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Genesis 3

Lesson 10A – The Nature of Judgment

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And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:

Hebrews 9:27 Ben Franklin said, the only two things certain in life... death and taxes. That is not true statement. The only two things that are certain are death and judgment. In this lesson we are going to discuss three judgments in the Bible.

1. The judgment of sin at the cross.
2. The judgment of sin daily in the life of a believer.
3. The judgment seat of Christ

- The nature of God's Judgment Psalm 75:7; 50:6; 7:8

It is a direct communication with God that involves specific questions and answers Genesis 3:9-13; 4:9; Jonah 4.

There are two misconceptions that people have about judgment. Number one - Far too many people have the idea that since God is love, kind and God is gracious they do not have to worry about judgment... because God will never punish anyone. That is not true. God is love; but God is also just. He is holy, pure, and He loves righteousness; He hates sin. As much as He rewards purity; He punishes impurity. That's the God of the Bible.

The second misunderstanding that people have about judgment is they fail to understand **who** will be the judge. Most people spend their whole life finding some other human being with whom to compare themselves, thinking that as long as I am better than that person I will make out all right in the day of judgment. However, that person will not be your judge. The one that we have to stand before and give account to is God Himself.

In Psalm 75:7 ***But God is the judge: he putteth down one, and setteth up another.*** Psalm 50:6. ***And the heavens shall declare his righteousness: for God is judge himself. Selah*** If I want to be ready for judgment I should find out what God requires. Every one of us will give an account to God on the basis of what we have done, and on what the motive was when we did it. If you have ever ridden a horse, you know what the reins are. The reins are what controls the direction of the horse. Psalms 7:9; Psalms 26:2; Jeremiah 11:20

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1. The judgment of sin at the cross 1 Peter 2:24; Ephesians 2:16; Hebrews 9:6 On the cross at Calvary, the Lord God Almighty manifest in a body of flesh took upon himself the payment that was due. The wrath and the judgment that was meted out by God the Father... the penalty for every sin that would ever be committed by any man, woman, boy or girl on the face of the earth, the sins of the whole world were judged at the cross of Calvary. 1 Corinthians 6:20; 1 Peter 1:18-19; 2 Peter 2:1; Matthew 20:28; Acts 20:28

Jesus Christ drank that cup of the Father's wrath... He was made sin for us who knew no sin... He took upon Himself all the iniquity of the whole world and He stood before Almighty God guilty of your sins and mine. He was found guilty. The soul that sinneth, it shall die. Ezekiel 18:4, 20 The wages of sin is death Romans 6:23. Why did He die? He knew no sin of His own. He died in **our** place. He died because our sins were on Him. He took our sin on His body on the tree. 2 Corinthians 5:21; Colossians 2:14

Why is it so important to be saved, born again? My judgment for my sin... my punishment... my condemnation has already taken place. Jesus Christ took my place... took my guilt... suffered my punishment paid my penalty so the eternal, everlasting judgment of my sin has forever been settled at the cross of Calvary.

2. The judgment of sins daily in the life of a believer 1 Timothy 5:24; 1 John 1:9. If you read your Bible very carefully the Bible speaks of salvation from sin (S-I-N). What about sins (S-I-N-S)... those individual acts of transgressions that I may commit? And yes, that forgiveness of sin and sins was all taken care of at the cross. It is very important in order to keep the communication clear between us and God that when we sin, that we ask forgiveness Isaiah 59:9. God will still judge either on the spot or later in this life 1 Corinthians 11:22. God's judgment in this life comes by way of chastisement, Hebrews 12:5-11 of which there are five levels.

1. Exhortation – The Holy Spirit attempts to encourage you of your obligation
2. Chastisement – A private reprimand to get your attention
3. Rebuked – An open rebuke in the company of others
4. Scourging – A more severe punishment attempting to get you back on the right path.
5. Death – Romans 6:16; 1 John 5:16 God will not allow one of His born again children to continue sinning in this life. What an embarrassment to stand before God, because you did not want to stop sinning.

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3. The Judgment Seat of Christ
 - a. All believers shall appear at the judgment seat of Christ
Romans 14:9-12
 - b. The word of God is the basis of judging John 12:47-48.
 - c. The Judgment will be a three-fold examination.
 1. One must account for their thoughts
Ecclesiastes 12:13-14.
 2. One must account for their words Matthew 12:36.
 3. One must account for their deeds 2 Corinthians 5:10-11.

Each thought, word, and deed will be examined by the word of God to reveal its' motive and action. 1 Corinthians 3:11-15 *For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. 12 Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; 13 Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.* (Not how much, but what sort.) *14 If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. 15 If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.* We are not talking about salvation here. That took place at the cross. You are saved or you would not be at the judgment seat of Christ.

The best analogy I have ever heard is as follows: I am standing in the presence of all the saints of all the ages, Paul the Apostle, Wesley, Spurgeon, Torrey, Finney, Moody, missionaries that died on the field. It is my turn as I approach the judgment seat of Christ. Jesus says hold out your hands. He places in one hand everything rotten I did since I got saved whether good or bad. Here I am holding a case of Budweiser, a stack of dirty magazines, all the cursing and swearing, at this point I am looking for a hole to crawl into. In the other hand, God places every tract, every Bible, every dollar, sermon, personal witness, souls that were won to Christ. Then I place all those works on a conveyor belt and it runs through a furnace of fire; those things that are contrary to the word of God will be burned and I will suffer lose, those things that were done according to the word of God my actions and my motives being right, those abide the fire. An angel says... "Well done... here is your reward."

There will be some folks walking away with mountains of gold at that judgment seat of Christ that nobody knew anything about, but God. You just do what God told you to do with the ability God gave you. Colossians 3:23 *And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; 24 Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ.*

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Thanks be to God for the cross that makes possible for us to be taken to heaven when Jesus comes again. While here on earth let's avail ourselves to a moment by moment... day by day grace to rise above sins so that when we stand before Jesus Christ at the judgment seat of Christ, we may receive reward rather than suffer loss. It could be today or tonight. That Bible says we must do two things.

1. Ye must be born again. John 3:7
2. We must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ.
2 Corinthians 5:10

Let's try our very best to be ready to meet the Lord when He comes.

Notes

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All answers must have scripture back-up to receive full credit.

1. Explain the steps of God's correcting method:
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
 - d.
 - e.
2. What judgments did we learn about in this lesson?
3. What two things are certain for you and I?
4. Who is the most important judge in this life and after?
5. Why did Jesus have to die?
6. How will God judge us?
7. Explain John 8:15 to verify question 6.
8. Explain the threefold judgment.

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9. What are the two things we must do?
10. How do we know that 1 Corinthians 3:11-15 is not talking about salvation or loss of salvation?
11. What is the definition of (S-I-N)?
12. What is the definition of (S-I-N-S)?
13. What is one of the reasons why God would allow the devil to kill the body of a born again Christian?
14. Explain Jeremiah 17:10.
15. Why is it important for us to apply 1 John 1:9 in our lives each time we sin?

True/false

- When a Christian will not stop sinning, God will give the devil permission to end his life.
- Jesus paid for our sin and all our sins on the cross.
- God chastens his children because He loves them.



Memory verses, write these out on the back of this page. (must be in KJV)
2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 Corinthians 6:20; Ephesians 2:14

Any questions?