

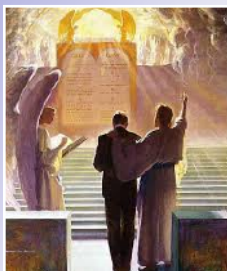


# Build on the Rock

Doctrinal Lesson  
Series 2023

## Lesson 20:

### "The 3 Stages of Judgment"



In the previous lesson (L19), you learned about the starting date for the beginning of the Judgment Hour. According to the Bible, judgment will take place in 3 stages. In this lesson you will learn about what these 3 stages are, what time period they will take place in, who will be judged during each stage and what standard we will be judged by. Before one goes before a judge in our earthly court system, people usually try to clean up their lives. How much more should we clean up by repenting of sin when we go before the judgment seat of Christ? Complete this lesson with the KJV Bible and learn all about the judgment!

1) According to the Bible, there are 3 phases of judgment, which will all be explained in this lesson. Who are the first ones to be judged? Who are the "household of God"? -1 Peter 4:17, Ephesians 2:19.

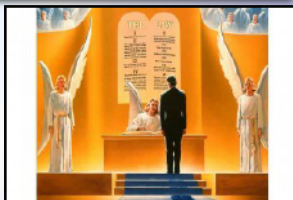
1 - God revealed to Peter that the First Phase of "j\_dgment must b\_gin at the h\_\_use of G\_\_d."

2 - The "ho\_\_sehold of G\_\_d" are the "sa\_\_nts" in God's church.

\*Note: This first phase of judgment is the judgment of the saints and household of God. These are those who have accepted Jesus as Lord and Savior and been baptized into God's commandment keeping church.

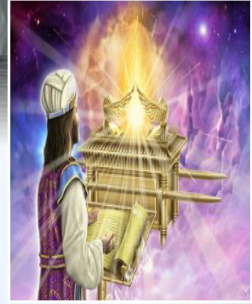
2) What does the First Angel's Message say about the judgment? -Revelation 14:7.

1 - The first angel tells us to "Fe\_\_r G\_\_d and give glory to H\_\_m; for the ho\_\_r of His j\_dgment is c\_\_me."



\*Note: This scripture reveals to us that judgment will begin BEFORE Jesus comes. In verse 14, the Bible speaks of Jesus appearing on a "white cloud" with a sharp sickle, which tells us that judgment has already begun and been completed by the time Jesus comes to reward His saints. Revelation 22:12 says: "And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be." The only way Christ could bring His reward is if the righteous saints have already been judged previous to His coming.

**\*Note:** In lesson 19, you learned that Jesus entered the Most Holy Place to cleanse the sanctuary in fulfillment of the 2300 day prophecy of Daniel 8:14. The cleansing of the Sanctuary was known as the Day of Atonement, which was a Day of Judgment for Israel. Lesson 19 also showed how the 2300 day prophecy was completed in the year 1844. Therefore, in 1844, Jesus began to judge the house of God beginning the first phase of judgment. This judgment will continue on until right before Jesus comes. We can call this first phase of judgment the "Investigative Judgment."



**3) In the judgment, who does the Bible say is our judge? Who is our lawyer (advocate)? Who is the prosecutor (accuser)?** -John 5:22, 1 John 2:1, Revelation 12:9, 10

1 - "The Father judgeth not man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son."

2 - "Jesus Christ" is our "advocate" [lawyer].

3 - "Satan" is the "accuser of our brethren." [prosecutor].



The heavenly court case is taking place now as we speak.

**\*Note:** Jesus is both Judge and defense attorney, while the Devil is the prosecutor. Jesus is defending us from Satan's accusations of sins and faults that we have committed in the past. The only sins that the Devil can really hold against us in the trial are sins that we have NOT confessed to Jesus, nor repented of.



**4) What did Daniel see would be opened when the judgment began? What 3 books are used in the judgment?** -Daniel 7:9, 10, Revelation 20:12, Acts 3:19, Malachi 3:16

1 - Daniel saw "the judgment was set and the books were opened."

2 - The "Book of Life."

3 - The book that has record of our "sins."

4 - The "Book of Remembrance."

**\*Note:** The "Book of Life" has recorded all the names of the saved people. Another book is also mentioned in that scripture, which will be used to judge the wicked. Acts 3:19 speaks of sins being "blotted out" of a book. That book has recorded all of our unconfessed sins that we have committed. The "Book of Remembrance" has recorded all of our good deeds that we have done. All 3 of these books are being used in the investigative judgment!

**5) What does the Bible say we must do in this life in order to....**

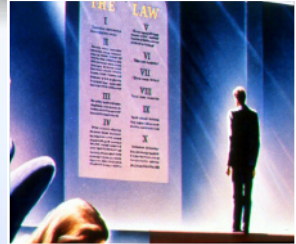
....to have our names written in the Book of Life? -Revelation 3:5.

1 - Only "he th\_\_t ov\_\_rcom\_\_th" will have their names written in the B\_\_k of Li\_\_e."

6) What is the standard that every person will be judged by? -James 2:10-12, John 12:48

1 - God's people will be "j\_\_dged by the l\_\_w of l\_\_berty. [Ten Commandments]"

2 - The "W\_\_rd" shall judge his people "in the l\_\_st day."



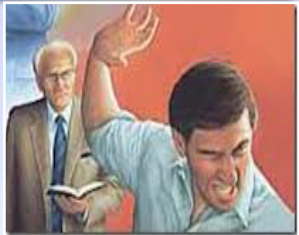
7) How will God judge those who were ignorant of the gospel or certain principles of the Bible? What if the person was ignorant by choice? -James 4:17, Acts 17:30, Hosea 4:6.

1 - Those who "knoweth to do g\_\_od and d\_\_eth it n\_\_t" it will be recorded as sin in the judgment.

2 - God "w\_\_nked" at sin when a person was in "ign\_\_r\_\_nce", but "n\_\_w comm\_\_ndeth all men every where to re\_\_ent."

3 - If we are ignorant of truth because we have "rej\_\_cted kn\_\_wledge," God will "r\_\_ject" us in the judgment.

**\*Note:** God will NOT hold people accountable to follow every Bible principle if they were ignorant of the Truth and had no access to it, but will judge them by what they know. As people learn Truth, God expects us to repent and follow Truth. Those who choose to stay ignorant of the Bible as it becomes available to them, will be judged as if they knew and studied the Bible, because they chose to reject knowledge!



8) How will God judge us if we have done many good deeds written in the Book of Remembrance, but have one or two unforgotten sins recorded in the books? -Ezekiel 33:13, Matthew 7:21-23.

1 - If a Christian puts his "tr\_\_st to his own r\_\_ghteousn\_\_ss, and commit in\_\_quity, all his right\_\_ousnesses shall not be r\_\_m\_\_mbered; but for his in\_\_quity that he hath comm\_\_tted, he shall d\_\_e for it."

2 - A person can do "many w\_\_nd\_\_rful wo\_\_ks" in God's name, but if we hold to "iniqu\_\_ty", we will be found unrighteous in the judgment.

**\*Note:** If we even hold to one known sin (iniquity) without confessing and repenting of it, all of our recorded good deeds will not be remembered in the judgment. Some may feel that this is unfair, but if God allows one person into heaven who never repented of lying, God would have to allow every other kind of sin into heaven as well. God is just and impartial in His judgment. We must confess and surrender all of our sins to Christ if we want to be saved.

**9) What does the Bible say about the second phase of judgment? Who will these saints be judging during the second phase? -Revelation 20:4; 1 Corinthians 6:2, 3.**

1 - The second phase of judgment takes place during the “tho\_sand ye\_rs” when God will allow “j\_dgment” to be given to the saints, who were “beh\_aded for the with\_ss of Jesus, and for the w\_rld of G\_d.”

2 - During this time period the “saints sh\_ll j\_dge the w\_rld” and “shall j\_dge [fallen] ang\_ls.”

**\*Note:** This second phase of judgment takes place after the second coming of Jesus during the thousand year millennium explained in lesson 13. During this phase, all the wicked will be judged. God has already judged them, but the saved saints will have an opportunity to review the books to find out why every unsaved person was lost. When each case comes up, the saints will also help to determine their punishment.



**10) What will take place during the third phase of judgment? -Revelation 20:7, 8, 12.**

1 - The third phase of judgment takes place “after the tho\_sand ye\_rs are exp\_red” when the wicked are resurrected and Satan “gath\_rs them t\_gether to b\_ttle.”

2 - During this phase of judgment, the wicked will be “j\_dged out of those th\_ngs which were wr\_tten in the b\_\_ks, acc\_rding to their w\_rks.”



**11) After God reveals to the wicked the reason why they are lost, what will take place next? -Revelation 20:9, 10, 13-15.**

1 - “F\_re came d\_wn from G\_d out of heaven, and d\_voured” the wicked and “the d\_vil that deceived them was c\_st into the l\_ke of fi\_e and brimstone.”

2 - “This is the s\_cond d\_\_th.”

**\*Note:** Before every lost human soul and angel is destroyed in hellfire, God, in His mercy, reveals to them from the heavenly books the reason why they are lost. After this is revealed to them, the wicked will all accept their condemnation and will proclaim “just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints.” (Revelation 15:3). This Third Phase of Judgment is the Executive Judgment, when God executes punishment upon the wicked for their sins.

**Appeal) Will you repent of all of your sins and be faithful to Jesus seeing that we are living during the Investigative Judgment? \_\_\_\_.**

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