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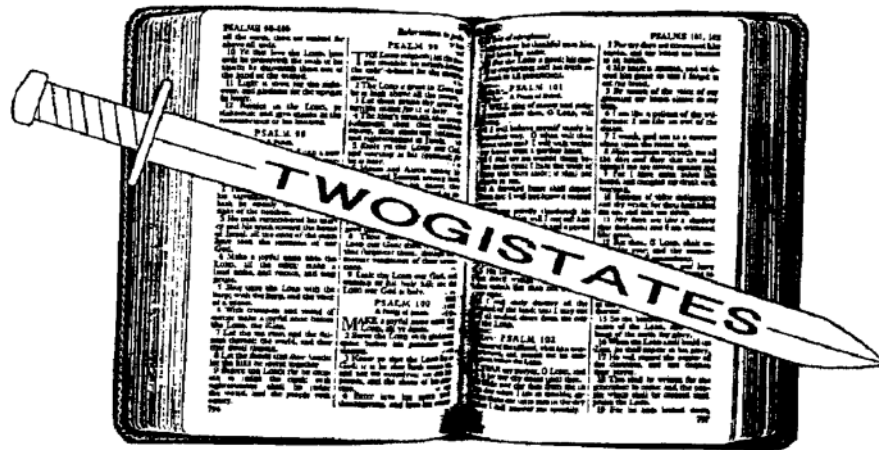
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For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

Hebrews 4:12

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## God's Record Books

**“And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.” Revelation 20:12**

### Let the Records Speak for Themselves

Many record books of life's activities are mentioned in the Bible which will be brought out at the judgments of the saved and the unsaved. These books contain all we have done during our lives, both good and bad as measured by the Scriptures. They are mentioned in the Bible as the Book of Life, the Lamb's Book of Life, the Book of Works, and other books. These records are kept in heaven, and because they are recorded by God Himself in the personage of the Trinity, we can be assured of the truthfulness, accuracy, and completeness of each record.

God the Father records and keeps the Book of Life, God the Son records and keeps the Lamb's Book of Life, and God the Holy Spirit records and keeps the other records. This is clearly delineated in 1 John 5:7-8.

#### **1 John 5:7-8**

**7 For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.**

**8 And there are three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one.**

Observe in the referenced Scripture there are three record keepers in heaven and one heavenly witness here on earth, the Holy Spirit, who connects the Holy Trinity with the human race. While He is a witness here on earth, he is also a record keeper in heaven, but He is more than a reliable eyewitness to human actions, for He is the witness of spiritual decisions also. In reality He records our works, deeds, actions, thoughts, and decisions. In other words, He is the all seeing eyes of God here on this earth.

Notice also that these records are only kept while we occupy this human body for at each person's death they are all closed out and filed for future reference to be used at the two judgments to come; the judgments of the saved and the unsaved. Keep in mind that neither of these judgments are about determining if one is saved or lost, for God alone makes this determination at the death of each person, and it is correct and final; there is no appeal.

## God's Record Books Explained

### The Bible

The Bible is not only a record book of God's dealing with the human race; it is the Book of God's Laws. Everything we are supposed to know about the mind of God, His rules for righteous living, and how to be saved is contained in the Bible. This is the official Law Book of God which contains all the rules we are to observe in this earthly journey; it gives us God's rules for righteous living, spells out the standards for God's justice, and will be followed to the letter in the courts of God.

We know about obeying the law for we live in a country where our lives are controlled by the laws of the land. If we break the law we have to appear in court for a trial where a judge will hear our case and justice will be meted out according to the statutes of the land, and if we are found guilty, we have to pay the price. Ideally the price we pay is based on the seriousness of the crime. It could be a slap on the wrist to losing one's life depending on the seriousness of the crime. This process is called justice.

God's Laws are somewhat like our human laws, but He doesn't call us to task every time we violate them, He lets them accumulate until we die, and then His judgment will be applied and His justice will be meted out.

The Laws of God are clearly expressed in the Bible as the Ten Commandments which embody all we need to know about His Laws. They are God's standards for the humans to live by and we will be judged by them according to how well we obey and follow them. For those who are committed to serving God they are not harsh laws and are easy to comply with, but for the uncommitted, noncompliance seems to be the standard by which they live.

The Ten Commandments in abbreviated form are:

1. Thou shalt have no other gods before me.
2. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image.
3. Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain.
4. Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.
5. Honour thy father and thy mother.
6. Thou shalt not kill.
7. Thou shalt not commit adultery.
8. Thou shalt not steal.

9. Thou shalt not bear false witness.

10. Thou shalt not covet.

Jesus summarized these Commandments in Matthew 22:35-40:

**Matthew 22:35-40**

**35 Then one of them, which was a lawyer, asked him a question, tempting him, and saying,**

**36 Master, which is the great commandment in the law?**

**37 Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.**

**38 This is the first and great commandment.**

**39 And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.**

**40 On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.**

The Bible, which presents the Laws of God, is our legal standard for living and its Words will either find us innocent or guilty as we stand before the almighty God.

**The Book of Life**

The Book of Life contains the names of everyone who has been given life by God. As its title implies the names of everyone who has been granted the gift of life is recorded on its pages. This is God's way of keeping record of each soul who is created on this earth, and his name is recorded at the moment life begins, which is at conception.

Even though a person's name is recorded at conception, it may not be there after death, for if a person dies without being saved, his name is blotted out of the Book of Life. This is evident in related Scriptural passages.

**Psalms 69:28**

**28 Let them be blotted out of the book of the living, and not be written with the righteous.**

**Daniel 12:1**

**1 And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.**

**Luke 10:20**

**20 Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven.**

### **Philippians 4:3**

**3 And I intreat thee also, true yokefellow, help those women which laboured with me in the gospel, with Clement also, and with other my fellowlabourers, whose names are in the book of life.**

### **Revelation 3:5**

**5 He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.**

The Book of Life will be opened at the judgment of the unsaved. At that time it will contain only the names of all who were saved under the Law and the names of all who were saved under grace. The names of all who have died without being saved will have been blotted out. Notice there is no Book of The Dammed. There is a reason for this. God does not record the names of the unsaved; he merely blots their names out to be remembered no more.

The Book of Life is God's record which He personally keeps on every person who is conceived. When human life begins at conception, God assigns him a soul, and records his name in the Book of Life. This record is kept by God Himself and it is accurate, complete, and totally trustworthy.

If a person dies without being saved either under the Jewish Law or the Law of Grace, his name is blotted out of the Book of Life. Therefore the Book of Life stands as evidence against the judgment of the unsaved dead. If their names are not found in the Book of Life they are doomed for the Lake of Fire and Brimstone.

### **The Lamb's Book of Life**

The Lamb's Book of Life records the names of every person who has accepted Jesus as Saviour and Lord. It is close kin to the Book of Life, in that the names are actually duplicates, but there is one major exception, while names may be blotted out of the Book of Life, they are permanently inscribed in the Lamb's Book of Life and will never be blotted out.

### **Revelation 13:8**

**8 And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.**

### **Revelation 21:27**

**27 And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.**

Getting one's name into the Lamb's Book of Life is simple and easy; all one has to do is accept God's free gift of salvation through His Son, Jesus the Christ. This is well expressed in the Gospel of John, Chapter three.

#### **John 3:14-18**

**14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up:**

**15 That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.**

**16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.**

**17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.**

**18 He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.**

#### **The Book of Works**

The Book of Works contains the record of everything spiritual we do in this mortal body; both good and bad. It is about faith and righteous living. It is an accurate record of how well we keep the Commandments of God on this earth and is the principal record of man's compliance of God's Laws. Its entries will determine the rewards of the saved and the degree of punishment of the unsaved.

#### **1 Corinthians 3:13-15**

**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.**

**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.**

#### **Revelation 20:12**

**12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.**

Faith and works cannot be separated and are totally dependent on each other as shown in the Book of James, Chapter 2:

#### **James 2:18-20**

**18 Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works.**

**19 Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble.**

**20 But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?**

Knowing the importance of works, and how the record of our works will be used, we need to know exactly what God recognizes as good and bad works and strive harder to produce good and acceptable works before Him.

Good works all have spiritual implications and were a major focus on the ministry of Jesus. He said this must also be a focus of our Christian lives.

**Matthew 5:16**

**16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.**

The key to this commandment of Jesus lies in the word “good.” He said in Matthew 19:16-17 that good, as a spiritual word, only applies to God and the implication here is all good that we do come from God and glorifies Him.

**Matthew 19:16-17**

**16 And, behold, one came and said unto him, Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life?**

**17 And he said unto him, Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God: but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments.**

The opposite of good is evil. Therefore we can deduce that there are such things as evil works and these are the works in the Book that condemn us.

**John 7:7**

**7 The world cannot hate you; but me it hateth, because I testify of it, that the works thereof are evil.**

**1 John 3:12**

**12 Not as Cain, who was of that wicked one, and slew his brother. And wherefore slew he him? Because his own works were evil, and his brother's righteous.**

The Book of Works will record both good and evil works. The things we did for God and the things we did against God, and we will be held accountable.

### **The Other Record Books**

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The other record books are implied in the Scriptures for they encompass specific characteristics of the human makeup that drive our walk in life. While each book is not named, we know that they somehow relate to works, both good and evil, so by looking at the Scripture in regard to the areas of life where God holds man responsible we can get a good idea of what God demands of each human being.

We do know that each area of guilt will be tried by the works generated in that area, for the Bible clearly states they will be **“judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.”** Let us fully understand that God does not define work as actual human energy being expended, but it may be thoughts, intentions, or even omissions.

Remember all the records will be evaluated in terms of works, whether good or evil. These works may be actual actions or thoughts of the mind, but both carry the same weight as far as God is concerned.

### **The Book of Thoughts**

Thoughts are those subconscious instructions which are generated by the mind. This is the process we call thinking. Sometimes we have good thoughts and sometimes we have evil thoughts, but man will think and act on those thoughts either positively or negatively generally depending on his spiritual relationship with God.

If a person is actually in touch with the Holy Spirit his thoughts will generally follow the ways of God. If he is not in touch with the Holy Spirit his thoughts will generally follow the ways of Satan.

### **Galatians 6:3**

**3 For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself.**

Thoughts are in general generated externally or internally. This means they are produced by the force you allow to control you the most. They may be good, evil, or neutral, but thoughts control all of our actions and reactions. Neutral thoughts are those that have no intrinsic good or evil involved such as taking a walk, or going on a diet. These are conscious thoughts we may or may not put into action, but we are held responsible for thoughts that involve the inner self for they expose exactly what we are spiritually.

This is clearly illustrated in the Sermon on the Mount where Jesus spoke of evil thoughts in the heart as being the same as doing the sin.

### **Matthew 5:27-28**

**27 Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery:**

**28 But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.**

He was not speaking here of just adultery, but the condition of the heart that leads to any kind of sin. It may be murder, lying, stealing, gossiping, and any other sin you can think of that originates in the heart. Jesus said in Luke 6:45 and Matthew 15:19;

**Luke 6:45**

**45 A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh.**

**Matthew 15:19**

**19 For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies:**

The judgment of each unsaved soul will be reckoned by the condition of his heart because this is the origin of all works, both good and bad, and Jesus knows the heart and the evilness that comes from it.

**Matthew 9:4**

**4 And Jesus knowing their thoughts said, Wherefore think ye evil in your hearts?**

Whatever you are in your heart controls your thoughts and determines what you are spiritually, so it behooves us to strive to have a pure heart which will insure a clear conscience.

**The Book of Conscience**

The conscience dwells in the heart and generates thoughts and reactions. It functions when called upon based on what we are inside. Every person has a conscience. If it is driven by the Holy Spirit it is good, if it is driven by Satan it is evil. Conscience generated actions involves thoughts, actions and inactions, but it are always a reflection of what we are inside. Conscience decisions are never all totally good but are a mixture of good and evil, and driven by what we are inside.

It is our conscience that tells us when we do something wrong and bothers us until we correct it. This is generally referred to as common sense, and everybody has some degree of common sense based on what is in their heart. It makes sense to a person with no scruples and an evil conscience to commit horrendous crimes and never feel guilty about them. A Christian may occasionally commit an evil act, but will immediately feel the guilt of the action. Common sense is driven by what we are inside.

Even the vilest person may have some scruples that prevent him from doing evil to all people, and will occasionally do something good. Maybe a child or a pet will touch a soft spot in his heart and he will show a moment of kindness. This is also true of the best of people. Even though they naturally do what is good, a temptation may override their consciences and succumb to evil thoughts generated in their hearts.

James was addressing this very issue of sins of the conscience when he wrote of the sins of the tongue in James 1:26, and this applies equally to all heart generated sins.

#### **James 1:26**

**26 If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain.**

The message here is we can override our consciences and do evil, but if this is a way of life it should be an indication to us that we are religious phonies.

#### **The Book of Knowledge**

According to Webster's 1828 Dictionary Knowledge is:

**A clear and certain perception of that which exists, or of truth and fact; the perception of the connection and agreement, or disagreement and repugnancy of our ideas. We can have no knowledge of that which does not exist. God has a perfect knowledge of all his works. Human knowledge is very limited, and is mostly gained by observation and experience.**

Ever since the beginning man has quested for knowledge. He wants to know more and his thirst for more knowledge never seems to be quenched. He doesn't seem to understand that all knowledge comes from God, and that all knowledge should be used for good.

The Bible has many Scriptures about the misuse of knowledge:

#### **Titus 1:16**

**16 They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate.**

#### **Hosea 4:6**

**6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.**

#### **Romans 1:27-28**

**27 And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which**

is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet.

**28** And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;

### **The Book of Words**

Words are the most misused gift God has given mankind. With words one may destroy a reputation, with words one may mislead people, and with words one may expound the Gospel and lead a lost soul to Christ. The greatest responsibility the Christian has to mankind is to carefully watch his words, make sure they expound the love of Christ, and testify of God's salvation plan for the world.

The responsibility of words is never to be taken lightly, for all we say will be brought up in the final judgment.

#### **Matthew 12:36**

**36** But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment.

Jesus was emphasizing the seriousness words play in our Christian walk when he instructed us about swearing in Matthew 5:37:

#### **Matthew 5:37**

**37** But let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay: for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil.

In both places He is speaking of spirituality. We are to be serious about our faith, and be factual about it.

The importance of words is expressed by the reverence God places on His own Words.

Jesus said in Matthew 4:4:

#### **Matthew 4:4**

**4** .... It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

### **The Book of Wisdom**

#### **James 1:5-6**

**5** If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.

**6** But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.

Wisdom is related to knowledge both from study and experience. However wisdom is neither, for it only knows how to correctly apply what is known and learned.

Wisdom is directly connected to knowledge, but it is not knowledge. Wisdom is connected to common sense, but it is not common sense. Wisdom is connected to experience, but it is not experience. Wisdom is the skilful application of all of these in practicing the faith and spreading the Gospel.

How do we acquire wisdom? Our Scripture says we ask God and He'll give it to you. But there is an implied understanding that it must be used for His purposes. I'm afraid the religious world in general does not understand this and gives accolades of wisdom to the wrong people because they often times confuse wisdom with human knowledge.

God clarifies this in His Word in 1 Corinthians 3:18-21:

#### **1 Corinthians 3:18-21**

**18 Let no man deceive himself. If any man among you seemeth to be wise in this world, let him become a fool, that he may be wise.**

**19 For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, He taketh the wise in their own craftiness.**

**20 And again, The Lord knoweth the thoughts of the wise, that they are vain.**

**21 Therefore let no man glory in men. For all things are yours;**

The warning in the Bible is not to confuse so-called worldly wisdom with Godly wisdom. True wisdom must start with reverencing (fearing) the Lord God and this fashions one to display knowledge rightly.

#### **Proverbs 9:10**

**10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding.**

So let us seek knowledge, let us pray for understanding, and let us always exercise wisdom in our dealing with the world and other Christians.

### **The Two Judgments**

The Bible speaks of two judgments where these various books will be used; these are the judgment of rewards for the saved and the judgment of damnation for the unsaved. These judgments are recorded in 2 Corinthians, Chapter 5 and Revelation, Chapter 20 respectively. They will be discussed separately.

## **The Judgment of the Saved**

The judgment of the saved is a singular event that will occur immediately after the rapture of the church, and is addressed in 2 Corinthians 5:10.

### **2 Corinthians 5:10**

**10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.**

There will be only two record books at this event, the Lamb's Book of Life and the Book of Works. The Lamb's Book of life to ascertain that all are present who should be there and the Book of Works so Jesus can make sure He gives out the proper reward to each saved soul. The Bible will not be there for the Author of the Word will be doing the judging and the laws of God are written on the hearts of each believer.

We will not be judged from entries in the Lamb's Book of life for it in effect is our summons to appear before this final court. Clearly, only those whose names are written in this Book will appear before the Court of Jesus Christ at this time.

After the roll call is completed and all are accounted for, the trial will begin. It is appropriate that Jesus administer the judgment for He alone paid the sin price that we may appear before Him. The only evidence presented at this court will be our works after we were saved as all other records were wiped clean at the moment we accepted Christ.

To understand how this judgment is to be administered, we can look at how the participants in the Roman games were rewarded. All who played were winners and were ranked according to how much they contributed to the game. They were then brought before the Bema seat of judgment and all rewarded according to their rank. The higher ranked received more precious rewards than the lower ranked, but all received a reward of some kind for just playing the game.

The Bema Seat of Christ will similarly be a judgment of rewards. All who appear will be winners. All will be saved as evidenced by their names being recorded in the Lamb's Book of Life, and their rewards will be determined by their ranking as determined by Jesus as He evaluates their entries in the Book of Works.

The entries in the Book must be balanced; the good against the bad. If the Good outweighs the bad, the person will receive a crown. There are five crowns of rewards mentioned in the Bible.

## **1. The incorruptible crown**

The incorruptible crown is also called the imperishable crown. This crown is given to believers who faithfully run the race, who crucify every selfish desire in the flesh, and point men to Jesus.

### **1 Corinthians 9:24-25**

**24 Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain.**

**25 And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible.**

## **2. The crown of rejoicing**

The crown of rejoicing is presented to those who faithfully are witnesses to the saving grace of God and leads souls to Jesus. This crown has also been named the soul winner's crown. It seems to indicate here that God will be giving a crown to those who have been witnessing to others and leading people to Christ.

### **1 Thessalonians 2:19-20.**

**19 For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Are not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at his coming?**

**20 For ye are our glory and joy.**

## **3. The crown of life**

The crown of life is for those believers who endure trials, tribulations, and severe suffering, even unto death. This crown is also referred to as the martyr's crown.

### **James 1:12**

**12 Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.**

### **Revelation 2:10**

**10 Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.**

## **4. The crown of righteousness**

The crown of righteousness is presented to those who love the appearing of Christ, who anxiously wait and look forward to the day when He will return for His saints. This crown

is given to those who have lived a good and righteous life for God while living down here on earth.

## **2 Timothy 4:8**

**8 Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.**

## **5. The crown of glory**

The crown of glory is the pastor's crown and will be given to the ministers who faithfully feed the flock of God. . This probably could also include preachers, teachers, missionaries, and all those who teach the Word of God in their respective ministries.

## **1 Peter 5:1-4**

**1 The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed:**

**2 Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind;**

**3 Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock.**

**4 And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.**

With this in mind we begin to understand this is not a court that metes out punishment, but one that hands out rewards. The destiny of all who appear before this court was determined at the time they trusted Jesus as their personal Saviour, they are all bound for the eternal heaven, and they all will be judged alike based on the entries in the Book of Works. Every entry is precise, concise, factual, and cannot be disputed, and each entry whether it be good or bad will be brought to light and serve as evidence before this court in determining their rewards. This is expounded in 1 Corinthians 3:13-15.

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The sentence of the saved will be eternity in heaven in the presence of God.

## **The Judgment of the unsaved**

The final judgment of the unsaved dead will come at the end of the Millennium. The Bible calls this the Great White Throne Judgment. It will include all the unsaved of all ages and all kinds of people from the worst society has to offer to the best in a secular sense.

It will be the final judgment of the unsaved dead, they will be judged by their works, and then cast into the lake of fire and brimstone for eternal torment. Here is where God will bring up all the records that verify each person's actions, works, deeds, and thoughts and they will stand as factual evidence against the lost souls.

### **Revelation 20:12**

**12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.**

First let us notice this is a court of law, and it requires a Book of Law to measure the extent of the punishment. There is only one Book of Law at this judgment and that is the Holy Scriptures. All sin will be measured by the laws written in this book.

Like any court of law, for judgment to be fair and impartial there must be a standard by which to measure violations; that is, there must be laws that are consistent and available so the judge and the guilty can know which laws have been violated. The standard for all Biblical judgments is God's Holy Word, the Bible. It is recorded in heaven, kept pure by God, and is available to guide us through our earthly journey.

Let us never forget that the Bible, God's Book of Law, is the only legal and binding document at all the judgments of God. To violate the Laws of God is tantamount to committing spiritual suicide and accepting His judgment of eternal torment.

Actually man has to violate only one Law to get to this court and that is refusal to accept God's free gift of salvation.

### **Acts 4:12**

**12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.**

### **John 3:17-18**

**17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.**

**18 He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.**

### **John 3:36**

**36 He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.**

All those who stand before the Throne will know instantly why they are there. They will stand guilty before God and await their sentence.

The Bible will be brought out and the Law read. They will remember the times they violated God's Commandments and desecrated the holiness of God by violating the first four that tells us to love God. They will remember how they violated the last six Commandments when they lied, cheated, stole, committed adultery, and committed murder by advocating abortion.

These sins and many more will come to memory as they hear the Scriptures expounded while they await the pronouncement of their final judgment.

The names will be read from the Book of Life, and they will listen with great anticipation, but not one name of any soul present will be called.

They will listen to the reading from the Book of Works and will hear both good and bad works expounded, and it will give some of them hope. The entries from the other books will be read and it will lower their expectations because they will know that all the accusations are true and accurate.

Even though they will know they are doomed, they will also know God is just and they will eagerly await the sentence and hope for the best.

The final verdict will be guilty. The final sentence will be eternal punishment in the Lake of Fire.

### **Revelation 20:14-15**

**14 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.**

**15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.**

### **Jesus' Final Message**

### **Revelation 22:12-21**

**12 And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.**

**13 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.**

**14 Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.**

**15 For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie.**

**16 I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star.**

**17 And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.**

**18 For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book:**

**19 And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.**

**20 He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.**

**21 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.**

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