

Sermon Outlines

The Judgement Seat

Readings

Deuteronomy 6:10-16
Romans 14:10-12

Introduction

1) **The foolishness of discarding the future**

- a) The warnings of Moses to the children of Egypt were heard and understood but they were theory, not effecting everyday life. Recorded in Deuteronomy and manifested in Judges with the reoccurring rebellions, cries to the Lord, a deliverer is raised up who dies, and then they sin again (Jud 2:10-20; 3:5-12).
 - ii) In the land they learnt that God does not give empty warnings but promises.
 - iii) Life is a series of divine disciplines when we sin by disobeying.

2) **The kindness of God in warning us**

- a) The warnings of God to us, there will be a time of assessment, it will be individualistic, thorough, and in-depth.
 - ii) We are writing our examination paper every day and at the Judgement Seat, it will be examined.
 - iii) How gracious of God to tell us in advance.

3) **Our Perspective**

- a) Being changed when the Lord comes, things will be seen as the Lord sees them.

The Description

The term “Judgement Seat”

- a) Its seriousness:
 - i) Christ was before Pilate’s judgment Seat (Matt. 27:19)
 - ii) Paul and Sosthenes before Gallio (Acts 18:12)
 - iii) Paul before Festus (Acts 25:6)
 1. None were light hearted but exceedingly serious.

The Greek word for Judgment Seat (Bema) comes from a Greek word meaning to walk, not physically, but spiritually. At the Judgment Seat God will assess my life from the moment I was saved until I die or the Lord comes. I ask myself, “How have I lived this life”? The commands of God are:

- a) Walk in newness of life (Rom. 6:4)
- b) A walk enclosed by the Holy Spirit (Rom. 8:1)
- c) Walk honestly (Rom. 13:13)
- d) Walk by faith (2 Cor. 5:7)
- e) Walk in good works (Eph. 2:10)
- f) Walk worthy of the vocation (Eph. 4:1)
- g) Walk in love (Eph. 5:2)
- h) Walk as children of light (Eph. 5:8)
- i) Walk circumspectly in wisdom (Eph. 5:15)
- j) Walk with Christ Jesus the Lord (Col. 2:6)
- k) Walk worthy of God (1 Thess. 2:12)

Sermon Outlines The Judgement Seat

- l) Walk to please God (1 Thess. 4:1)
- m) Walk in the Light (1 Jn. 1:7)
- n) Walk in truth (3 Jn. 1:4)

**May God grant us good understanding as He, by His Holy Spirit, deigns to guide us into all truth.
John 16:13**

Rowan Jennings, Abbotsford, British Columbia