

## WHAT IS YOUR RECORD ?

### Int.

1. Aim: To show that we must be concerned about the records of our lives because it determines where we spend eternity.
2. **Esther 6:1** - "On that night could not the king sleep, and he commanded to bring the book of records of the chronicles; and they were read before the king."
  - a. Chronicles - account of events arranged in order of time
  - b. A memento - or memorable thing, memorial, record
  - c. King Ahasuerus could not sleep so he called for the records to be brought to be read
3. Records are important
  - a. Deeds and contracts / marriages / deaths / Births
  - b. Credit Bureau
4. Records determine our lot in life - a man runs for office on his past records
5. What if we had to run on last years record for re-election to church membership? Would we be re-elected ?
6. Church records are important
  - a. Attendance and contribution
  - b. Baptisms / deaths / membership
  - c. History of the congregation
7. God knows all about our records - Rev. 2:2 - talking about church at Ephesus "...I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience,..."
8. God has 3 books which reveal our records

## Discussion

### I. THE BOOK OF DEEDS

A. We will be judged according to our deeds / works

1. Rom. 2:6 "Who will render to every man according to his deeds:"
2. II Cor. 5:10 "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."
3. Matt. 16:27 "For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works."

B. This book will tell all that we have done

1. Good deeds
  - a. No matter how small
  - b. Matt. 25:31-46 Hungry, thirsty, stranger, naked, in prison
  - c. Matt. 10:42 - drink of cold water - "And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold [water] only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward."
2. It will have a record to tell if sins have been blotted out
  - a. Acts 3:19 "Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord;"
  - b. Ps. 51:1 "To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David, when Nathan the prophet came unto him, after he had gone in to Bathsheba. Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions."

- c. If we have obeyed the gospel then our past sins will have been erased and the record book will not show them any more
  - d. Heb. 10:17 "And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more."
3. This book will have a record of our attendance
- a. Heb. 10:25 "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some [is]; but exhorting [one another]: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching."
  - b. As a Christian God expects us to be present - this book will show our attendance records
4. It will show the records of our contribution
- a. Phil. 4:14-18
  - b. Matt. 6:19-20 "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: 20 But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:"
  - c. This record book will show if we have given as we were prospered
5. It will have a record of all those we convert to Christ
- a. Prov. 11:30b "...he that winneth souls is wise."
  - b. Dan. 12:3 "And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever."
  - c. Mark 16:15
  - d. "Lead me to some soul today."
  - e. "Must I go and empty handed"

6. This book of deeds will have a record of how we have lived our life
  - a. It will reveal if we have kept our life pure and clean or
  - b. Whether we have lived a life of hypocrisy
  - c. Jas. 1:27 "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, [and] to keep himself unspotted from the world."
  
7. This book will record if we have been restored / forgiven
  - a. Gal. 6:1 "Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted."
  - b. Jas. 5:19-20 "Brethren, if any of you do err from the truth, and one convert him; 20 Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins."
  - c. 1 Jn. 1:7-9 "But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin. 8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us [our] sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."
  
- C. The book of deeds will be a biography of our life - revealing all that we have or have not done

## **II. BOOK OF LIFE**

A. This is a special book with a list of all who are going to heaven

1. Rev. 20:15 "And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire."
2. Rev. 21:27 "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."
3. Phil. 4:3 "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."

B. Some names will be blotted out of the book of life - for the sinners/ backsliders

1. Ex. 32:33 "And the LORD said unto Moses, Whosoever hath sinned against me, him will I blot out of my book."
2. Rev. 22:19 "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."
3. These are willful sinners

C. This book is written for the faithful

1. Mal. 3:16,17 "Then they that feared the LORD spake often one to another: and the LORD hearkened, and heard [it], and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the LORD, and that thought upon his name. 17 And they shall be mine, saith the LORD of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him"
2. Only the faithful ones have their names here

- D. We must continue to overcome the world or our name will be blotted out
1. Rev. 3:5 "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." [Sardis]
  2. **II Pet. 2:18-22** "For when they speak great swelling [words] of vanity, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, [through much] wantonness, those that were clean escaped from them who live in error. 19 While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption: for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage. 20 For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning. 21 For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known [it], to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them." -
  3. If we go back into sin all of our righteousness will not be mentioned
  4. Ezk. 18:24 "But when the righteous turneth away from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, [and] doeth according to all the abominations that the wicked [man] doeth, shall he live? All his righteousness that he hath done shall not be mentioned: in his trespass that he hath trespassed, and in his sin that he hath sinned, in them shall he die."

- E. But if the wicked will turn from sin then their sins will not be mentioned
1. Ezek. 18:21-22 "But if the wicked will turn from all his sins that he hath committed, and keep all my statutes, and do that which is lawful and right, he shall surely live, he shall not die. 22 All his transgressions that he hath committed, they shall not be mentioned unto him: in his righteousness that he hath done he shall live."
  2. Ezek. 18:26-27 "When a righteous [man] turneth away from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, and dieth in them; for his iniquity that he hath done shall he die. 27 Again, when the wicked [man] turneth away from his wickedness that he hath committed, and doeth that which is lawful and right, he shall save his soul alive."
  3. Heb. 10:17 "And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more."
  4. We will not meet our sins if we have been pardoned
- F. We want to be sure that the book of life contains our name - and it will if we have obeyed the things written in the ....

### **III. BOOK OF GOD**

- A. We will be judged according to the bible or God's laws
1. 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."
  2. All men will be tried by the gospel
  3. Rom. 2:16 "In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel."

4. Matt. 25:31-46 - this is an example of people being tried by the things commanded for people to live by

B. We will not be judged by human creeds or opinions of men

C. Rule of living now, hereafter the rule of judging.

### **Conclusion**

1. What is your record?
2. Are your deeds of the type that will assure that your name will be in the book of life when we are judged by the book of God?
3. Is your name in the book of life?
  - a. It can be if you'll become a Christian
  - b. It will remain there if you'll be faithful
4. The Records which God keeps about our lives are
  - a. Accurate
  - b. Up - to - date
  - c. Final - no appeal courts
5. How are your records?
6. **Rev. 20:12-15** "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. 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. 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."
7. Mark 13:32-33

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