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MARRIAGE PART 13 - THE JUDGEMENT SEAT OF CHRIST

I have found in my time of being a follower of Jesus that the judgement seat of Christ is a truth that for many in the body is still a concealed reality. It is imperative that we come into the revelation of the reality that there is a judgement seat for followers of Jesus for the way we have lived our lives, while being on earth.

The judgement is not for punishment but for reward. The Holy Scriptures declare in numerous places that there is a reward or an inheritance, which Jesus is returning with, for all those who have loved Him and lived a faith expressed obedient life to His Father's will.

Revelation 22:12 *“Behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to render to every man according to what he has done.”*

Colossians 3:23-25 *“Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance. It is the Lord Christ whom you serve. For he who does wrong will receive the consequences of the wrong which he has done, and that without partiality.”*

We must all be prepared to acknowledge this fact because the reality is there are eternal consequences associated with it. We see in verse 25 that those who do wrong will receive consequences for their wrong. Once again this is not about whether a person is justified by the blood of Christ, but whether they will receive their reward or inheritance for living an obedient life to Christ.

Let's look at 3 different passages of Scripture which testify of this judgement seat for followers of Jesus.

Romans 14:10-13 *“But you, why do you judge your brother? Or you again, why do you regard your brother with contempt? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, “As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to Me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.” So then each one of us will give an account of himself to God. Therefore, let us not judge one another anymore, but rather determine this—not to put an obstacle or a stumbling block in a brother's way.”*

2 Corinthians 5:10-11 *“For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad. Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade men, but we are made manifest to God; and I hope that we are made manifest also in your consciences.”*

1 Corinthians 3:12-15 *“Now if any man builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, each man's work will become evident; for the day will show it because it is to be*

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revealed with fire, and the fire itself will test the quality of each man's work. If any man's work which he has built on it remains, he will receive a reward. If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire."

Paul is attempting to persuade man of their need to live a life worthy of the Gospel. This isn't a free for all and we can't live the way we determine and think there are no consequences for this. Paul knows through revelation there is a judgement seat to come for every follower and he is passionately urging and persuading all of humanity to this reality.

He knows that there is a prize to be laid hold of which is not automatic and is only received by those who work out their salvation with fear and trembling with the Lord. It's clear from his testimony that it is those who run in accordance with the rules who win the prize. The kingdom has very clear conditions established and our obedience to these conditions define and determine whether we will receive our kingdom reward.

1 Corinthians 9:24 "Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win."

Philippians 3:14 "I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus."

I suggest to us that the bride of Christ will be determined and decided at this judgment seat. The overcomer will be decided, and the one who will rule and reign with Christ in the literal 1000-year reign will be decided.

This is not something to ignore but something to adhere to and allow to shape the lives we live now. The bride will be made ready on earth and not in heaven, so it is imperative we live lives that glorify the Father through absolute obedience to His will, so when our day of judgement comes and God's fire flows through us all, we will receive our reward as opposed to suffering loss.

QUESTIONS

1. Why is the revelation of the judgement seat for every follower so essential?
2. What will determine our reward or loss?
3. What is the difference between the gift of salvation and the prize of inheritance?
4. How much revelation are you currently carrying on this particular truth?
5. What step of trust do you need to take in relation to this truth?

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