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Sermon Thirteen: The Great White Throne Judgment

Revelation 20:11-15

#1 - The Setting Of The Great White Throne Judgment, Revelation 20:11

Jesus is the seated Judge, John 5:22.

The judgment hall of Christ is neither in heaven nor on earth. It is here that the present creation of the heavens and the earth are destroyed as Christ purges all things touched by sin. This appears to be the fulfillment of what Peter wrote in II Peter 3:10. NOTICE: In the very next chapter in Revelation, John records in the past tense (Rev. 21:1).

No place to run—no place to hide, “there was found no place for them.” One cannot avoid the presence of an omnipresent God nor seek asylum from an omniscient and omnipotent God.

#2 - The Lost Dead Are On Trial, Revelation 20:12-14

There is no special standing before the Judge, “small and great.” No lost person is exempt,

Hebrews 9:27.

Their judgment is based on clear-cut evidence. God is making a detailed record of all you do, say and think. A person stands here before the Eternal Judge, because their name is not written in the Lamb's book of life and it is opened to provide positive proof; the other evidence reinforces the fact by how they lived their lives and determines the severity of their punishment, (Matthew 11:20-24).

Verse 13 gives us more details as to how this judgment can take place, there is reuniting with the lost soul out of Hades and a resurrected body. This is what is often referred to in Scriptures as the second resurrection, or the resurrection unto death (Revelation 20:4-6): "Then I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was given to them. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony of Jesus and because of the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received the mark on their forehead and on their hand; and they came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.

#3 - God's Final Judgment Upon The Lost, Revelation 20:14-15

This is the same place where, 1,000 years earlier the antichrist and the false prophet were cast (Revelation 19:20) "And the beast was seized, and with him the false prophet who performed the signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image; these two were thrown alive into the lake of fire which burns with brimstone."

This is the same place where Satan was cast (Revelation 20:10) "And the devil who deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are also; and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever."