What Shall Be Your Judgment?

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INTRODUCTION

- I believe that we thrill when we read the book of Revelation to know number one that God is in control.
- It's a rather sobering text when you stop and think that it is a passage in which you and I are described.

1 Everyone Will Be There, Judged by the Books

John 5:28–29; John 12:48; Ecclesiastes 12:13–14

- It describes a throne, great white throne. And everyone will be there.
- You cannot buy yourself away from a judgment day. Even kings will be there, and slaves will be there.
- Did you notice that it said by the books? Plural.
- He that rejecteth me and receiveth not my sayings hath one that judgeth him in the last day. The words that I have spoken shall judge him.
- The Bible says that we're saved by grace through faith. Faith that saves is a faith that obeys.

2 The Lake of Fire Is the Second Death

James 2:26; John 3:5; Matthew 25

- There will be some who will spend eternity in what is described as the lake of fire.
- Just as death is defined as a separation of the spirit from the fleshly body, so the second death has to do with the separation of the spirit from God.
- Born once, die twice. Born twice, die once.
- If you don't serve the Lord, you'll go to the same place prepared for the devil and his angels.

3 Revelation Is a Book of Hope

Revelation 3:5; Revelation 14:13

- It is a book of hope. It is a book that gives these disciples who were reading it what to live for, even what to die for.
- Be faithful unto death, and I will give you a crown of life.
- The Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to living fountains of waters. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.
- Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from henceforth, that they may rest from their labors, and their works do follow them.

4 A New Heaven: Perfect Fellowship

Philippians 3:20–21

- I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away.
- Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people.

- There shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain.
- Our citizenship is in heaven, and we're just sojourners on earth, journeying toward heaven.

5 Perfect Protection by God

- But also, there'll be perfect protection by God.
- It speaks about the glory of God as the city's light.
- There shall by no means enter it anything that defiles or causes an abomination or a lie, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

6 Perfect Provisions From God

- But finally, a perfect provisions from God.
- He showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God.
- They shall see his face. And his name shall be on their foreheads. There shall be no night there.
- You know what all this really says? If you miss heaven, you've missed it all.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **So what is your goal in life? What are you really living for?**

MY NOTES