

Laying The Foundation
Final Judgment
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I. Eternal Judgment (Heb. 6:2; Heb. 9:27)

- A. Two kinds of judgment:
 - 1. In history: Punishment or blessing on succeeding generations
 - a. Idolatry (Exodus 20:4–6)
 - b. Iniquity (Jer. 32:18)
 - c. Righteousness (Ps. 103:17–18)
 - 2. In eternity: Each individual answers for his *own* life (Ezek. 18:1–4, 20)
- B. Five principles of God’s judgment: (Rom. 2:1–16)
 - 1. According to *truth* (v. 1–2)
 - 2. According to *deeds* (v. 6)
 - a. 1 Peter 1:17
 - b. Recorded in “books” (Rev. 20:2)
 - 3. No respect of persons—16 times in the Bible (v. 11)
 - 4. According to measure of light (v. 12) [compare Matt. 11:20–24]
 - 5. Includes *secret thoughts* and *motives* (v. 16)

II. Successive Scenes Of Judgment

- A. Before the judgment seat of Christ: *Christians only*
 - 1. 1 Peter 1:17, 4:17
 - 2. Romans 14:10–12
 - 3. 2 Corinthians 5:10
- B. Five main features of Christian judgment:
 - 1. Individual—each one will answer
 - 2. Things done in the body
 - 3. Only two categories: *good* or *bad*—*no neutrality*
 - 4. Not for condemnation
 - a. John 3:18
 - b. John 5:24
 - c. Romans 8:1
 - 5. For assessment of service (1 Cor 3:11–15)
 - a. Tested by fire
 - b. Not quantity; quality
- C. Three requirements to stand the fire
 - 1. Motive: *For God’s glory* (1 Cor. 10:31)
 - 2. Obedience: According to God’s Word (Matt. 7:21–27)
 - 3. Power: The Holy Spirit (Rom. 15:18–19)
- D. Patterns of judgment:
 - 1. Parable of Talents (Matt. 25:14–30) Parable of Pounds/Minas (Luke 19:11–27)
 - 2. Three applications:
 - a. Not to use is to lose (Luke 19:26)
 - b. Not to do good when you can is *sin* (James 4:17)
 - c. All who did *nothing* were *totally rejected* (Matt. ch. 25)

- E. During the Great Tribulation: *Israel*
 - 1. God blesses Israel direct but the Gentiles through the Jews
 - 2. God judges the Gentiles direct but the Jews through the Gentiles
 - 3. Jeremiah 30:3–7
 - 4. Ezekiel 20:33–38
- F. Before Christ's millennial throne: *Gentile nations* (Matt. 25:31–46)
 - 1. According to how they treated the brothers of Jesus (Jews):
 - a. *Either* admitted into the kingdom (Matt. 25:34)
 - b. *Or* condemned to everlasting punishment (Matt. 25:41, 46)
- G. Before the Great White Throne: *all remaining dead* (Rev. 20:11–15)
 - 1. Every life recorded in a book (v. 12)
 - 2. Mercy for those enrolled in Book of Life (v. 12, 15)
 - 3. Basis of judgment
 - a. Romans 2:6–10
 - b. Matt. 12:41–42
- H. Personal application: 1 Cor. 11:31–32