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TEXT

Hebrews 6:1-2

Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary principles of Christ, let us go on to perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, of the doctrine of baptisms, of laying on of hands, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.

2 Corinthians 5:10

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

Hebrews 9:27

And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:

INTRODUCTION.

Our God is a righteous Judge. Justice and Judgement are Judgment are the habitation of his throne and they are two of what Jesus Christ calls the weightier matters of the law. In this course, we shall give every participant a foundational understanding of divine Judgment and how to avert it and transcend it.

A. THE LORD AS JUDGE.

1. GOD IS THE JUDGE OF THE EARTH.

Genesis 18:25

Far be it from You to do such a thing as this, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous should be as the wicked; far be it from You! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?"

Psalms 96:13

For He is coming, for He is coming to judge the earth. He shall judge the world with righteousness, And the peoples with His truth.

2. THE LORD IS A RIGHTEOUS JUDGE.

2 Timothy 4:8

Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous

Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.

Job 34:12

Surely God will never do wickedly, Nor will the Almighty pervert justice.

3. GOD IS THE JUDGE OF ALL.

Hebrews 12:23

To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect,

1 Samuel 2:10

The adversaries of the LORD shall be broken in pieces; From heaven He will thunder against them. The LORD will judge the ends of the earth. "He will give strength to His king, And exalt the horn of His anointed."

B. THE SCOPE OF DIVINE JUDGMENT.

1. THE JUDGMENT OF ELDERS AND TEACHERS.

James 3:1

My brethren, let not many of you become teachers, knowing that we shall receive a stricter judgment.

Ezekiel 9:5-6

To the others He said in my hearing, "Go after him through the city and kill; do not let your eye spare, nor have any pity. Utterly slay old and young men, maidens and little children and women; but do not come near anyone on whom is the mark; and begin at My sanctuary." So they began with the elders who were before the temple.

2. THE JUDGMENT OF CITIES.

Luke 10:13-16

"Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works which were done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. But it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the judgment than for you. And you, Capernaum, who are exalted to heaven, will be brought down to Hades. He who hears you hears Me, he who rejects you rejects Me, and he who rejects Me rejects Him who sent Me."

3. THE JUDGMENT OF CONGREGATIONS.

1 Peter 4:17-18

For the time has come for judgment to begin at the house of God; and if it begins with us first, what will be the end of those who do not obey the gospel of God? Now "If the righteous one

is scarcely saved, Where will the ungodly and the sinner appear?"

4. THE JUDGMENT OF NATIONS.

Acts 7:7

And the nation to whom they will be in bondage I will judge,' said God, and after that they shall come out and serve Me in this place.'

5. THE JUDGMENT OF THE WORLD.

1 Corinthians 6:2

Do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if the world will be judged by you, are you unworthy to judge the smallest matters?

6. THE JUDGMENT OF ANGELS

1 Corinthians 6:3-4

Do you not know that we shall judge angels? How much more, things that pertain to this life? If then you have judgments concerning things pertaining to this life, do you appoint those who are least esteemed by the church to judge?

7. THE JUDGMENT OF OUR WORKS.

1 Corinthians 3:11-15

For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward. If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.

7. THE JUDGMENT OF WORDS.

Matthew 12:36-37

But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment. For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned."

8. THE JUDGMENT OF OUR SECRETS.

Romans 2:15-16

who show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and between themselves their thoughts accusing or else excusing them) in the day when God will judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ, according to my gospel.

9. THE JUDGMENT OF WILFUL SINS

Hebrews 10:26-30

For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries. Anyone who has rejected Moses' law dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace? For we know Him who said, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord. And again, "The LORD will judge His people."

10. THE JUDGMENT OF THE LIVING AND THE DEAD.

2 Timothy 4:1

I charge you therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom:

11. THE JUDGMENT OF ADULTERERS.

Hebrews 13:4

Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge.

12. THE JUDGMENT OF SORCERERS, PERJURERS, ADULTERERS AND EXPLOITERS

Malachi 3:4-6

"Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem Will be pleasant to the LORD, as in the days of old, As in former years. And I will come near you for judgment; I will be a swift witness Against sorcerers, against adulterers, against perjurers, against those who exploit wage earners and widows and orphans, and against those who turn away an alien— Because they do not fear Me," Says the LORD of hosts. "For I am the LORD, I do not change; Therefore, you are not consumed, O sons of Jacob.

13. THE JUDGMENT OF BUSINESS OWNERS WHO CHEAT THEIR STAFF.

James 5:1-6

Come now, you rich, weep and howl for your miseries that are coming upon you! Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are moth-eaten. Your gold and silver are corroded, and their corrosion will be a witness against you and will eat your flesh like fire. You have heaped up treasure in the last days. Indeed the wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, cry out; and the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth. You have lived on the earth in pleasure and luxury; you have fattened your hearts as in a day of slaughter. You have condemned, you have murdered the just; he does not resist you.

C. TWO PECULIAR JUDGMENTS EVERY BELIEVER MUST BE CONSCIOUS OF.

1. THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST.

Romans 14:10-13

But why do you judge your brother? Or why do you show contempt for your brother? For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. For it is written: "As I live, says the LORD, Every knee shall bow to Me, And every tongue shall confess to God." So then each of us shall give account of himself to God. Therefore let us not judge one another anymore, but rather resolve this, not to put a stumbling block or a cause to fall in our brother's way.

2 Corinthians 5:9-11

Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad. Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are well known to God, and I also trust are well known in your consciences.

2. THE GREAT WHITE THRONE JUDGEMENT.

Revelation 20:11-15

Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works. Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.

D. HOW TO AVERT DIVINE JUDGMENT.

1. DEMONSTRATE GENUINE REPENTANCE AND HUMILITY.

Jeremiah 18:7-10

The instant I speak concerning a nation and concerning a kingdom, to pluck up, to pull down, and to destroy it, if that nation against whom I have spoken turns from its evil, I will relent of the disaster that I thought to bring upon it. And the instant I speak concerning a nation and concerning a kingdom, to build and to plant it, if it does evil in My sight so that it does not obey My voice, then I will relent concerning the good with which I said I would benefit it.

2. DONT BE A JUDGE.

Matthew 7:1-5

"Judge not, that you be not judged. For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged;

and with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you. And why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, but do not consider the plank in your own eye? Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me remove the speck from your eye'; and look, a plank is in your own eye? Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye.

3. JUDGE YOURSELF.

1 Corinthians 11:31-32

For if we would judge ourselves, we would not be judged. But when we are judged, we are chastened by the Lord, that we may not be condemned with the world.

4. SOW SEEDS OF MERCY INTO THE LIVES OF OTHERS.

James 2:13

For judgment is without mercy to the one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

5. LIVE A LIFE OF PRAISE AND WORSHIP BECAUSE IT STILLS THE ENEMY AND THE AVENGER.

Psalms 8:2

Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants You have ordained strength, Because of Your enemies, That You may silence the enemy and the avenger.