

## *Lesson 48: A Description of the Judgment, Part 1*

**Memory Verse:** Proverbs 28:13 "He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy."

1. How was the judgment presented to Daniel? Daniel 7:9,10

"I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the \_\_\_\_\_ of days did sit, whose garment was \_\_\_\_\_ as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure \_\_\_\_\_: his throne was like the \_\_\_\_\_ flame, and his wheels as \_\_\_\_\_ fire. A fiery \_\_\_\_\_ issued and came forth from before him: thousand \_\_\_\_\_ ministered unto him, and ten \_\_\_\_\_ times \_\_\_\_\_ thousand stood before him: the \_\_\_\_\_ was set, and the \_\_\_\_\_ were opened."

**Note:** "Thus was presented to the prophet's vision the great and solemn day when the characters and the lives of men should pass in review before the Judge of all the earth, and to every man should be rendered 'according to his works.'" GC 479.2

2. Who is the Ancient of Days? Psalm 90:2

"Before the \_\_\_\_\_ were brought forth, or ever Thou hadst formed the \_\_\_\_\_ and the world, even from \_\_\_\_\_ to everlasting, Thou art \_\_\_\_\_."

**Note:** "The Ancient of Days is God the Father. ... It is He, the source of all being, and the **fountain of all law**, that is to **preside** in the judgment." GC 479.2

3. Who will attend as witnesses? Daniel 7:10 tells us that "thousand \_\_\_\_\_ ministered unto him, and ten \_\_\_\_\_ times \_\_\_\_\_ thousand stood \_\_\_\_\_ him."

Who are these? Revelation 5:11 tells us "And I beheld, and I heard the voice of **many** \_\_\_\_\_ round about the \_\_\_\_\_ and the beasts and the elders: and the **number** of them was ten \_\_\_\_\_ times \_\_\_\_\_ thousand, and thousands of \_\_\_\_\_."

**Note:** "Holy angels as ministers and witnesses, in number 'ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands,' attend this great tribunal." GC 479.2

4. What does Daniel see next? Daniel 7:13, 14

"And, behold, one like the Son of \_\_\_\_\_ came with the \_\_\_\_\_ of heaven, and came \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of Days, and they \_\_\_\_\_ Him near \_\_\_\_\_ Him. And there was given Him \_\_\_\_\_, and glory, and a \_\_\_\_\_, that all people, nations, and languages, should \_\_\_\_\_ Him: His dominion is an \_\_\_\_\_ dominion, which shall \_\_\_\_\_ pass away."

**Note:** "The coming of Christ here described is not His second coming to the earth. He comes to the Ancient of Days in heaven to receive dominion and glory and a kingdom, which will be given Him at the

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close of His work as a mediator. It is **this coming**, and not His second advent to the earth, that was foretold in prophecy to take place at the termination of the 2300 days in 1844. Attended by heavenly angels, our great High Priest **enters the holy of holies** and there appears in the presence of God to engage in the last acts of His ministration in behalf of man – to perform the work of investigative judgment and to make an atonement for all who are shown to be entitled to its benefits." GC 479.3

5. Who will be judged in the Investigative Judgment? 2 Corinthians 5:10

"For we must \_\_\_\_\_ appear before the \_\_\_\_\_ seat of Christ; that \_\_\_\_\_ one may \_\_\_\_\_ the things \_\_\_\_\_ in his body, \_\_\_\_\_ to that he hath \_\_\_\_\_, whether it be \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_."

**Note:** "At the time appointed for the judgment – the close of the 2300 days, in 1844 – **began** the work of investigation and blotting out of sins. All who have ever taken upon themselves the name of Christ must pass its searching scrutiny. Both the living and the dead are to be judged 'out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.'" GC 486.1

6. 1 Peter 4:17 "Judgment must \_\_\_\_\_ at the \_\_\_\_\_ of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the \_\_\_\_\_ be of them that \_\_\_\_\_ not the gospel of God?"

**Note:** "In the typical service only those who had come before God with confession and repentance, and whose sins, through the blood of the sin offering, **were transferred to the sanctuary**, had a part in the service of the Day of Atonement. So in the great day of final atonement and investigative judgment the only cases considered are those of the **professed people of God**. The judgment of the wicked is a distinct and separate work, and takes place at a later period." GC 480.1

7. The prophet Daniel tells us in Daniel 7:10:

"The \_\_\_\_\_ was set, and the \_\_\_\_\_ were opened."

The revelator, describing the same scene, adds in Revelation 20:12:

"Another \_\_\_\_\_ was opened, which is the book of \_\_\_\_\_: and the dead were \_\_\_\_\_ out of those things which were \_\_\_\_\_ in the books, \_\_\_\_\_ to their works."

**Note:** "The books of record in heaven, in which the names and the deeds of men are registered, are to determine the decisions of the judgment." GC 480.2

"How solemn is the thought! Day after day, passing into eternity, bears its burden of records for the books of heaven. Words once spoken, deeds once done, can never be recalled. Angels have registered both the good and the evil. The mightiest conqueror upon the earth cannot call back the record of even a single day. Our acts, our words, even our most secret motives, all have their weight in deciding our destiny for weal or woe. Though they may be forgotten by us, they will bear their testimony to justify or condemn." GC 486.3

8. What are these books?

a. The **Book of Life** contains the names of all who have ever entered the service of God.

 Jesus bade His disciples in Luke 10:20:

**"Rejoice**, because your \_\_\_\_\_ are \_\_\_\_\_ in heaven."

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- 📖 Paul speaks of his faithful fellow workers,  
"whose \_\_\_\_\_ are in the book of \_\_\_\_\_." Philippians 4:3.
- 📖 Daniel, looking down to "a time of \_\_\_\_\_, such as never was,"  
declares that God's \_\_\_\_\_ shall be **delivered**,  
"**everyone** that shall be found \_\_\_\_\_ in the book." Daniel 12:1;
- 📖 And the revelator says that those only shall E\_\_\_\_\_ the city of God whose  
names "are \_\_\_\_\_ in the Lamb's book of \_\_\_\_\_." Rev. 21:27.
- b. 📖 "A book of \_\_\_\_\_" is written before God, in which are  
recorded the good deeds of "them that \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord,  
and that \_\_\_\_\_ upon His \_\_\_\_\_." Malachi 3:16.
- 📖 Their **words of faith**, their **acts of love**, are registered in heaven.  
Nehemiah refers to this when he says: "R\_\_\_\_\_ me, O my God,  
... and wipe not out my \_\_\_\_\_ deeds that I have \_\_\_\_\_ for the  
house of my God." Nehemiah 13:14.
- Note:** "In the book of God's remembrance ***every deed of righteousness is immortalized***.  
There **every temptation resisted**,  
Every evil overcome,  
**Every word of tender pity expressed**, is faithfully chronicled.  
And **every act of sacrifice**,  
Every suffering and sorrow endured for Christ's sake, is recorded." GC 481.1
- 📖 The psalmist says in Psalm 56:8:  
"Thou \_\_\_\_\_ my wanderings: put Thou my \_\_\_\_\_ into Thy  
bottle: are they not in Thy \_\_\_\_\_?"
- c. 📖 There is a record also of the sins of men. Ecclesiastes 12:14 tells us:  
"For God shall bring \_\_\_\_\_ work into judgment, with \_\_\_\_\_  
secret thing, whether it be \_\_\_\_\_, or whether it be \_\_\_\_\_."
- 📖 Jesus tells us in Matthew 12:36, 37  
"But I say unto you, That every \_\_\_\_\_ word that men shall speak,  
they shall give \_\_\_\_\_ thereof in the day of \_\_\_\_\_.  
For by thy \_\_\_\_\_ thou shalt be \_\_\_\_\_,  
and by thy \_\_\_\_\_ thou shalt be \_\_\_\_\_." 🗣️
- Note:** "As the features of the countenance are reproduced with unerring accuracy on the  
polished plate of the artist, so **the character is faithfully delineated in the books above**. Yet  
how little solicitude is felt concerning that record which is to meet the gaze of heavenly beings.  
Could the veil which separates the visible from the invisible world be swept back, and the  
children of men behold **an angel recording every word and deed**, which they must meet again  
in the judgment, **how many words that are daily uttered would remain unspoken**, how many  
deeds would remain undone." GC 487.1

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☞ The secret purposes and motives appear in the unerring register; for God "will bring to \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ things of darkness, and will make \_\_\_\_\_ the counsels of the \_\_\_\_\_."  
1 Corinthians 4:5.

☞ In Isaiah 65:6, 7 God says:  
"Behold, it is \_\_\_\_\_ before Me, ... your \_\_\_\_\_, and the \_\_\_\_\_ of your fathers together, saith the Lord."

**Note:** "Every man's work passes in review before God and is registered for faithfulness or unfaithfulness.

Opposite each name in the books of heaven is entered with terrible exactness

- ☞ every wrong word,
- ☞ every selfish act,
- ☞ every unfulfilled duty,
- ☞ and every secret sin, with every artful dissembling.
- ☞ Heaven-sent warnings or reproofs neglected,
- ☞ wasted moments,
- ☞ unimproved opportunities,
- ☞ the influence exerted for good or for evil, with its far-reaching results,

all are chronicled by the recording angel." GC 482.1

"The **hidden selfishness** of men stands revealed in the books of heaven.

There is the record of **unfulfilled duties** to their fellow men, of **forgetfulness of the Saviour's claims**.

There they will see how often were **given to Satan** the time, thought, and strength that belonged to Christ.

**Sad** is the record which angels bear to heaven.

Intelligent beings, **professed** followers of Christ, are **absorbed** in the acquirement of **worldly possessions** or the enjoyment of **earthly pleasures**.

Money, time, and strength are sacrificed for **display** and **self-indulgence**;

but **few** are the moments devoted

to **prayer**,  
to the **searching of the Scriptures**,  
to **humiliation of soul**  
and **confession of sin**." GC 487.3

"Sins that have **not been repented of and forsaken** will not be pardoned and blotted out of the books of record, but will **stand to witness against the sinner** in the day of God. He may have committed his evil deeds in the light of day or in the darkness of night; but they were open and manifest before Him with whom we have to do. Angels of God witnessed each sin and registered it in the unerring records.

Sin may be **concealed, denied, covered up** from father, mother, wife, children, and associates; no one but the guilty actors may cherish the least suspicion of the wrong; but it is laid bare before the intelligences of heaven. The darkness of the darkest night, the secrecy of all deceptive arts, is not sufficient to veil one **thought** from the knowledge of the Eternal. God has an exact record of every

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unjust account and every unfair dealing. **He is not deceived by appearances of piety. He makes no mistakes in His estimation of character.** Men may be deceived by those who are corrupt in heart, but God pierces all disguises and **reads the inner life.**" GC 486.2

9. Read the parable in Matthew 25:14-30.

▶▶ The man gave each of his servants some of his G \_\_\_\_\_. He gave \_\_\_\_\_ talents to one; \_\_\_\_\_ talents to another; and to the third one he gave \_\_\_\_\_ talent.

▶▶ The servant with \_\_\_\_\_ talents and the servant with \_\_\_\_\_ talents used their talents and gained more talents. They each D \_\_\_\_\_ their talents.

▶▶ But the servant with one talent only \_\_\_\_\_ it in the E \_\_\_\_\_.

▶▶ Verse 19 says: "After a long \_\_\_\_\_ the lord of those servants \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ with them." There was a judgment which investigated how they had used the goods that their lord had given them.

▶▶ The two servants that had used their talents wisely were commended by their lord.

What did he say to them? (Verse 21) " \_\_\_\_\_ done, thou \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ servant: thou hast been \_\_\_\_\_ over a \_\_\_\_\_ things, I will make thee ruler over \_\_\_\_\_ things: \_\_\_\_\_ thou into the \_\_\_\_\_ of thy lord."

▶▶ The servant who hid his talent in the earth was punished for unfaithfulness. What did his lord say to him? (Verse 26) "Thou \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ servant."

**Note: "In the judgment the use made of every talent will be scrutinized.**

? How have we employed the capital lent us of Heaven?

? Will the Lord at His coming receive His own with usury?

? Have we improved the powers entrusted us, in hand and heart and brain, to the glory of God and the blessing of the world?

? How have we used our time, our pen, our voice, our money, our influence?

? What have we done for Christ, in the person of the poor, the afflicted, the orphan, or the widow?

God has made us the depositaries of His holy word;

? What have we done with the light and truth given us to make men wise unto salvation?

No value is attached to a **mere profession** of faith in Christ;

**only the love which is shown by works is counted genuine.**

Yet it is love alone which in the sight of Heaven makes any act of value.

**Whatever is done from love, however small it may appear in the estimation of men, is accepted and rewarded of God.**" GC 487.2

10. What is the standard by which all will be judged?

 The apostle James admonishes his brethren in James 2:12:

"So speak ye, and so do, as they that shall be \_\_\_\_\_ by the \_\_\_\_\_ of liberty."

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 The wise man tells us in Ecclesiastes 12:13,14:

"Fear God, and keep His \_\_\_\_\_: for this is the whole \_\_\_\_\_ of man. For God shall bring \_\_\_\_\_ work into \_\_\_\_\_."

**Note:** "The law of God is the standard by which the characters and the lives of men will be tested in the judgment." GC 482.2

11. What are they looking for in the Judgment?

? Have all my sins been \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_? Prov. 28:13

? Have my sins gone \_\_\_\_\_ to judgment? 1 Timothy 5:24

? Have I E\_\_\_\_\_ unto the end of my life? Matthew 10:22; James 1:12

If so, Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ their names before the Father. Matthew 10:32; Rev. 3:5

Their sins are forever \_\_\_\_\_ out. Acts 3:19; Isaiah 44:22

Their N\_\_\_\_\_ are retained in the Lamb's Book of \_\_\_\_\_. Revelation 3:5

If not, Jesus cannot confess their names before the \_\_\_\_\_. Matthew 10:33

Their names are \_\_\_\_\_ out of the Book of Life. Exodus 32:33

Their sins cannot be \_\_\_\_\_ out and are left in the Book of Sins. Acts 3:19

12. Those who in the judgment are "accounted worthy" will have a part in the resurrection of the just. Jesus said in Luke 20:35,36: "They which shall be \_\_\_\_\_ worthy to obtain that world, and the \_\_\_\_\_ from the dead, ... are equal unto the angels; and are the \_\_\_\_\_ of God, being the children of the \_\_\_\_\_." And again He declares in John 5:29 that "they that have done \_\_\_\_\_" shall come forth "unto the resurrection of \_\_\_\_\_."

**Note:** "The righteous dead will not be raised until after the judgment at which they are accounted worthy of 'the resurrection of life.' Hence **they will not be present in person** at the tribunal when their records are examined and their cases decided." GC 482.3

13. Who will represent us in the judgment?

 1 John 2:1 "If any man \_\_\_\_\_, we have an \_\_\_\_\_ with the Father, Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ the righteous."

 Hebrews 9:24 "For \_\_\_\_\_ is not entered into the \_\_\_\_\_ places made with hands, which are the \_\_\_\_\_ of the true; but into \_\_\_\_\_ itself, now to \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ of God **for** \_\_\_\_\_."

 Hebrews 7:25 "Wherefore He is able also to \_\_\_\_\_ them to the uttermost that \_\_\_\_\_ unto God by Him, seeing He ever liveth to make \_\_\_\_\_ **for** them."

**Note:** "Jesus will appear as their Advocate, to plead in their behalf before God." GC 482.4

"As the books of record are opened in the judgment, the lives of **all** who have **believed** on Jesus come in review before God. Beginning with those who first lived upon the earth, our Advocate presents the cases of each successive generation, and closes with the living.

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Every name is mentioned,  
Every case closely investigated.

Names are accepted, names rejected." GC 483.1

14. What happens when sins are unrepented of and unforgiven?

 The Lord declared to Moses in Exodus 32:33: "Whosoever hath \_\_\_\_\_ against Me, him will I \_\_\_\_\_ out of My \_\_\_\_\_."

 And the prophet Ezekiel says in Ezekiel 18:24: "But when the righteous \_\_\_\_\_ away from his righteousness, and committeth \_\_\_\_\_, and doeth according to all the abominations that the wicked man doeth, shall he \_\_\_\_\_? All his \_\_\_\_\_ that he hath \_\_\_\_\_ shall not be mentioned: in his \_\_\_\_\_ that he hath trespassed, and in his \_\_\_\_\_ that he hath sinned, in them shall he \_\_\_\_\_."

**Note:** "When any have sins remaining upon the books of record, unrepented of and unforgiven, **their names will be blotted out of the book of life**, and the record of their good deeds will be erased from the book of God's remembrance." GC 483.1 Our past righteous deeds cannot save us. We must stay loyal to God until the end of life. We must **repent** of our sins and **forsake** them.

15. What happens with those who have truly repented?

 The Lord declares, by the prophet Isaiah in Isaiah 43:25:

"I, even I, am He that \_\_\_\_\_ out thy \_\_\_\_\_ for Mine own sake, and will not \_\_\_\_\_ thy sins."

 Jesus tells us in Revelation 3:5:

"He that \_\_\_\_\_, the same shall be clothed in \_\_\_\_\_ raiment; and I will **not** \_\_\_\_\_ out his \_\_\_\_\_ out of the book of \_\_\_\_\_, but I will \_\_\_\_\_ his name before My Father, and before His angels."

 In Matthew 10:32,33 He says:

"Whosoever therefore shall \_\_\_\_\_ Me before men, him will I \_\_\_\_\_ also before My \_\_\_\_\_ which is in heaven. But whosoever shall \_\_\_\_\_ Me before men, him will I also \_\_\_\_\_ before My \_\_\_\_\_ which is in heaven."

**Note:** "All who have truly repented of sin, and by faith claimed the blood of Christ as their atoning sacrifice, have had **pardon entered against their names** in the books of heaven; as they have become partakers of the righteousness of Christ, and **their characters are found to be in harmony with the law of God**, their **sins** will be **blotted out**, and they themselves will be accounted worthy of eternal life." GC 483.2

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"The deepest interest manifested among men in the decisions of earthly tribunals but faintly represents the interest evinced in the heavenly courts when the names entered in the book of life come up in review before the Judge of all the earth.

✚ The divine Intercessor presents the plea that all who have overcome through faith in His blood

⇒ Be forgiven their transgressions,

⇒ That they be **restored** to their Eden home,

⇒ And **crowned as joint heirs** with Himself to 'the first dominion.' Micah 4:8.

✚ Satan in his efforts to deceive and tempt our race had thought to frustrate the divine plan in man's creation;

⇒ But Christ now asks that this plan be carried into effect **as if man had never fallen**.

⇒ He asks for His people not only pardon and justification, **full and complete**,

⇒ But a **share in His glory** and a **seat upon His throne**." GC 483.3