Lesson 19 – The Future Judgment

Key Verse: Revelation 20:11–12

> "Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. From his presence earth and sky fled away, and no place was found for them. And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Then another book was opened, which is the book of life. And the dead were judged by what was written in the books, according to what they had done."

Overview

There is something within every person that longs for justice. When we see someone mistreating another person, we want that person to be stopped and face the consequences for their actions. When we see evil people prevail in society, often times we ask the question, "Why does God allow evil people to prosper?" The reality is every person will face a judgment day before God. God will make every wrong right. He will punish the evil doers and reward those who are His. This is what we call *The Future Judgment*.

The Judgment Seat of Christ

1. John 5:22. Who is the One who will judge everyone? _____
2. Romans 14:10. Who will stand before the judgment seat of Christ? _____
3. 2 Corinthians 5:10. Why will Christians appear before the judgment seat of Christ? _____

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4. 1 Corinthians 3:13–15. What is the result of a Christian's good works? _____
5. What will happen to a Christian's bad works? _____

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"The judgment before Jesus is so penetrating that motives behind deeds are evaluated as well. Not only does what we do matter, but so does why we do what we do."
—"Future Judgments", John MacArthur and Richard Mayhue, eds., *Biblical Doctrines*, pg. 865

The Judgment of Israel

1. Zechariah 14:4, 9. What will Christ be doing at this time? _____
2. Ezekiel 20:33–38. Who is judged during this time? _____
3. Ezekiel 20:39–40. Who is allowed to enter into the land? _____

The Judgment of the Nations

1. Joel 3:1–2. Why does God judge the nations? _____
2. Matthew 25:31–46. Who gets to enter the millennial kingdom? _____
3. Who is judged and thrown into the eternal fire? _____

Judgment of Satan and Demons

4. Revelation 12:7–13. What will happen to Satan during the tribulation? _____

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5. Revelation 12:14. When will this happen? _____
6. Revelation 20:1–3. What will happen to Satan during the millennium? _____

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7. Revelation 20:7–10. What will happen to Satan after the millennium? _____

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The Great White Throne Judgment

1. Revelation 20:11–15. When will this judgment happen? _____
2. What will happen to unbelievers? _____

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3. What is the basis of the unbeliever's judgment? _____
4. What is "the second death" in verse 14? _____
5. What will happen to those whose name is in "the book of life"? _____

"While we who have believed in Christ should have no fear of hell, we should still think of it only with great solemnity and sadness."
—Wayne Grudem, *Christian Beliefs*, pg. 133

Application

1. How does this truth of the final judgment affect your life today?
2. How does the truth about hell affect your attitude toward Scripture?
3. What people do you know right now who are headed to hell? Pray for them and give them the gospel.

"The final judgment also provides us with motivation to live each day in obedience to God and thus to 'lay up … treasures in heaven' (Matt. 6:20)."
—Wayne Grudem, *Christian Beliefs*, pg. 132