**Foundations Lesson #15**

**Eternal Judgment**

Eternal judgment refers to those decisions rendered by ***The Almighty*** which determine the destination and standing of each human for all eternity. The Scripture declares:

For we will all stand before God's judgment seat. It is written: “'As surely as I live,' says the Lord, 'Every knee will bow before me; every tongue will confess to God.'” So then, each of us will give an account of himself to God (Romans 14:10c-12). / ...man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment... (Hebrews 9:27). / Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account (Hebrews 4:13).

Since no one will escape God's judgment, it behooves us to prepare well.

**I. There are only two eternal destinations, but there is great variation within each of them.**

**HELL**

**“Depart from me, you who are cursed...”**

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“chasm”

or

“gulf”

(Luke 16:26)

 **HEAVEN**

 **“Come, take your inheritance...”**

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less more “escaping through “rich

bearable bearable the flames” welcome”

 (see Matthew 11:21-24 / Luke 10:10-14) (I Corinthians 3:13-15) (II Peter 1:10-11)

**II. God will judge us according to...**

- our actions.

- II Corinthians 5:10 / Matthew 16:27 / Romans 2:6-10 / Ezekiel 33:20 / Jeremiah 17:10

- our words.

- Matthew 12:33-37 / Luke 19:22 / James 5:9 / Psalm 19:14 / Proverbs 21:23

- our motives.

- I Corinthians 4:5 / I Chronicles 28:9 / Romans 2:16 / Luke 12:2

- the light we have received.

- Matthew 11:20-24 / Luke 12:47-48 / Matthew 10:14-15 / Matthew 12:41-42

- the way we judge others.

- Matthew 7:1-2 / Luke 6:37-38 / Matthew 6:14-15 / Romans 2:1-5 / Ezekiel 7:27b

- the truth.

- Romans 2:2 / Revelation 16:7 / Revelation 19:1-2 / Psalm 96:13b

- his own word.

- John 12:47-49 / John 5:45-47

- his own impartiality.

- I Peter 1:17 / Romans 2:11 / Acts 10:34 / II Chronicles 19:6-7 / Deuteronomy 10:17

**III. In light of God's eternal judgment, we should...**

- better understand and appreciate God's authority. He is the Judge of all the earth!

- Psalm 47:2, 7 / Jeremiah 10:10 / Psalm 99:1 / Hebrews 12:23 / Ephesians 1:20-22

- fear God.

- Ecclesiastes 12:13-14 / Deuteronomy 5:28b-29 / Exodus 20:20 / Revelation 14:7 / I Peter 2:17 / Acts 9:31 / Hebrews 12:28-29

- not fear man.

- Luke 12:4-5 / Proverbs 29:25 / Deuteronomy 1:17 / Matthew 10:25-26 / Hebrews 13:5-6

- learn to excel in being merciful.

- James 2:12-13 / Matthew 5:7 / Micah 6:8 / Matthew 12:7 / Ephesians 2:4

- not judge others.

- Matthew 7:1-5 / Romans 14:4 / James 4:11-12 / I Corinthians 4:5 / Romans 14:10-13

- carefully judge ourselves.

- I Corinthians 11:31 / Psalm 139:23-24

- learn to entrust the injustices of this life into the Lord's hands.

- I Peter 2:23 / Psalm 37:5-6

- have great passion and faithfulness in leading others to Christ.

- II Corinthians 5:10-11a / II Corinthians 5:20

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