

THAT GREAT DAY OF JUDGMENT REVELATION 20:11-15

Revelation 20 describes one of the most solemn and dreadful sights in the Bible. At this site those who have rejected the Lord Jesus Christ will stand before him and give an account of their lives and rejection of him. The day of mercy is over. This is a time of helplessness and hopelessness as lost man faces a holy God in judgment. Man's inescapable appointment has now arrived (Heb. 9:27; Acts 17:31).

I. THE SETTING FOR THIS JUDGMENT.

A. The Judge Who Presides.

1. His identity. John 5:22,27; Acts 17:31.
2. His greatness. Rev. 20:11.

B. The Subjects Who Are Examined.

1. Their condition – unsaved.
 - a. The righteous have already been resurrected. 1 Thess. 4:13-18; Rev. 20:4.
 - b. These are delivered out of hell. Rev. 20:13.
2. Their resurrection.
 - * This is the resurrection to damnation. John 5:29. Death releases its grip, hell gives up the soul and the sea gives up the body. *

C. The Purpose of this Judgment.

1. This is not to determine salvation.
 - a. You are either saved or lost now. John 3:18,36.
 - b. This is an examination of works. Eph. 2:8,9.
2. This is man's accounting before God. Rom. 14:12; Dan. 5:23; Acts 17:25-28.
3. This is to determine man's degree of punishment. Matt. 10:15; Luke 12:47,48.

II. THE BASIS FOR THIS JUDGMENT.

A. The Word of God is the Standard for this Judgment. Rev. 20:12; John 12:48.

B. The Works of Man Are Evaluated in this Judgment. Rev. 20:12,13.

- * This will be a precise judgment that will include secret deeds, words and the intents of the heart (Rom 2:16; Matt. 12:36; 1 Cor. 4:5). *

C. The Rejected Opportunities to Receive Christ Are Reviewed in this Judgment. Matt. 10:14-15; 11:20-24.

III. THE RESULTS OF THIS JUDGMENT.

A. Some Will Attempt to Argue. Matt. 7:21-23.

- * The Book of Life will be the final witness. Rev. 20:12,15. *

B. All Will be Cast into the Lake of Fire. Rev. 20:14,15.

You can avoid this awesome scene by turning from your sin and turning to Jesus Christ. You will either come to him in this life as your savior or face him in the hereafter as your judge.