

Final Events: The Judgment

Introduction:

1. We are presently engaged in a study of Bible subjects that are associated with "final events."
2. In our last lesson we examined a number of passages that relate to "the return of Christ."
3. In this lesson we are concentrating on "the judgment."

Discussion:

- I. THE BIBLE TEACHES THAT THE JUDGMENT WILL OCCUR
 - A. The reality of the judgment was declared in the Old Testament (Ecclesiastes 11:9; 12:14).
 - B. The New Testament also teaches that the judgment will take place (Hebrews 9:27).
- II. WHEN WILL THE JUDGMENT OCCUR?
 - A. There will be a "*day*" of judgment (Acts 17:31; Romans 2:16; 2 Peter 3:7).
 - B. To be more specific, judgment will occur when Christ returns (2 Timothy 4:1; Matthew 25:31-33).
 1. No one knows when Christ will return (Matthew 24:42, 44).
 2. We are to "*watch*" and "*be ready*" for the Lord's return because the judgment will take place at that time.
- III. ADDITIONAL DETAILS RELATING TO THE JUDGMENT
 - A. Christ will be the judge (John 5:22, 26-27).
 - B. Everyone will be judged.
 1. "*All*" will appear before the judgment seat of Christ (Romans 14:10-12; 2 Corinthians 5:10).
 2. Included are "*the quick and the dead*" (Acts 10:42; 1 Peter 4:5).
 - C. Each person will be judged by:
 1. his judgment of others (Matthew 7:1-2)
 2. his words (Matthew 12:36-37)
 3. his works (Matthew 16:27)
 4. his assistance of the needy (Matthew 25:31-46)
 5. what is written in the books (Revelation 20:12; John 12:48).