

YOUR DAY IN COURT (PART 3)

We have seen that all will be judged and live perpetually (1) and the judgment of the unbeliever (2). The unholy dead will forever remember with remorse.

Luke 16:19–31 “There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day. ²⁰ But there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate, ²¹ desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man’s table. Moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. ²² So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s bosom. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³ And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. ²⁴ “Then he cried and said, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.’ ²⁵ But Abraham said, ‘Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented. ²⁶ And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us.’ ²⁷ “Then he said, ‘I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father’s house, ²⁸ for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.’ ²⁹ Abraham said to him, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.’ ³⁰ And he said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ ³¹ But he said to him, ‘If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.’ ”

Only when all is done will there be no more tears (new heaven and earth).

Revelation 21:4 And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.”

Now for the judgment of the believer. (Never unto condemnation.)

1 Cor 3:9-15 For we are God’s fellow workers; you are God’s field, you are God’s building. {10} According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it. {11} For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. {12} Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, {13} each one’s work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one’s work, of what sort it is. {14} If anyone’s work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward. {15} If anyone’s work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.

Paul says it’s not about quantity but about quality. Everything not born of God will be turned to ashes... Heb 12:29 says, “our God is a consuming fire”.

What are you investing in? We will account for every word, motive, action and moment. They are all in the Lord’s Book of Remembrance. Wood, hay, and straw will only end in different sized piles of ashes. These things are easy to gather but gold, silver, and precious stones are buried beneath the surface and must be dug out.

They are invisible at the surface level. It is because they are rare that they are precious.

Precious stones:

1 Pet 2:9 But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood

The Priest wore 12 precious stones over his heart representing all of God's people. Do you intercede for the Body of Christ and the sins of the people?

Prov 10:20 The tongue of the righteous is choice silver

Silver is the Biblical picture of redemption. What does your speech convey?

John 4:23 But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him.

Are you going for the gold? This is Father's highest desire regarding you. And, it is your confidence as perfected love drives out all fear of judgment.

1 John 2:28 And now, little children, abide in Him, that when He appears, we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming.

Why should we strive only for gold, silver, and precious stones? To what end...?

2 Tim 4:8 Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.

A crown is bestowed as a symbol of victory and reward...

Isaiah 28:5 In that day the Lord of hosts will be For a crown of glory and a diadem of beauty To the remnant of His people,

Philippians 4:1 Therefore, my beloved and longed-for brethren, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, beloved.

A crown is an emblem of an exalted state. God gives them to those who achieve victory over sin and spiritual death.

1 Corinthians 9:25 And everyone who competes *for the prize* is temperate in all things. Now they *do it* to obtain a perishable crown, but we *for an imperishable crown*.

2 Timothy 2:5 And also if anyone competes in athletics, he is **not crowned unless he competes according to the rules**.

What awaits the victorious saints?

James 1:12 Blessed *is* the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive **the crown of life** which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.

Revelation 2:10 Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw *some* of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you **the crown of life**.

1 Peter 5:4 and when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive **the crown of glory** that does not fade away.

2 Timothy 4:8 Finally, there is laid up for me **the crown of righteousness**, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.

God has already accomplished your victory in Christ!

Psalm 8:5 For You have made him a little lower than the angels, And You have crowned him with glory and honor.

Hebrews 2:5–18 For He has not put the world to come, of which we speak, in subjection to angels.⁶ But one testified in a certain place, saying: *“What is man that You are mindful of him, Or the son of man that You take care of him?”*⁷ *You have made him a little lower than the angels; You have crowned him with glory and honor, And set him over the works of Your hands.*⁸ *You have put all things in subjection under his feet.”* For in that He put all in subjection under him, He left nothing *that is* not put under him. But now we do not yet see all things put under him.⁹ But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone.¹⁰ For it was fitting for Him, for whom *are* all things and by whom *are* all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.¹¹ For both He who sanctifies and those who are being sanctified *are* all of one, for which reason He is not ashamed to call them brethren,¹² saying: *“I will declare Your name to My brethren; In the midst of the assembly I will sing praise to You.”*¹³ And again: *“I will put My trust in Him.”* And again: *“Here am I and the children whom God has given Me.”*¹⁴ Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil,¹⁵ and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.¹⁶ For indeed He does not give aid to angels, but He does give aid to the seed of Abraham.¹⁷ Therefore, in all things He had to be made like *His* brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things *pertaining* to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.¹⁸ For in that He Himself has suffered, being tempted, He is able to aid those who are tempted.

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