

# Eternal Judgment – Heb.6:1-2

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## **God Is the Judge of All – Heb.12:22-24**

### **A Difficult Subject**

There are Days of Judgment

- There is a Day of Judgment for sinners – White Throne Judgment – **Rev.20:11-15**
  - The second death has no power on those whose name is in The Book of Life
- There is a Day of Judgment for believers – The Judgment Seat of Christ – **2Cor.5:10**
- The days or the wrath of God are coming, but are not now, we are now in the Days of Grace

Fear of and Avoiding Judgment -

- **THE RELIGIOUS GRIP OR ADDICTION MOST DIFFICULT TO LET GO**
- **Heb.12:18-24** – How to approach God's Judgment
- **1Jn.4:18** – No fear in love – He who fears has not been made perfect in love
  - If you are afraid of judgment, you don't really believe that God loves you, and you don't really love God
  - This does not mean that you justify your wrong actions – **1Jn.1:5-10**

## **Fear Produces Self-justification Not Repentance**

### **Religious double standards – Judging others, not ourselves**

Judging ourselves, not to be judged – **1Cor.11:31**

- There are consequences for sinning – Sowing and reaping
- Judging our actions as God judges them
- Judging ourselves as God judges us

Fear produces Dead Works –

- **Dead Works** = The right things we do to earn something from God or for being righteous
- **Good Works** = The things we do because we love God and love others
- We must repent of Dead Works – **Heb.6:1**
- **Heb.9:14** – The blood of Christ (not religion) cleanses our conscience from dead works
  - **1Jn.2:1-2** – How we overcome sin
  - **1Cor.1:30-31** – By Him we became – wisdom, righteousness, sanctification and redemption

It Is Love that Overcomes Sin – **1Pet.4:8**

- Love never fails – **1Cor.13:8, Pro.10:12**
- **Rom.2:8** – The goodness of God leads to repentance
- **Rom.8:1-5** – Not condemnation walking in the Spirit, because we set our mind on spiritual things and the Spirit of Christ sets us free from wanting to sin

## **Questions to Consider**

1. What do you think the Book of Life is?
2. Why is the judgment of believers going to be different from that of the world?
3. What gives you confidence in approaching God's Judgment?
4. Why is to fear God not enough to establish our righteousness?
5. Why fear produces dead works and is always present in religion?
6. Explain how Heb12:2 relates to Heb.9:14.