

THE GREAT WHITE THRONE JUDGMENT

Now we are going to actually look at the second coming and the judgment that is going to come after that. This sermon is of the old kind of preaching. It is not the modern kind where you do the three points and a poem, rhyming points, or the points beginning with the same letter or word. It is where the Scriptures do the preaching, and I just become the mouthpiece to explain. In this old-timey kind of preaching, the Lord will show us in our spirits what awaits us. My comments will merely describe to you my understanding of the details. After this lesson, you will know what is coming and recognize it when you see it come to pass.

THE SECOND COMING

Revelation

19:11 And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him [was] called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.

19:12 His eyes [were] as a flame of fire, and on his head [were] many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself.

19:13 And he [was] clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.

19:14 And the armies [which were] in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.

19:15 And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.

19:16 And he hath on [his] vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.

When the Lord does come again, He will be coming with His saints. This army that is with Him dressed in white will be all of His saints as described in verse 8. If the blood of Christ has cleansed you, and you are dressed in white linen, you will be coming with your Lord. That coming is the second coming that we have been talking about in the eschatological models.

Whenever the Lord comes into the presence of Satan there is going to be war, and that is the next event to be described. That is why you are at war today with Satan, and this war in Revelation 19 is a continuation of the same war. If you follow the Lord, that war is going to get very hot and heavy around you. The closer you get to Him, the fiercer it is going to be.

BATTLE WITH ANTICHRIST

Let us take a look at the battle that is going to come.

Revelation

19:17 And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God;

19:18 That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all [men, both] free and bond, both small and great

19:19 And I saw the beast and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army.

The beast is Antichrist who will be ruling when the Lord comes the second time. Under the rule of Antichrist, there is going to be much deception. As we go through the Scriptures, you need to look for this word “deceived.” Please see that deception is Satan’s methodology. What is deception? It is to get you to believe something that is not true. If he can get you to believe something that is not true, then he can get you to do what he wants. If he can get you to bow down and worship someone or something other than Jesus Christ, your idolatry is an embarrassment to God. He can put a very good cloak over that idol. If he can get you to worship that really good thing, the idol, as long as it is not the Lord, he has deceived you and is laughing about it.

Now watch this: the beast is working with the false prophet, and their work is bringing about deceit.

Revelation

19:20 And the beast was taken and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he **deceived** them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.

Antichrist and the false prophet will have deceived people into taking the mark, making those people think that this is a good thing to do. It will be a politically correct thing to do—to take the mark. Political correctness will call for us to line up with government because Antichrist is going to be the head governor. He is going to be deceiving the people and using the false prophet to help him achieve the end of getting all of his subjects to take the mark of political correctness. That mark then is going to be condemning if he can deceive you into thinking it is not condemning.

Remember the forbidden fruit in the Garden of Eden? He deceived Eve. That is the way he is going to operate. If he can deceive your people into taking that mark, they will be condemned.

It is our job, now, to go against deceit, to bring truth and light into the situation. What we are to do is just the opposite of what the Antichrist and the False Prophet do.

When Jesus comes back, He is going to take those two, the Antichrist and the False Prophet, and cast them into the lake of fire. Verse 21 speaks of the remainder of the people.

Revelation

19:21 And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which [sword] proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.

All this great army of people, who have been deceived and have taken the mark, will come against the Lord. We will come with the Lord at His second coming. The two that go into the lake of fire are Antichrist and the False Prophet, but the rest of Antichrist’s army does not go into the lake of fire. They are slain, and the fowls come and eat them. They go straight away into hell. The two are in the lake of fire, but all of the rest of the army is in hell.

PREPARATION FOR THE MILLENNIAL REIGN

The following is the preparation for the millennial reign. First, we have the second coming, and then we have the millennial reign that is going to be established.

Revelation

20:1 And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.

20:2 And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years,

20:3 And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.

Satan is bound in the bottomless pit for a thousand years, chained up with a seal set upon him. Of the evil trinity, Satan is in the bottomless pit, and the Antichrist and False Prophet are in the lake of fire. There is no more deception. There will be a thousand years with no deceiver on this planet. Now we have truth and light, and right becomes seen as right. Justice becomes just instead of unjust.

MILLENNIAL REIGN

This sets the stage now for a millennial reign. Let's see who is going to be reigning.

Revelation

20:4 And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and [I saw] the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received [his] mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

Look at who is reigning: those that were beheaded. This kind of threatens me because I want to be in this reigning group here. He says here, "And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and [I saw] the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God." That is not a reigning by literal Israel because this is for the witness of Jesus and for the Word of God. This has to be a reign of Christians. So dispensationalism drops by the wayside right there in that one verse.

You need to see something else. Who is doing the reigning here? Is it just the martyrs? If it is, what does that mean for us? Maybe we are not to be reigning at all in the millennium. Or could we be reigning in a subordinate position? We know that those who had their heads cut off are in those thrones. Thus we could then be subordinate and taking orders from those who were beheaded for the witness of Jesus.

You have to resolve these things in your own mind. Where I particularly land is that those sitting on the thrones are those who paid the ultimate price, and I, unless I pay the ultimate price, will be a subordinate. I will be reigning, but it will be under the authority of those who are higher.

I certainly do not want to be left for the second resurrection. I want to be part of the first resurrection.

Revelation

20:5 But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This [is] the first resurrection.

20:6 Blessed and holy [is] he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.

I know that I am blessed, and I know that I am holy, so I have to conclude that I am part of the first resurrection. That means that I am going to be reigning somehow. Verse 6 says that if I am blessed and holy, I will be part of that reigning group, but it does not say that I will be sitting on a throne.

If I am going to be reigning in this thousand years, that means I am going to be in contact with natural man. Natural man is still going to be on this planet during the millennium. There is going to be somebody reigning in Fort Worth, Nashville, Atlanta, New York, Los Angeles, etc. As a humorous aside: there are going to be saints that are going to be reigning over natural man. You need to be putting in your bids now because some of you are going to want to reign in particular places in Texas, Tennessee, and other places. There is a lot of competition to get places in Texas.

If you should be reigning over natural man and serving as their priests, then it means that you are going to be the mediator between these people and God. We will be priests who will be mingling with the people, listening to them, and then coming to the Lord in their behalf. That is what it says right there in verse 6. As a priest, you will be expected to teach your people. It is the same principle as today. You are to teach your people, and you are to warn them about deception.

I am going to be telling my people: “Satan is in the pit, and when he comes out, you are not going to see him, but he is going to deceive the nations, and he is going to deceive you if you give him half a chance.” I am going to tell them the whole plan. I am going to tell them about that lake of fire and who is in there. I am going to tell them all about the doctrine of salvation and how we came through history. I am going to tell them the whole thing. I am going to tell them about the millennium. I am going to tell them about the judgment at the end. I am going to say: “When the thousand years are up, you will not know it. Satan is going to come out of that pit, and I want you to be on the alert, and be on guard against deception (see the verb in the verse below). I want you to test everything against the Word of God. If Satan comes out and whispers to your soul something that is contrary to this objective Word, you are to reject it because if you do not, your life is at stake.” Is that not what we are supposed to be teaching today? Our war is happening today, and it is going to happen again during the end of the millennium.

THE FINAL BATTLE

Revelation

20:7 And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison,

20:8 And shall go out to **deceive** the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom [is] as the sand of the sea.

This is almost staggering to me. Here you have no deception for a thousand years, and we saints are out there teaching and preaching our hearts out to the people,

natural man, for a thousand years. And yet, Satan is going to come out, and after a thousand years of teaching and preaching, deception is going to reign over the entire earth.

What Satan does then is the same thing he is doing today, and the church is included. And our only defense has to be an objective defense.¹ It cannot be your feelings or your sense of right and wrong. Do not depend on a subjective defense! But yet, Satan comes out and does the deception thing yet again.

Revelation

20:9 And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them.

Verse 9 describes the next war. It is both a fast war and the last war. God just rains fire down and kills them all, and that is the end of war. But watch this—they pick a time when they are going to come up against the Lord, and they are going to encompass the holy city and the camp of the saints.

Here is what I think, and this may not be true, but let me just give this to you. What if the Lord calls a conference with all the saints in Jerusalem? While we are greeting one another, celebrating, and having a good time, Satan comes out and says, “Now is the time.” He gathers up the armies, and comes to Jerusalem and encompasses the entire city while we are there in it. This will be a flesh war, not a spiritual war. The spiritual war is in the deceiving part. This is going to be a flesh war, using the weapons of flesh in an attempt to conquer our Lord who is Spirit. Prior to this war, Jesus uses spiritual weapons against every kind of attack, and that is where we are supposed to be right now—using spiritual weapons fighting our current war.

Satan’s physical army comes up to conquer us, and fire is just going to rain down out of heaven and kill them. The ones killed will be flesh and blood people that you have loved, you have sacrificed for, you have taught, you have preached to, you have ministered to, you have comforted and nurtured. These are your friends, and could very well be some of your family. So when you start teaching and preaching in this millennial reign, should it not be, “LISTEN TO ME?” Well, what about this current age in which we are today? Should it not be, “LISTEN TO ME? you pastors, you preachers, you teachers, you parents. LISTEN TO ME! This is life or death stuff.”

Revelation

20:10 And the devil that **deceived** them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet [are], and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

After his army is killed and sent to hell, the devil is going to be cast directly into the lake of fire. Two people are already in there; Antichrist and the false prophet, and finally comes in the devil himself. So the evil trinity is at that point shut away forever. At this point, we come to this part called the judgment.

¹ I have developed a whole course on deception. It is the philosophy course.

THE JUDGMENT

I am going to explain this judgment by describing the scene, then reading the passage, describing the process, then reading the passage, describing the next part, and then reading that passage. We will just step right through it.

First I will describe the scene. If you can, imagine a great white throne, high and majestic and lifted up. This is a huge place. It is an open expanse of land, and there is an elevation at one end, and a great white throne is up there on top so that it is high and looking down. On that throne is the Lord in all of His majesty. He came in the first coming as a Suffering Servant, the Lamb. He, at this point, is on His Throne as the Lion, the ruler, the Lord of the universe. There will be no more suffering sacrifice. He has already done that part. Now is the time to do the ruling part.

Around this big expanse of land there will be pickets of angels to secure the entire area. The angels will be like a picket fence, all around. On the right hand of that throne is going to be a saint: somebody just standing right there at the Lord's right hand, and somebody standing right there at His left hand. You could be right there with the Lord's hand resting on your shoulder, but that is an earned place. We talked about that in the doctrine of salvation, in your sanctification, and in your rewards. That position you see is earned. You will be in whatever position that you earned.

There will be this great huge line of saints as far out as you can see to the right of the throne, and out as far as you can see to the left of it, just saint after saint after saint. Each one of them will be positioned based on how they behaved in their pilgrimage of sanctification. You will be in pecking order there at that time **based on your life here and now**. This is important: your life now determines where you are going to be in this line.

All to the right, and all to the left are going to be the saints. The saints came with Him, and they will never be apart from Him from this point on. **You** are going to be a part of this scene. Every one of you will be weeping because you will know what this scene is all about. However, there will be many saints who will not have a clue what we are talking about here. But you will recognize this as the Great White Throne Judgment.

In front of the throne, there is going to be a table upon which books will be piled up. One of the books will be the **Book of Life**. All the rest will be the **books of works**. All of the deeds of the people to be judged are going to be in the books of works. The Book of Life will have your name in it. Once you are saved your name goes into the Book of Life, but the lost people's names will not be in there. There will be a spot for every name, but many will not be in there.

Inside this picket fence of angels, in the middle of the great expanse of land out in front of the throne are going to be the lost people. All of those people will be waiting for the judgment. They are going to be brought up out of hell and put before the throne. While you are standing in the line of saints you are going to see people you know. Those people are going to be fearful, tense, thinking, "What is happening to us?" You are going to know, but they are not going to know.

They are going to ask, "What is going on here?"

You are going to have to give some answers. “Well, this is the great white throne judgment.”

Sinner: “Well, what is going to happen in it?”

Saint: “You are going to be judged.”

Sinner: “Well, what does that mean?”

Saint: “You are going to go into the lake of fire.”

Sinner: “Are you going into the lake of fire?”

Saint: “No, I am up here in the saints’ line.”

Sinner: “How come you are not going into the lake of fire?”

Saint: “I asked the Lord to save me, and He did.”

Sinner: “Well, how come you did not tell me about how to get saved?”

There is going to be recognition between you and your friends and your family members. You are going to be weeping in this line of saints. There will be much quaking out among the unsaved people. Each person, you see, is going to be wondering, “What is happening to me?”

The lost people cannot even look upon absolute holiness. They try to look up, but they cannot look upon Jesus. Even the earth itself, the creation, cannot look upon Him.

Revelation

20:11 And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them.

Please understand that everybody goes through two judgments. The first judgment you saints have already gone through. It was the judgment of your personhood. When you confess to the Lord that you are a sinner and ask Him for forgiveness, you have judged yourself as guilty according to the Word of God. Your acceptance of guilt is to agree with God that you are deserving of hell. But when you call upon the name of the Lord for forgiveness, you get saved. Salvation changes you from a guilty person to an innocent person. That is what we call justification, the new birth.

The second judgment through which every one of you will go is a works judgment. That works judgment is going to determine rewards.

What about the lost people, where is their personhood judgment and their works judgment? Their personhood judgment is done at the point of death, the first death. When they die without the seal of God on them, they are judged guilty and taken to hell. Then afterwards, they are going to have their works judged. It is like our current legal system. When you commit a crime, you go to jail. They get you out of jail and bring you to the court. The judge says, “Twenty years in the state penitentiary.” Then you go to the state prison. The parallels are: jail is hell, the court trial is the Great White Throne Judgment, and the state prison is the lake of fire. You see our legal system is set up just like that described in the Bible. It is even the same process.

Each person is going to be called by name. He will be brought up to the front to stand before Jesus. The books will be opened. First, his name will not be found in the

book of life. They will then look at what he did as recorded in the books of works, and the Lord will pronounce a sentence on him, and that sentence will be a particularly assigned place of suffering in the lake of fire.

The condemned sinner will be set aside for execution of the sentence. Then the next person will be called, and then the next, and the next, and the next—each one small and great. It does not matter how much money you had, no matter how many people you had authority over, no matter how big you have been in your life, you will be called up, your works are going to be read, and your sentence is going to be pronounced, and you will be set aside for execution. The Great White Throne judgment is going to be a works judgment for every lost person.

Revelation

20:12 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.

20:13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.

THE EXECUTION

After all have been judged and sentences have been pronounced, death and hell are cast into the lake of fire. Death and hell are personified here. However, it could be that they are regions, areas, or something else. The two could be demonic angels in charge of a region. In any case, death and hell will be cast into the lake of fire.

Revelation

20:14 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

Among the people who have been judged and condemned there will be sheer panic. The three that will have been in the lake of fire, and the two that will have just joined them will all be screaming in pain.

After the execution of death and hell, comes the execution of the lost people. The angels will cast each person who has rejected the Lord into the lake of fire. Suddenly you are going to see people trying the appeal process. Out of the ranks of the condemned, people are going to run up to the throne to appeal their sentence. They are going to say, “Lord, Lord, don’t you remember how I went to church, and I was in Sunday school, and I gave my money, and I got all these awards for perfect attendance? Do you not remember that?” And the Lord is going to say, “I never knew you, depart from me.” The angels are going to take him up and cast him into the lake of fire.

The next one will come up, “Lord, don’t you remember how I fed the hungry and did all these good things like giving clothes and money?” “I never knew you. Depart from me.” And the angels will cast that one into the lake of fire.

For the appeal, let us turn to Matthew 7:21-23.

Revelation

7:21 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

7:22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?

7:23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

These are religious people, religious pretenders who are among us today. I pray that there will not be any of you that will be a religious pretender. A religious pretender usually evaluates himself by looking at another Christian. He does not evaluate himself based on the objective Word or even on the path to which God has called him. If you practice evaluating yourself subjectively on somebody else's path, you have fallen into the trap of deception. You should not evaluate your Christian walk based on somebody else's Christian walk. If you believe that your security is based on your doing better than someone else, you could end up as one of these religious pretenders, not having the real thing. It is important that we get across to those to whom we minister that it is only the real things, the Word of God incarnate, the Word of God written, and our belief in, and doing them that count.

In the preceding Scripture, we have these religious pretenders making their appeals based on their works. Please note that the judgment of works has no bearing on the first judgment. Works result from personhood rather than create personhood.

Notice, now, that you get to be up in the line of saints with the Lord not based on your works but based on your personhood. Your personhood has been declared righteous in your first judgment. Your righteousness means that you have been washed in the Lord's blood. That washing is a personhood judgment. It is the personhood judgment that determines whether you are in line with the saints or out in the open expanse with the unsaved. The pretenders do not talk about their personhood. Instead, they appeal on the basis of their works. However, their names are not in the Book of Life (indicative of a righteous personhood) because that is accomplished by Christ's work and His work alone, not the pretenders' works.

Revelation

20:15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

What do we in the church do? We want to forget about doing works and appeal to God's good graces for rewards based on our personhood. Our reversal is similar to that of the appealing sinners. They appeal for latitude on their personhood based on their works, and we appeal for latitude on our works based on our personhood. We become religious pretenders, and we defy God's Word that says, "God is not a respecter of persons."² That means He does not give a flip about your personhood when it comes to works judgment. When you stand before the Lord, you can say, "I am as righteous as the wind-driven snow," and He is going to say, "You have that part right, but your behavior stinks." These kinds of appeals then are out of place. You do not appeal on your personhood based on your works, nor do you appeal on your works based on your personhood. They have to stand on their own feet.

All of those that make their appeals based on their works are trying to get a declaration of righteousness put on their personhood based on their works. They do not want to go to the lake of fire. They want to get where we are. They will gladly pick the

² Acts 10:34; Mark 12:14; Romans 2:11; Galatians 2:6; Ephesians 6:9; Colossians 3:25; James 2:1; 1 Peter 1:17.

end of the line, anything just to get in the line where we are. They are going to be cast into the lake of fire by the angels. Each person will have his assigned place in the lake of fire based on his works.

After all the appeals have been made and the pretenders have been executed by being cast into the lake of fire by the angels, then that is when you and I are going to start quaking really hard. Your knees are going to give out on you. You are going to fall down on your face. You are going to weep tears and make a mud puddle right under your face. I am telling you right now that if you will listen to what I am saying, your agony at this time will be less because you are going to be faced with the execution of those people that you did not witness to. You see the angels are going to execute those who have heard the gospel and rejected it, but the saints will execute those who have not heard.

Ezekiel

3:17 Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel: therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me.

3:18 When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked [man] shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand.

3:19 Yet if thou warn the wicked, and he turn not from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul.

YOUR CHARGE

Your children whom you drop off at Sunday school hoping that somebody will give them the Gospel message, and they are somehow going to get saved may fall under the teaching of a religious pretender. Your relatives to whom you deny the Gospel message for the sake of not exposing yourself to any pain of rejection, your neighbors and your co-workers, and the people that have been assigned to you just because of who you are and where God has placed you, are yours to witness to. If you do not do it, you are going to have to execute them. You men who have a little daughter who depends on you for life, loves you, feels secure with you, and you give her the finest clothes, the finest education, and the finest everything, but you do not give her the Gospel message, be aware of what is coming. On that day the Lord will call you up to the throne to cast your loved one into the lake of fire. You will have to run the gauntlet by passing in front of everyone of us in the line. You will hardly be able to walk. Your knees will not hold you up. You will have to take her and cast her into the lake of fire. Your own little daughter!

If you think that it is hard to witness to somebody now, think again. You are going to have to cast your children, relatives, friends, and neighbors into the lake of fire. You say that you love them? Do not tell me that you love them. If you are a goose-bump Existentialist kind of Christian, and your Christianity is just for you to feel good and have your goose bumps while you just listen to your music, if that is all you are, you are going to have a horrible time during this last judgment.

To whom much is given, much is required.³ You have been given salvation, the Word of God, your marching orders, the gifts of the Spirit, a path of sanctification, a network, the Great Commission, children, assets, you have been given all of these things.

³ Luke 12:48.

Use them while you have time. If you do not warn the people in your network, then you will have to execute them.

The Lord is saying to you, “You are my watchman!”⁴ He says to the wicked, which He does through you, that “if you do not turn from your wickedness, you will die in your sins.” He says to you “if you do not give that warning, you will be required to execute that person.” Each of us has people in our orbits that God has assigned to us to warn.

Certainly the angels will do the executions of those who reject the truth. But do not expect the angels to take care of your executions, too. No, no. God explicitly said that their blood will be required at your hands, not the angels’ hands. He is going to say, “Bill, come up here,” and I am going to get up, and I will be dripping with mud and tears and weak kneed, and I will have to face that person I did not witness to.

What if I did not teach you in this lesson on eschatology the Great White Throne Judgment, and your people did not get taught? I would be at fault for your neglect. I am trying to give you everything that I know, the accountability that is passionately known in my heart. I am trying to give it to you, and if I can get you to do the same thing, then I have done my job for you. Then if you follow suit, you will have done your job.

I will have to come up before the throne and face the person that I neglected. The person will be facing the lake of fire, and he is going to look me in the eye and say, “Bill, you are a preacher, you taught at the seminary, you knew what was coming, and you let me face this?!” He will say to you, “You are a teacher, you taught at my church, and you let me come to this? You were my neighbor, you lived next door to me, and you let me come to this? What would it have taken for you to just give me a tract? How much does a tract cost? Some of them only cost a penny. Would you not give a penny for my soul, my eternity?”

These people that go into the lake of fire by your hands are going to remember you for eternity. They are going to remember your name; they are going to curse your name. They are going to say, “That sorry Christian! How could he get to go to heaven and let me go like this? What right does he have to go to heaven? What kind of watchman was he?”

We get to go to heaven not based on our works. We get to go to heaven because we were washed in the Lord’s blood. That is the grace of God! But there is going to be penalty for your lack of witnessing—loss of reward and the forced executions.

The people in the lake of fire that I neglected will remember and curse my name for eternity, but the miracle is that I will not remember their names. I ought to have to. You wonder how in the world can we enjoy heaven if our children are in the lake of fire? That is another miracle. God is amazingly good to us. We do not deserve any shortening of our agonies.

Revelation

21:1 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

⁴ Ezekiel 3:17.

21:2 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

21:3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God [is] with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, [and be] their God.

21:4 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes;...

During and after the executions, you are going to be weeping and gnashing your teeth in fear, sadness, and anxiety. At the end of the judgment, all of us will be weeping and lying on the ground. The Lord will then come to you and pick you up. He will embrace you, and all the divine healing and the joy is going to come into your soul because God Himself is embracing you. He will reach over and wipe away your tears. There will not be any more tears when He wipes your tears away. And miracle of miracles He is going to wipe away the terrible memories. You are not going to remember those people in the lake of fire. You are going to have an eternity of joy and celebration, and you do not deserve it. Those people are going to have an eternity of torment where their “worm dieth not,”⁵ and their smoke rises for eternity.⁶ It is going to be the most terrifying and excruciating pain for them. But it will be the most glorious for you after He comes to dwell with His people and wipes away the tears.

Isaiah

65:17 For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind.

65:18 But be ye glad and rejoice for ever [in that] which I create: for, behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy.

65:19 And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in my people: and the voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor the voice of crying.

Verse 17 says “shall not be remembered nor come into mind.” This means then, that after He comes and wipes away the tears and He brings us together as His people to dwell with Him, we will not even remember that lake of fire. The people in it will not even come into your mind. That is how you can have joy for eternity. It will be a complete joy. I want you to know right now that the agony that you are going to feel just prior to the joy that you are going to feel when He wipes away your tears will be the severest test of your eternity.

Revelation

21:4...and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

We will experience incredibly generous grace bestowed upon us who have neglected and despised the doctrine of salvation. We will have taken salvation as our own selfish gift, and we will not have shared it. Yet, we will escape having to live for eternity with the knowledge of how much torment our loved ones must bear because of our neglect. Many of your friends, relatives, and neighbors do not have a chance unless you bring them that chance.

⁵ Mark 9:43-48.

⁶ Revelation 14:11.

The Great White Throne Judgment is where you are going to find out what you are made of. I want you to find out now. I want you to commit to Jesus Christ. Do you love Him? If you do, obey Him. Do you love people? If you do, give them the Word so they can be rescued. Do you love your children? Do not let them go to the lake of fire! Do you love your spouse? You make sure your spouse knows. You make sure your spouse is in teamwork with you and the Lord. Do you love? If you love, you will act.

YOUR COMMITMENT

I am going to ask you to commit to Jesus Christ that you will take positive action. You do not have to be an evangelist to evangelize. Let me tell you, the Gospel is “the power of God unto salvation.”⁷ That is God’s promise to us. Distribute His Gospel. You may be the most timid person in the history of the world, but you can distribute Gospel tracts. You can do secret-agent tracting, you can give them directly to people, you can mail them, and you can put them in your Christmas cards. You ought to witness to your community, those in your neighborhood. Give out Gospel tracts. Send everybody in your neighborhood a Christmas card with a Gospel tract in it. You will not be executing those you witness to. If you love them, you will want them saved.

There is a level of commitment that Jesus is asking for you to do. Will you do it? Will you commit? You have been given this sermon now. A lot of these details may not be exact, and I confess that straight up. But I will tell you this, when we are there at that Great White Throne, you are going to recognize it. You are going to remember this sermon.

I am going to lead us in prayer. I am going to ask you to commit. Commit to obey the Lord and to love people. You cannot say that you love Jesus if you do not obey Him (John 14:15, 23). We are talking about loving the Lord and loving people. If you love the Lord by obeying, you love people by witnessing. You can witness by distributing Gospel tracts, by witnessing, by preaching, etc. Use your ingenuity and creativity, but get it done!

“Lord, as we come to this moment, this moment of sanctity in which You are dealing with our hearts individually, I am praying that Your saints have heard this message, and that they will take it seriously, and that every life will be changed including my own. I pray God that I will demonstrate my love for You by being obedient, being holy so that You can spend me how You want to, and Lord, I pray that my love for the people for whom You came and died will be manifested in carrying Your Gospel, the power of God unto salvation, unto the people. Lord I am praying that everyone of us reading this will multiply our efforts in tracting and testifying, in helping, in ministering, in doing everything that will shine light upon the Gospel message. And I am praying that, out of this sermon on the Great White Throne Judgment, You will bring a great harvest into Your kingdom of souls who will not have to go to the lake of fire, and over whom we will not have to weep and with whom we will rejoice through eternity because we love You, Jesus. You are our Master, our Lord, our Savior, and our God. We love You, Jesus, and I pray that every one of us will come out of this course changed, and because of that change our family, our neighbors, our co-workers will benefit. We lift it

⁷ Romans 1:16.

all up to You. We ask that You seal this prayer on every soul that is committing right now. Here is my commitment to You, Jesus: I am going to do my very best to witness to those around me. Give me wisdom and the abilities to bring glory to you. I love You, Jesus. Amen.”