

Revelation 16:7; 19:2; 15:3

"_____ and _____ are thy judgments."

23. How will everyone express their feelings about Jesus?

Philippians 2:10, 11

"_____ knee should _____ ...and that every _____ should _____ that _____ Christ is _____"

NOTE: Everyone who has ever lived stands before God at the end of the 1000 years. The saved from all ages stand purified by Jesus' Righteousness. They are proof of power to restore God's image in man. Never again will questions be raised regarding God's character or His handling of the problem of sin. The lost, Satan, his angels and man, all confess their guilt and proclaim God's absolute justice in the final judgment.

24. How can I have Jesus as my attorney? 1 John 2:1, 2; Revelation 3:20

I must open my heart to _____

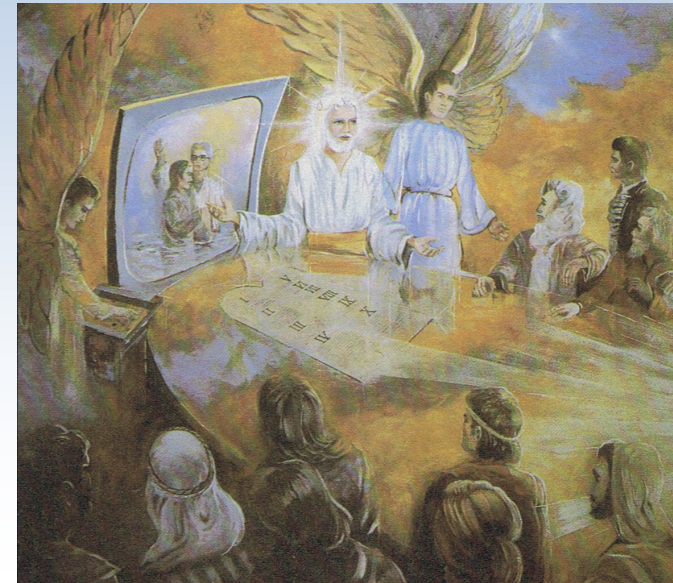
25. Are you willing to be totally committed to Jesus so He can represent you in the judgment?

Ans: _____

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GOD'S MERCIFUL JUDGMENT

In the last lesson we discovered that the judgment has already begun in heaven. The word judgment fills the mind with questions: Who will be judged? How is evidence gathered? Must I defend myself with my stammering mouth or does heaven provide legal help? Who decides Satan's sentence? Why does God need a judgment anyway? Doesn't He already know everything about everyone? Do I have even the slightest chance of being pronounced innocent in the judgment — in light of my conduct?

The judgment is such a crucial part of God's great plan that Holy Scriptures refer to it nearly 1,000 times. Revelation proclaims God's Judgment loudly! May God's Spirit impress us as we study this vital topic.

YOUR TRIAL BEFORE GOD

1. Who will face heaven's judgment? 2 Corinthians 5:10

Ans: _____

2. When did the judgment begin in heaven? Daniel 8:14

(see last lesson) In _____

NOTE: The judgment began in 1844. Jesus then entered the Most Holy Place in the sanctuary to begin the heavenly Day of Atonement. Revelation 11:19 fits the same time period. It also speaks of the judgment beginning in heaven.

3. Who are the judges? Psalm 50:6; John 5:22

“_____ is judge Himself.” “The Father... hath committed all _____ unto the Son.”

NOTE: Though God presides at the judgment, He has turned over the leading role to His Son. How exciting to have our best and truest friends as our judges!

4. What attitude do the Father and Son have toward us?

John 16:27; 1 Timothy 2:3, 4

"The _____ Himself _____ you."

"Our Saviour. ..who will have _____ men to be _____”

THE THREE PHASES OF GOD'S JUDGMENT

PHASE #1—PRE-ADVENT JUDGMENT

5. Who faces God in the Pre-advent judgment? 1 Peter 4:17

"Judgment must _____ at the _____ of _____”

NOTE: The house of God is His church (I Timothy 3:15). The judgment now in progress, centers first on those who have confessed themselves to be God's servants.

a half) of Papal persecution (538 A.D.-1798 A.D.). So the book of Daniel was not to be opened until after 1798, **which begins the time of the end.**

In the early 1840's Christian people all over the world began to study the prophecies of the books of Daniel and Revelation, and especially the 2300-year Judgment Hour prophecy of Daniel 8 and 9. They figured the **date correctly** but the **event wrong**. They thought 1844 referred to the second coming of Jesus, instead of the beginning of God's judgment in heaven.

When Jesus did not return, the disappointment was bitter. In Revelation 10, God pictures this disappointment by asking the prophet John to eat the book of Daniel, which had been **closed** but was now **open** (vs. 8). It was sweet in his mouth but bitter in his stomach, as was the disappointment when Jesus did not return in **1844**.

20. What was the church to do after the disappointment?

Revelation 10:11

"Thou must prophesy _____ before many _____, and nations, and _____, and kings."

NOTE: God told His people they must take the truth about this prophecy to the entire world.

21. What must God's church preach as part of the everlasting gospel?

Revelation 14:6, 7

"Fear God...for the _____ of His _____ is come."

NOTE: God mandates that this church must include in the gospel the wonderful truth that the judgment is now in session in heaven. In saving lost sinners God has put Himself on trial. The church's work today is to let the world know the truth about the beautiful character of a loving God.

GOD'S JUDGMENT IS FAIR AND FINAL

22. How will men and angels praise God for His justice?

the only time in earth's history when for a short time all who have ever lived will be alive either inside or outside the Holy City (Revelation 20:1 1-15).

17. What will everyone know when God announces rewards and punishments? Revelation 15:3, 4; Romans 2:5; 1 Corinthians 4:5

"Thy _____ are made _____"

NOTE: Everyone—the redeemed, the lost and the angels—will clearly know because God's judgments are made manifest.

ASSURANCE OF SALVATION NOW

18. Since I must face judgment, can I have assurance of salvation now? Daniel 7:22; Revelation 3:5

"I will not blot out his _____ from the book of _____"

NOTE: God promises to pronounce favourable sentence on all who truly love and follow Him. He says you will "overcome" or be vindicated when you are judged. Romans 3:4.

19. When are sins blotted out of God's records? Acts 3:19-20

"Repent...that your _____ may be _____ out."

NOTE: Sins though forgiven, remain on the books of record until Jesus returns so none can accuse God of a cover up.

GOD'S PEOPLE TEACH JUDGMENT

When we compare Revelation 10:1-3 and Revelation 1:13-15 with Daniel, 10:5, 6 we discover that these passages refer to the same heavenly being. This glorious being told Daniel to close or seal his **book of Daniel** until the time of the end. Daniel 12:4. This same being came to John with a prophecy showing that the book would be open. The "**time of the end**" (Daniel 12:4-9) specifically refers to the 1260 years (time/times and

6. Who is the advocate or attorney for the righteous? I John 2:1; Hebrews 9:24

"Jesus _____ the _____"

NOTE: It seems incredible but our judge is also our attorney. Praise God! The Bible is clear that He is merciful and faithful (Hebrews 2:17,18). He who gave His life for us now serves as our advocate to represent us in heaven.

7. What evidence is considered in the judgment? Ecclesiastes 12:13, 14

"God shall bring _____ work into judgment with every _____ thing whether it be _____ or whether it be _____"

8. What is God's standard in the judgment? James 2:10-12

"They... shall be _____ by the _____ of liberty."

NOTE: The ten commandments are God's standard in the judgment. This is logical because God's Law is His standard of conduct for our lives today. Transgression of God's Law is sin. 1 John 3:4.

GOD'S GREAT RECORD BOOKS

9. The angels keep the records. What book is most important? Revelation 3:5

"The _____ of _____"

NOTE: When we accept Jesus as our Saviour from sin, then our names are recorded in Jesus' great Book of Life. If our names remain, then we too will have entrance into the City of God (Revelation 21:27; Luke 10:20; Hebrews 12:23).

10. What is the source of evidence in the judgment? Revelation 20:12

"The dead were _____ out of those _____ which were _____ in the _____"

NOTE: The records are accurate and complete. They even include our thoughts and motives.

11. Who presents the case against us? Zechariah 3:1, 2

Ans: _____

NOTE: Satan, the old accuser of the brethren (Revelation 12:10) who disputed with Michael regarding the body of Moses (Jude 9) and who made wild accusations against Job, is the enemy who accuses us.

12. While judgment proceeds in heaven—what happens on earth? Revelation 11:18, 19

"The _____ were _____ and...destroy the _____"

NOTE: This is true today. The nations are angry as they prepare to destroy the earth with atomic weapons.

13. Does God need books or a judgment to find out about me? 1 Kings 8:39; John 3:18; 2 Timothy 2:19

No! God knows "the _____ of all the children of men."

NOTE: The judgment is for the benefit of others. The Bible says sinners are already condemned before God. It is us who need to know why God saves some and destroys others.

PHASE #2—JUDGMENT DURING THE 1000 YEARS

14. When will the wicked be judged? Revelation 20:4 (1233)

"And _____ was given unto them... and they

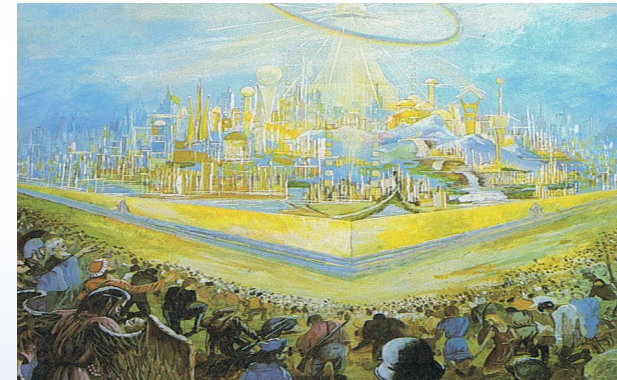
lived and _____ with Christ a _____ years."

NOTE: The wicked will be judged in heaven during the 1000 years of Revelation 20. This is the second phase of the judgment.

15. Who helps judge the wicked, including Satan and His angels? I Corinthians 6:2, 3

"The _____ shall judge the world... _____ shall judge angels."

NOTE: This judgment is for the benefit of the righteous. Many will be lost whom the righteous thought were good Christians. Looking at the records will remove doubt of God's fairness. It will be seen that the lost chose to ignore God's many loving appeals, and persisted in sin.



PHASE #3—JUDGMENT AT CLOSE OF 1000 YEARS

16. Will every person who has ever lived stand before God in judgment? Matthew 25:31-46

"And before _____ shall be gathered all _____ and he shall _____ them one from another."

NOTE: This takes place at the close of the 1000 years because it is