

“The Judgment that Awaits”  
**John 5:28-29**

**I. The Son of God will render right judgment (v. 28-29A).**

1. This judgment is not voluntary.
2. Jesus is talking about final judgment.
3. This judgment is based upon deeds.

(Matthew 15:17-19; Luke 6:44-45)

**II. The first resurrection is the resurrection of life (v. 29B).**

1. This is the resurrection for those who are redeemed (those who have been saved).
2. They will be judged for their works.
3. Those in this resurrection do not have to fear judgment.

(Romans 2:4-16; 1 Corinthians 3:10-15; 4:5; 1 Thessalonians 1:9-10; 5:9-11; Revelation 20:4-6)

**III. The second resurrection is the resurrection of judgment (v. 29C).**

1. This is the resurrection for those who are lost (those who have not been saved).
2. The people in this judgment will be judged for their sins.
3. The judgment is an eternity in hell.

(Mark 9:42-50; Luke 16:22-28; John 3:18-21; Revelation 20:6; 11-15)

**Scripture References and Notes**

Daniel 12:1-2

<sup>1</sup> “Now at that time Michael, the great prince who stands *guard* over the sons of your people, will arise. And there will be a time of distress such as never occurred since there was a nation until that time; and at that time your people, everyone who is found written in the book, will be rescued. <sup>2</sup> Many of those who sleep in the dust of the ground will awake, these to everlasting life, but the others to disgrace *and* everlasting contempt.

Luke 6:44-45

<sup>44</sup> For each tree is known by its own fruit. For men do not gather figs from thorns, nor do they pick grapes from a briar bush. <sup>45</sup> The good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth what is good; and the evil *man* out of the evil *treasure* brings forth what is evil; for his mouth speaks from that which fills his heart.

#### Matthew 15:17-19

<sup>17</sup> Do you not understand that everything that goes into the mouth passes into the stomach, and is eliminated? <sup>18</sup> But the things that proceed out of the mouth come from the heart, and those defile the man. <sup>19</sup> For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, slanders.

#### 1 Corinthians 3:10-15

<sup>10</sup> According to the grace of God which was given to me, like a wise master builder I laid a foundation, and another is building on it. But each man must be careful how he builds on it. <sup>11</sup> For no man can lay a foundation other than the one which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. <sup>12</sup> Now if any man builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, <sup>13</sup> each man's work will become evident; for the day will show it because it is *to be* revealed with fire, and the fire itself will test the quality of each man's work. <sup>14</sup> If any man's work which he has built on it remains, he will receive a reward. <sup>15</sup> If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.

#### 1 Thessalonians 1:9-10

<sup>9</sup> For they themselves report about us what kind of a reception we had with you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God, <sup>10</sup> and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, *that is* Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath to come.

#### 1 Thessalonians 5:9-11

<sup>9</sup> For God has not destined us for wrath, but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>10</sup> who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep, we will live together with Him. <sup>11</sup> Therefore encourage one another and build up one another, just as you also are doing.

#### Revelation 20:4-6

<sup>4</sup> Then I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was given to them. And I *saw* the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony of Jesus and because of the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received the mark on their forehead and on their hand; and they came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. <sup>5</sup> The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were completed. This is the first resurrection. <sup>6</sup> Blessed and holy is the one who has a part in the first resurrection; over these the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with Him for a thousand years.

#### Revelation 20:11-15

<sup>11</sup> Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat upon it, from whose presence earth and heaven fled away, and no place was found for them. <sup>12</sup> And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and books were opened; and another book was opened, which is *the book* of life; and the dead were judged from the things which were written in the books, according to their deeds. <sup>13</sup> And the sea gave up the dead which were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead which were in them; and they were judged, every one *of them* according to their deeds. <sup>14</sup> Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. <sup>15</sup> And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

#### John 3:18-21

<sup>18</sup> He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. <sup>19</sup> This is the judgment, that the Light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the Light, for their deeds were evil. <sup>20</sup> For everyone who does

evil hates the Light, and does not come to the Light for fear that his deeds will be exposed. <sup>21</sup> But he who practices the truth comes to the Light, so that his deeds may be manifested as having been wrought in God.”

“hell”

- γέεννα (geenna)
- Gehenna, and originally the name of a valley or cavity near Jerusalem, a place underneath the earth, a place of punishment for evil.
- a transliteration of the Hebrew term, “Gêhinnōm”, (“the valley of Hinnom”).
- the place of post-resurrection torment (judgment), refers strictly to the everlasting abode of the unredeemed where they experience divine judgment in their individual resurrection-bodies.

Luke 16:22-28

<sup>22</sup> Now the poor man died and was carried away by the angels to Abraham’s bosom; and the rich man also died and was buried. <sup>23</sup> In Hades he lifted up his eyes, being in torment, and saw Abraham far away and Lazarus in his bosom. <sup>24</sup> And he cried out and said, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus so that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool off my tongue, for I am in agony in this flame.’ <sup>25</sup> But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your life you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus bad things; but now he is being comforted here, and you are in agony. <sup>26</sup> And besides all this, between us and you there is a great chasm fixed, so that those who wish to come over from here to you will not be able, and *that* none may cross over from there to us.’ <sup>27</sup> And he said, ‘Then I beg you, father, that you send him to my father’s house— <sup>28</sup> for I have five brothers—in order that he may warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.’

Mark 9:42-50

<sup>42</sup> “Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe to stumble, it would be better for him if, with a heavy millstone hung around his neck, he had been cast into the sea. <sup>43</sup> If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life crippled, than, having your two hands, to go into hell, into the unquenchable fire, <sup>44</sup> [where THEIR WORM DOES NOT DIE, AND THE FIRE IS NOT QUENCHED.] <sup>45</sup> If your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame, than, having your two feet, to be cast into hell, <sup>46</sup> [where THEIR WORM DOES NOT DIE, AND THE FIRE IS NOT QUENCHED.] <sup>47</sup> If your eye causes you to stumble, throw it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye, than, having two eyes, to be cast into hell, <sup>48</sup> where THEIR WORM DOES NOT DIE, AND THE FIRE IS NOT QUENCHED. <sup>49</sup> “For everyone will be salted with fire. <sup>50</sup> Salt is good; but if the salt becomes unsalty, with what will you make it salty *again*? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

Revelation 20:6

Blessed and holy is the one who has a part in the first resurrection; over these the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with Him for a thousand years.

Romans 2:14-16

<sup>14</sup> For when Gentiles who do not have the Law do instinctively the things of the Law, these, not having the Law, are a law to themselves, <sup>15</sup> in that they show the work of the Law written in their hearts, their conscience bearing witness and their thoughts alternately accusing or else defending them, <sup>16</sup> on the day when, according to my gospel, God will judge the secrets of men through Christ Jesus.

1 Corinthians 4:5

Therefore do not go on passing judgment before the time, *but wait* until the Lord comes who will both bring to light the things hidden in the darkness and disclose the motives of *men’s* hearts; and then each man’s praise will come to him from God.