

## SCENES AT THE JUDGMENT

### Int.

1. Aim: To discuss some of the scenes that will take place on that horrible day of judgment.
2. Matt. 25:31-46
3. Great Day of Judgment ahead of every one of us!
  - a. No way under heaven to escape it
  - b. Ecl. 12:13-14 Whether works are good or evil, public or secret
4. So it has already been announced that great and terrible day is coming!
  - a. Great day -- wonderful Day to all who have made their calling and election sure.
  - b. It will be an awful day a terrible day to those who:
    - i. Enjoyed the blessings God gives to all in life and then refused to obey the gospel of Christ.
    - ii. Trampled the blood of Christ under their feet.
    - iii. To them this will be a terrible day. And there is absolutely no way to escape it! !
  - c. **Heb. 9:27**    **Acts 17:31**    **Acts 10: 42** these passages declare that there will indeed be a great DAY OF JUDGMENT!
5. I see FIVE great scenes(in the word of God) that will take place that day.

### Discussion

- I. **IT WILL BE THE GREATEST CROWD THAT EVER ASSEMBLED !**
  - A. Everyone who has ever lived will be there.
    1. II Cor. 5:10 "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ."
    2. Everyone from Adam till end of the world will be there!
      - a. Adam and Eve, Cain and Abel, Noah,
      - b. Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Sarah, Rachel, Rebekkah, Leah

- c. Moses - Joshua , Saul, David, Solomon , Ruth, Esther
  - d. Peter, James, John, Judas - all the apostles
  - e. People of our time - JFK, Hitler, Howard Hughes - famous, infamous
  - f. You'll be there and I'll be there
3. When the roll is called up yonder - you'll be there and I'll be there
- B. Some may say — but I'm so insignificant that beside all the kings, dictators, and presidents and other great people I can probably go on into heaven unnoticed!
- 1. There will be NO GREATER person there than you!
  - 2. As far as your soul is concerned, you'll be the greatest person to stand at the judgment bar of God - 2 Cor. 5:10
    - a. Social prominence, political prominence, wealth, color of skin will not matter.
    - b. The distinctions made in this life will not have any effect on God as you stand before the Judgment bar.
  - 3. There is no way to escape it!
    - a. I Thes 5:1-3
    - b. All who have ever lived and all who shall ever live on the earth will be there that day! The day of Judgment will be the GREATEST CROWD THAT EVER ASSEMBLED!

## **II. THE GREATEST JUDGE WILL PRESIDE**

- A. The greatest judge who ever sat on a throne will be presiding
- 1. Rev. 22:12 Jesus Christ, King of Kings, Lord of Lords, Son of God, Son of man, Prince of Peace will Judge - Acts 17:31

2. II Tim. 4:7-8

- a. Do you love his appearing?
- b. Would you like to see Jesus come today?
- c. You'd better make your life right!

B. Jesus will be a RIGHTEOUS judge

1. He will be Fair - U.S. has about the fairest courts in the world

- a. Some innocent people have died in the electric chair
- b. Mistakes are made in judging
- c. Wealthy men get off lighter than poor people
- d. Famous people generally get less punishment than unknowns

2. No Prejudice

- a. In the Court of God — MONEY, Social, political prominence, color of skin:
- b. Will not be a help Will not be a deterrent
- c. Will not be an asset or a liability

3. We will get Justice, for God will not make any mistakes. No one is going to be lost for what someone else did! It will be JUSTICE ON THAT DAY.

- a. It will not be Mercy and grace on that day
- b. The door of mercy is swung open now, but it will be closed on the day of judgment - Tit. 2:11
- c. Then it will be justice.
- d. We will stand or fall on our own record that day.

4. What a terrible day:
  - a. The greatest crowd that ever assembled
  - b. The greatest judge that ever sat on a throne

### **III. THE GREATEST BOOKS WILL BE OPENED**

- A. The greatest books that were ever opened will be opened that day !
  1. Rev. 20:12 - Books were opened
    - a. Books of God
    - b. Books of Bible
    - c. Book of Life - opened and laid beside the others
  2. Dead judged out of those things written in the books
    - a. O.T. - those who lived and died under the old covenant will be judged by that law
    - b. N.T. - You and I living in Christian age -- will be judged by the requirements of the N.T.
  3. BOOK OF LIFE
    - a. Here is "Heaven's Record" of how we complied with N.T.
    - b. As they harmonize, so shall the destiny of our souls be determined
- B. The Bible will read in the day of Judgment -- just like it reads now!
  1. Jn. 8:24
  2. Matt. 10-32-33 Gospel Plan of Salvation
  3. Acts 22:16
  4. I Pet. 3:21

## C. The Bible will not change

1. Mt. 24:35 "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away."
2. I Pet. 1:23 "Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God that liveth and abideth forever."
3. Jn. 12:48 "He that rejecteth me and receiveth not my words hath one that judgeth him; the Word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day."

## D. Summary:

1. Greatest crowd that ever assembled
2. Greatest Judge that ever presided
3. Greatest books that were ever opened

**IV. THE GREATEST SEPARATION EVER KNOWN WILL TAKE PLACE**

## A. Separation is depicted in great judgment Scene

1. Mt. 25:31-33
  - a. Husband on one side --- wife on the other
  - b. Son on one side -- Father on other
  - c. Daughter on one side -- mother on other.
2. This separation will not be just a little while - but for eternity! No reunion!

## B. When we think of eternity and the fires of everlasting HELL it's unbearable and unthinkable!!

## C. But when we think of Heaven with its endless joys, and endless bliss then we can realize that it will also be a GREAT DAY.

D. What a horrible separation that will be!

1. Those standing on the left will be helpless, they'll be crying, begging, pleading.  
How they would give everything they every owned for one more opportunity to  
OBEY GOD.
2. Examples of one who was separated:
  - a. Rich man of Lk. 16.
  - b. He knew that he was reaping what you sowed, getting what you deserve!

E. Those who are lost will know why they're lost!

1. The lost will understand why they were lost and the saved will understand why they were saved.
2. It's not going to be a lottery on the Judgment day.
  - a. People will not be saved or lost accidentally
  - b. Those people that go to heaven are the people who decide to go to heaven:
    - (1) They want to Go. They are willing to sacrifice!
    - (2) They are willing to pay the price!
    - (3) They know that heaven is worth more than anything on Earth
    - (4) The people who go to Heaven are the people who DECIDE to go There!  
They'll have no regrets

F. Summary

1. The greatest crowd that ever assembled
2. The greatest Judge that ever sat
3. The greatest books that were ever opened
4. The greatest separation ever Known

## V. THE GREATEST VERDICT EVER ANNOUNCED

- A. It will be the greatest decision ever handed down. Mt. 25:46
- B. To those on his left he'll say: "Depart from me ye cursed into everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels." - Matt. 25:41
1. Lake of fire and brimstone
  2. Smoke of their torments ascendeth forever and ever.
  3. Shall "be tormented day and night for ever and ever.
  4. ETERNITY - not annihilation
- C. Those on the right he'll say "Come ye "blessed of my Father, I nherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. Enter thou into the joys of thy Lord." Matt. 25:34
1. We'll "be ushered into that land where we'll never grow old"
  2. No tears - no sadness - no pain, no death, no loneliness, no good byes, no broken homes, no broken hearts.
  3. We can enjoy the company of God along with all the righteous people of all ages.
  4. It will be a city which hath foundations whose builder and maker is God.
- D. I want to go to heaven because:
1. I want to escape the horror of Hell
  2. I want to escape the companionship of Hell
  3. I want to enjoy the presence of God.
  4. I want to renew old friendships

## **CONCLUSION**

1. These are a few things you need to know about the Judgment scene:
  - a. Greatest Crowd
  - b. Greatest Judge
  - c. Greatest books
  - d. Greatest Separation
  - e. Greatest verdict
2. This could be the greatest day in your life:
  - a. It could be the day you obey the gospel and prepare to meet God.
  - b. It could be the time that you are restored to your proper place, because you have sinned and your name is blotted out of the book of life!
  - c. If so then in heaven we could talk about that wonderful day!
    - (1) That I obeyed the Gospel
    - (2) That I was restored.
3. Will you Obey the Gospel, or be restored? This may be the last plea that you will ever have made for 'your soul!!
4. We do not know how soon it will be to late to obey !

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