

JUDGMENT DAY SURPRISES - Part 2
"MANY WILL SAY TO ME IN THAT DAY ... "

(Matthew 7:21 - 29)

INTRODUCTION

(Matthew 7:21-23) "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven. But he who does the will of My Father in heaven ... "

(Matthew 25:31 - 33) " ... and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides sheep from the goats ... sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left."

(v41) "Then He will also say to those on the left hand, Depart from Me, you cursed ... "

(v44) "Then they also will answer Him, saying, Lord, when did we ... "

(v46) "These will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

1. THE COURTROOM SETTING ON JUDGMENT DAY

(Revelation 20:11) "a great white throne" - eternal court is in session!

(v11) "Him who sat on it" - Jesus will pound the gavel.

(v12) "I saw the dead, small and great, standing before the throne"

(Matthew 25:32) "All the nations shall be gathered before Him"

(Romans 14:12) "So then each of us shall give account of himself to God."

(2 Corinthians 5:10) "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done."

(Matthew 7:22) "Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, ...'"

(Revelation 20:12) "And books were opened ... " - the standard for judgment!

1) (v12) "the Book of Life" and (v15) "And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire."

2) The Bible: (John 12:48) "He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him - the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day."

The sentencing, the eternal separation realized: "Depart" "Enter in"

2. PERHAPS "MANY WILL SAY" SOMETHING SIMILAR TO THIS

1) "Hey, Judge, I didn't know you existed."

Open the Book: (Ecclesiastes 3:11; Psalm 19:1-2; Romans 1:20)

2) "Your Honor, I'm not as bad as other people."

(Jeremiah 17:9-10; Proverbs 3:7)

You and your own evaluation are not the standard for judgment.

3) "Judge, Your Honor, I've done good things."

(Proverbs 3:5-6) The question is, "What have you left un-done?"

4) "Your Honor, Judge, I have not committed a lot of sins."

(James 2:9-10; Romans 3:10 and v23)

It's not the number of sins that determine our guilt; we're guilty.

5) "Judge, my preacher told me that baptism was optional."

(Matthew 28:18-20; 1 Thessalonians 5:21; Acts 17:11)

3. CONCLUSION: (Romans 8:1-2; Romans 5:6-11)