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The Judgment Seat - The Judge

Introduction

The Holy Spirit has in His inspired Word (2 Pet. 1:21) given the understanding that God has given all judgment unto the Son (Jn. 5:22). Not only has the Lord been given to be the Judge of every situation and people, but He has also been given the power to execute judgment (Jn. 5:24). Consequently, irrespective of the criteria of how the judgment is administered, it is ultimately the Lord. The Lord opens the seals (Rev. 6:1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 12; 8:1), (note the word “He” in these verses). The sounding by the angels signals the executing of the judgments (Rev. 8:7, 8, 10, 12; 9:1, 13; 10:7). Angels also poured out the vials (Rev. 16:2, 3, 4, 8, 10, 12, 17). Being the Sovereign God He will permit the ten horns to hate the religious world, the woman and destroy her (Rev. 17:16-17). He executes judgment on Babylon (Rev. 18:8, 20) and the government and all forces rebelling against God’s Anointed (Rev. 19:2). For the banishment of the devil into the bottomless pit He uses an angel (Rev. 20:1-3) and the unsaved at the Great White Throne will be judged and executed by Him. He is the Judge in the execution of when every judgment, whether it is the nations, the judgment of believers or that of sinners, He is the Judge and executor.

- a) In the epistles, the Lord as Judge is referred to as:
 - i) Lord, and the point being emphasized is, His blood-bought right over us. (1 Cor. 4:5)
 - ii) Christ, and the point being emphasized is, His authoritative place given by God. (2 Cor. 5:10)
 - iii) God, and the point being emphasized is every attribute He has, His omniscience, omnipresence, omnipotence, Holiness, righteousness, justice, etc. (Rom. 14:11)

The unparalleled qualification for the Lord to judge is due to the moral perfections of Himself. Our Lord Jesus Christ is the holy and transparent God. Therefore, there is nothing shady or hypocritical in Him or anything He does. He has the moral qualifications to reveal to man their delinquencies and unGodlikeness or conformity to His ways. This God acknowledges by letting the Man Jesus take from His right hand (Rev. 5:1, 7) the book of declaration of God’s judgments on rebellious humanity.

He has absolute knowledge and His judgments are true, therefore, there is no retrial, hung juries, mistakes, split verdicts, partiality, or appeals. His judgment will be according to truth and in righteousness (Gen. 18:25; Rom. 2:2; Rev. 16:7; 19:2).

He will judge in absolute truth, giving a true assessment of my life.

The Character of The Judge

The glory of the One who gives to the Lord the scroll for the executing of judgment on a sinful rebellious world is God. A consideration of Daniel 7 and Revelation 4 to be the same individual. It is not Christ on the Throne for in the manifestation of authority, the character of the Throne Sitter is revealed. He is by activity acknowledging the One who stands before has the legal and moral right to execute judgment. The Lord is seen to be God’s answer to man’s rebellion in making the man of sin a despotic ruler.

The Setting for the “Transfer” of Judicial Authority

- 1) The setting for the universal challenge:
 - a) Revelation 5:2 informs us of a mighty angel. I take it as one of the High governmental Administrators of the divine purposes. Now a herald proclaims with a loud voice, which seemingly penetrates the satanic, celestial world (Rev. 5:13). This is not done in a secret celestial cabinet meeting. Let Satan, the Beast, the false prophet hear this, let the demonic beings in the nether world hear this, let the great rulers of the earth, it’s presidents, kings, lords, judges, hear his cry.
- 2) The challenge of the mighty angel:
 - a) “Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof?” (Rev. 5:2)

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- i) This is an enlargement of when the religious hypocrites gather around the Lord with the woman taken in adultery. The Lord gave a challenge and as here, no man is found worthy. (Jn. 8:7)
- 3) The response:
- a) The universe is silent for no one is qualified to open, look or read the book. Despite the uprising on earth against God's authority, not a satanic ruler on earth, nor a combination of satanically empowered kings can step forward. Then having seen the Lord as the resurrected Lamb and the Lion of the Tribe of Judah, the Lord is brought to the fiery throne of moral perfection (Dan. 7:9-10, 22). He has fulness of power and perfection of perception having seven horns and eyes (Rev. 5:6). When the Lord takes the book Heaven erupts in exalted praise singing, "Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou, wast slain and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth" (Rev. 5:9-10).
 - b) Joining that celestial judicial body of twenty-four persons there will be ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands (Rev. 5:11) making a jubilant host of more than one hundred million, then is added every creature which is in Heaven, on the earth and under the earth, and in the sea all saying, "Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, *be* unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb forever and ever" (Rev. 5:8-13). It appears to me that this final cry is at a later date, for I fail to see how it can be said that every creature including terrestrial, infernal and celestial can sing this song while the earth is in rebellion against God's government. Yet, it also is evident by the expression "in the sea" that the earth has not yet been removed (Rev. 21:1).
 - c) The execution of the judgments in the book is to bring about God's purpose of all being for His pleasure, that is conformity to His will (Rev. 4:11) and character of holiness (Rev. 4:8).

It is noticed that there is no mention of the Judgment Seat of Christ for believers in this passage or anywhere in Revelation for it has already passed having taken place after He comes for us. Yet, the character of the Judge of the earth dwellers is the same as for the saints.

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

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