



3. FINAL JUDGMENT

Sermon Notes

Text: Revelation 20:11-15

Intro:

Revelation unveils the hidden spiritual realities of heaven and earth.

Revelation 20:7-15

2 Corinthians 5:10

All are judged by their actions in life.

The last of many throne room scenes in Revelation. The “Great White Throne Scene.”

John 5:22 - Jesus is the judge on the throne of judgment

Romans 14:10b-12

Two types of books - books of our lives, the book of life

Everything is recorded about our lives

Luke 12:2

Deeds are the fruit of faith

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1 Corinthians 3:12-15

Matthew 25:31-46 describe it as:

- 1. Eternal punishment (v. 46) - speaks of duration**
- 2. Fire (v. 41) - speaks of disintegration**
- 3. Exclusion/Banishment (v. 41) - speaks of loss of relationship**

1. Satisfies our inner need and desire for justice

Ezekiel 33:11

“What is hell then? It is God actively giving us up to what we have freely chosen – to go our own way. Hell is simply one’s freely chosen path going on forever. We wanted to get away from God, and God, in his infinite justice, sends us where we wanted to go” ~Tim Keller

Hell was not created for humans

2. Eternal judgment allows us to forgive others freely

Romans 12:19

3. Motive for righteous living

4. Motive for evangelism

Motive for evangelism, but not motive in evangelism

Conclusion:

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Life Group Discussion

Warm up:

1. Do you tend to listen to what your doctor tells you to do or not? Share a story with the group.
2. What stood out to you about Sunday's sermon? What was interesting? Confusing? Weird? Thought provoking?

Study & Discussion:

1. Read Revelation 20:11-15. What stands out to you? What does this passage say about Jesus? About us? About eternity?
2. Are you glad that there will be a final judgment of both believers and unbelievers? Does it make you feel a sense of God's justice, or do you sense some unfairness and injustice in the whole idea? Why or why not?
3. Are you convinced that Scripture teaches that there will be eternal conscious punishment of those who reject God even into death? When you think of that idea in relationship to Satan and demons, do you feel that is right?
4. Is there anyone who has wronged you in the past, and whom you have had difficulty forgiving? Does the doctrine of final judgment help you to be more able to forgive that person?
5. Read Matthew 6:16-24. Have you previously thought very much about laying up treasures in heaven, or about earning greater heavenly reward? If you really believe this doctrine, what kind of effect do you think it should have on your life?

Application:

1. Pray for the help of the Holy Spirit in helping to apply the reality of a final judgment in how to live out this understanding in your day-to-day life. Pray for someone you know who needs to hear the good news of the gospel.

Prayer:

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