our due.*)



Why is it important every Christian understands the judgments of God? What affect does this knowledge have on you personally?

## **Conclusion**

It is somewhat sobering to realize that we must stand before the Lord! This is why the Apostle Paul said in 2 Corinthians 5:9, “So **we make it our goal to please Him**, whether we are at home in the body or away from it. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.”

This is what motivated Paul to preach the gospel and to live a life that pleased the Lord. We are truly blessed to have come to know Jesus as our Lord and Savior, but let us be wise how we live, knowing that one day soon we will have to give an account to Him.