



**The Doctrine of End Times and Last Days  
The Final Judgment and Eternal Punishment**

**I. Scriptures on judgement and eternal punishment**

John 3:16-18

<sup>16</sup>“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish, but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but so that the world might be saved through Him. <sup>18</sup> The one who believes in Him is not judged; the one who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

Acts 17:30-31

<sup>30</sup> So having overlooked the times of ignorance, God is now proclaiming to mankind that all people everywhere are to repent, <sup>31</sup> because He has set a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness through a Man whom He has appointed, having furnished proof to all people by raising Him from the dead.”

Hebrews 10:26-31

<sup>26</sup> For if we go on sinning willfully after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, <sup>27</sup> but a terrifying expectation of judgment and THE FURY OF A FIRE WHICH WILL CONSUME THE ADVERSARIES. <sup>28</sup> Anyone who

has ignored the Law of Moses is put to death without mercy on *the testimony of two or three witnesses*.<sup>29</sup> How much more severe punishment do you think he will deserve who has trampled underfoot the Son of God, and has regarded as unclean the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and has insulted the Spirit of grace?<sup>30</sup> For we know Him who said, “VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY.” And again, “THE LORD WILL JUDGE HIS PEOPLE.”<sup>31</sup> It is a terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

#### Romans 2:5-16

<sup>5</sup> But because of your stubbornness and unrepentant heart you are storing up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God, <sup>6</sup> who WILL REPAY EACH PERSON ACCORDING TO HIS DEEDS: <sup>7</sup> to those who by perseverance in doing good seek glory, honor, and immortality, *He will give eternal life*; <sup>8</sup> but to those who are self-serving and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, *He will give wrath and indignation*. <sup>9</sup> *There will be tribulation and distress for every soul of mankind who does evil, for the Jew first and also for the Greek*, <sup>10</sup> but glory, honor, and peace to everyone who does what is good, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. <sup>11</sup> For there is no partiality with God.

<sup>12</sup> For all who have sinned without the Law will also perish without the Law, and all who have sinned under the Law will be judged by the Law; <sup>13</sup> for *it is* not the hearers of the Law *who* are righteous before God, but the doers of the Law *who* will be justified. <sup>14</sup> For when Gentiles who do not have the Law instinctively perform the *requirements* of the Law, these, though not having the Law, are a law to themselves, <sup>15</sup> in that they show the work of the Law written in their hearts, their conscience testifying and their thoughts alternately accusing or else defending them, <sup>16</sup> on the day when, according to my gospel, God will judge the secrets of mankind through Christ Jesus

#### Matthew 10:28

And do not be afraid of those who kill the body but are unable to kill the soul; but rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

#### Matthew 25:41

<sup>41</sup> “Then He will also say to those on His left, ‘Depart from Me, you accursed people, into the eternal fire which has been prepared for the devil and his angels;

## Revelation 20:11-15

<sup>11</sup> Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat upon it, from whose presence earth and heaven fled, and no place was found for them. <sup>12</sup> And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and books were opened; and another book was opened, which is *the book* of life; and the dead were judged from the things which were written in the books, according to their deeds. <sup>13</sup> And the sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades gave up the dead who were in them; and they were judged, each one *of them* according to their deeds. <sup>14</sup> Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. <sup>15</sup> And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

1. The truth of God's **judgment** is a part of the gospel
2. God has fixed a **Day** to judge all unbelievers
3. God's judgment is **holy and just**
4. People's **motives** and actions will be exposed
5. People will **condemn** themselves by their own thoughts and unbelief
6. While salvation is by grace, **judgment** is based on works

7. All unbelievers will be judged and cast into the **Lake of Fire** for all eternity

## II. Related Issues to Judgement and Eternal Punishment

A. The time of final judgment

B. The nature of the final judgment

C. Necessity of final judgment

Rather than letting God find out the condition of our hearts, the final judgment “will serve the purpose rather of displaying before all rational creatures the declarative glory of God in a formal, forensic act, which magnifies on the one hand His holiness and righteousness, and on the other hand, His grace and mercy. Moreover, it should be borne in mind that the judgment at the last day will not have reference to a single individual, but to all men.” --Louis Berkhof

D. Justice of God in the final judgment (Rom 3:19; Rev 19:1-2)

E. Hell: A place of eternal conscious punishment for the wicked (Luke 16:22-24; Rev 14:9-11; 19:1-3; 20:10; Matt. 25:41)

F. Annihilationism and Progressive Annihilationism

### Personal Application

1. The doctrine of final judgment satisfies our inward sense of a need for justice in the world (Col 3:22, 25)
2. The doctrine of final judgment enables us to forgive others freely (Rom 12:19; 1 Pet 2:22-23)
3. The doctrine of final judgment provides a motive for righteous living (Matt 6:20)
4. The doctrine of final judgment provides a great motive for evangelism (Ezek 33:11; 2 Pet 3:9)

