

## YT Video-On Judgment Seats & Thrones

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### Text [KJV unless otherwise indicated]

*Heb 9:27 And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:*  
*Heb 9:28 So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.*

- I. **Personal Judgment**
  - a. Appointed
  - b. To die once
  - c. All men [mankind]
  - d. Exceptions: Enoch & Elijah [?]
  - e. Resurrected saints: OT & NT
  - f. Raptured saints

**Note:** eternal judgment is one of the basic foundational doctrines every Christian should know-

*Heb 6:1 Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God,*  
*Heb 6:2 Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.*

**Note:** the consequences of the judgment will be forever, never to cease.

- II. **Appointed to Die**
  - a. In the day you eat of it you shall die

**Gen 2:16** *And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat:*  
**Gen 2:17** *But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.*

**Psa 89:48** *What man is he that liveth, and shall not see death? shall he deliver his soul from the hand of the grave? Selah.*

- b. 1 day= 1000 years, 1000 years = 1 day [Ps 90]
- c. Oldest man: Methuselah was 969 years; Adam died at 930 years
- d. At time of the Flood: 120 years
- e. Ps 90: our lifespan was reduced to 70-80 years
- f. Every year, 56 million die; every month, 4.7 million die; every day 154,000 die; every hour 6,392 die; every minute 107 die; every second 1.8 persons die [World Death Clock]
- g. Hence, every second Yeshua is judging 2 persons! Busy indeed!

### III. Personal Judgment at Death [Judgment Seat of Christ]

**2Co 5:10** For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that everyone may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.

**2Co 5:11** Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are made manifest unto God; and I trust also are made manifest in your consciences.

- a. **Judgment Seat: “Bema: G968”** Unfortunately most preachers and bible teachers claim that Christians will only face the kind of rostrum [raised dais] from which the Judge at an athletic event [the Greek Isthmian Games] awards prizes, but Bema also refers to Judgment Seats [thrones] of Governors & Kings where sentences of death/imprisonment are pronounced on the guilty

- b. Bema Seats of Pontius Pilate, King Herod:

**Mat 27:19** When he [Pontius Pilate] was set down on the judgment seat [Bema], his wife sent unto him, saying, have thou nothing to do with that just man: for I have suffered many things this day in a dream because of him.

**Act 12:21** And upon a set day Herod, arrayed in royal apparel, sat upon his throne [Bema], and made an oration unto them.

- c. **Judgment is according to works good or bad**  
The Greek word translated as “bad” is:

**G2556 kakos**

**Thayer Definition:**

- 1) of a bad nature
  - 1a) not such as it ought to be
- 2) of a mode of thinking, feeling, acting
  - 2a) base, wrong, wicked
- 3) troublesome, injurious, pernicious, destructive, baneful

**How can such wicked, evil deeds be rewarded with a prize?**

- d. **Terror of the Lord: in the very next verse Paul warned of the terror of YAHWEH:**

**G5401: phobos**

**Thayer Definition:**

- 1) fear, dread, terror
    - 1a) that which strikes terror
  - 2) reverence for one's husband
- Part of Speech: noun masculine  
A Related Word by Thayer's/Strong's Number: from a primary phobomai (to be put in fear)

- e. Contrary to what many preachers teach, wicked, disobedient Christians will face the terror of condemnation at the Bema Seat rather than receive rewards like crowns as prizes.

#### IV. Judgment of Works & Motives

*Ecc 12:13 Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.*

*Ecc 12:14 For **God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.***

**Note:** this is what Paul quoted in 2 Cor 5:10 that I dealt with earlier

#### Compare also:

*1Co 4:5 Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, **who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts: and then shall every man have praise of God.***

**Note:** the context of this verse is Paul himself. Obviously, his motives will be revealed as noble, and he will have praise from God at the Judgment Seat. This verse does not mean that people with wrong motives and evil deeds will get commendation! Far from it.

#### V. Wrong Concepts of Rewards for Christians

- a. The English word “reward” [Merriam-Webster]

As a verb:

1: to give a reward to or for

2: Recompense [to give something to by way of compensation as for a service rendered or damage incurred, to requite]

As a noun:

**something that is given in return for good or evil done** or received or that is offered or given for some service or attainment

**Hence:** the word “reward” does not always mean good prizes or awards or commendation. It can mean punishment, a fine, penalty

- b. The Greek Words Wrongly Construed: “misthos”

G3408: *misthos*

*1Co 3:14 **If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward.***

1Co 3:15 *If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.*

**In these verses, Paul is talking about building the church. Each man's work will be tested and rewarded for well-doing or else burnt up as useless.**

**Act 1:18** *Now this man purchased a field with the reward of iniquity; and falling headlong, he burst asunder in the midst, and all his bowels gushed out.*

**Rev 22:12** *And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward [misthos] is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.*

**Thayer Definition:**

1) dues paid for work

1a) wages, hire

2) reward: used of the fruit naturally resulting from toils and endeavours

2a) in both senses, rewards and punishments

2b) of the rewards which God bestows, or will bestow, upon good deeds and endeavours

2c) of punishments

**Hence: "misthos" or "rewards" can mean both good awards or penalties [punishment]**

**c. The Greek Words Wrongly Construed: [antimisthia]**

**2Co 6:13** *Now for a recompence in the same, (I speak as unto my children,) be ye also enlarged.*

**Rom 1:27** *And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet.*

**G489: antimisthia**

**Thayer Definition:**

1) a reward given in compensation, requital, recompence

**d. The Greek Words Wrongly Construed: [antapodosis]**

**Col 3:23** *And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men;*  
**Col 3:24** *Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ.*

**Col 3:25** *But he that doeth wrong shall receive for the wrong which he hath done: and there is no respect of persons.*

**G469: Antapodosis**

*Thayer Definition:*

1) **recompence**, to reward or repay someone

## VI. Yeshua is the Judge:

**Joh 5:22** For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son:

**Joh 5:23** That all men should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him.

**Rom 14:10** But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before **the judgment seat of Christ.**

## VII. Judgment of Christians

### a. Escaping condemnation

**Joh 5:24** Verily, verily, I say unto you, **He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.**

**Note:** The Greek word “pisteuō” should be translated as obey, commit to and trust in Yeshua. Mere believing will not result in our escaping condemnation. Remember, the Apostle James wrote that devils also believe and tremble [Ja 2:19]

### b. How to live as Christians

**Tit 2:11** For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,  
**Tit 2:12** Teaching us that, **denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;**

**Tit 2:13** Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;

**Tit 2:14** Who gave himself for us, that he might **redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.**

### c. Judgment of the ungodly:

**Jud 1:14** And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints,

**Jud 1:15** **To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him.**

### d. The Unwise Virgins

**Mat 25:11** Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us.

**Mat 25:12** But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, **I know you not.**

**Mat 25:13** Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.

**e. The Failure to invest in talents [Unprofitable Servants]**

*Mat 25:27 Thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the exchangers, and then at my coming I should have received mine own with usury.*

*Mat 25:28 Take therefore the talent from him, and give it unto him which hath ten talents.*

*Mat 25:29 For unto everyone that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath.*

*Mat 25:30 And **cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.***

**f. Unfaithful Servants**

*Mat 24:48 But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming*

*Mat 24:49 And shall begin to smite his fellow servants, and to eat and drink with the drunken.*

*Mat 24:50 The lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for him, and in an hour that he is not aware of,*

*Mat 24:51 **And shall cut him asunder and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.***

**g. Laodician Christians**

*Rev 3:14 And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God;*

*Rev 3:15 I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot.*

*Rev 3:16 So then **because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.***

**h. No Wedding Garment**

*Mat 22:11 And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment:*

*Mat 22:12 And he saith unto him, **Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment?** And he was speechless.*

*Mat 22:13 Then said the king to the servants, **bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.***

*Mat 22:14 For many are called, but few are chosen.*

*Rev 19:7 Let us be glad and rejoice and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.*

*Rev 19:8 And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for **the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.***

*1Jn 2:29 If ye know that he is righteous, ye know that **everyone that doeth righteousness is born of him.***

**1Jn 3:7** Little children, let no man deceive you: **he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous.**

**i. Not doing the Will of God/ Lawless Christians**

**Mat 7:21** Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that **doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.**

**Mat 7:22** Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?

**Mat 7:23** And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: **depart from me, ye that work iniquity.**

**j. Sinning wilfully: Heb 10:26**

**k. Blasphemy against the Holy Spirit: Mt 12:31-32**

**VIII. Judgment at the Rapture [Prize Giving]**

**a. Resurrected saints**

**b. Those faithful who are alive caught up to Heaven**

**1Th 4:15** For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.

**1Th 4:16** For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

**1Th 4:17** Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

**c. Rewards-Prize-giving**

**Luk 14:13** But when thou makest a feast, call the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind:

**Luk 14:14** And thou shalt be blessed; for they cannot recompense thee: for thou shalt be recompensed **at the resurrection of the just.**

**1Pe 5:4** And **when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.**

**2Ti 4:7** I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:

**2Ti 4:8** Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which **the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.**

**IX. Judgment of the Nations [at Second Coming]**

**Mat 25:31** **When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory:**

**Mat 25:32** And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats:

**Mat 25:46** And **these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.**

**G2362:** thronos

a stately seat (“throne”); by implication power or (concretely) a potentate: - seat, throne.

## **X. The Great White Throne Judgment**

**Rev 20:11** And I saw a **great white throne**, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them.

**Rev 20:12** And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: **and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.**

**Rev 20:13** And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.

**Rev 20:14** And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

**Rev 20:15** And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

**Act 17:30** And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent:

**Act 17:31** Because **he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained;** whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead.

**2Pe 2:9** The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and **to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished:**

- a. earlier reference to Jude 1:14-15
- b. those who missed the First Resurrection will have the resurrection of damnation:

**Joh 5:28** Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which **all that are in the graves shall hear his voice,**

**Joh 5:29** **And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.**

- c. Yeshua will be the Judge