

#### God the Judge

Living in Eternity



#### 1. THE REALITY OF JUDGEMENT

### psalm 97:2

Clouds and thick darkness are all around him;

righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.

### psalm 96:13

for he comes, for he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness, and the peoples in his faithfulness

#### revelation 6:10

They cried out with a loud voice, "O Sovereign Lord, holy and true, how long before you will judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?"



#### 2. THE ROLE OF A JUDGE

#### judges in biblical context

So I will prove to you that the Son of Man has the authority on earth to forgive sins." Then Jesus turned to the paralyzed man and said, "Stand up, pick up your mat, and go home!" And the man jumped up, grabbed his mat, and walked out through the stunned onlookers. They were all amazed and praised God, exclaiming, "We've never seen anything like this before!" (Mark 2:10-12, NLT)



#### 3. THE EVENT OF JUDGEMENT

#### revelation 20:11-15

And I saw a great white throne and the one sitting on it. The earth and sky fled from his presence, but they found no place to hide. I saw the dead, both great and small, standing before God's throne. And the books were opened, including the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to what they had done, as recorded in the books.

#### revelation 20:11-15

The sea gave up its dead, and death and the grave gave up their dead. And all were judged according to their deeds. Then death and the grave were thrown into the lake of fire. This lake of fire is the second death. And anyone whose name was not found recorded in the Book of Life was thrown into the lake of fire."

## key points

- The judgement of God is holy.
- The judgement of God is thorough.
- The judgement of God is just.
- The judgement of God is merciful.
- The judgement of God is final.

#### then

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth.. He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever." And the one sitting on the throne said, "Look, I am making everything new!" (Revelation 21:4–5, NLT)



#### 4. DISCOVERING OUR PURPOSE

For his Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God's children. And since we are his children, we are his heirs. In fact, together with Christ we are heirs of God's glory...For all creation is waiting eagerly for that future day when God will reveal who his children really are. Against its will, all creation was subjected to God's curse. But with eager hope, the creation looks forward to the day when it will join God's children in glorious freedom from death and decay.

For we know that all creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. And we believers also groan, even though we have the Holy Spirit within us as a foretaste of future glory, for we long for our bodies to be released from sin and suffering. We, too, wait with eager hope for the day when God will give us our full rights as his adopted children, including the new bodies he has promised us." (Romans 8:16–23, NLT)

Creator

• Become like Christ

King

Serve the will of God

Father

Inherit the earth

Judge

Don't you know that God's people will judge the world? And if you are going to judge the world, can't you settle small problems? Don't you know that we will judge angels? And if that is so, we can surely judge everyday matters. (1 Corinthians 6:2–3, CEV)

To judge (to restore) the earth

#### mark 3:25-27 (nlt)

Similarly, a family splintered by feuding will fall apart. And if Satan is divided and fights against himself, how can he stand? He would never survive. Let me illustrate this further. Who is powerful enough to enter the house of a strong man like Satan and plunder his goods? Only someone even stronger—someone who could tie him up and then plunder his house."



#### 5. GROWING AS JUDGES

# a. living transparently

How precious are your thoughts about me, O God. They cannot be numbered! I can't even count them; they outnumber the grains of sand! And when I wake up, you are still with me! (Psalm 139:17–18)

# a. living transparently

Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. Point out anything in me that offends you, and lead me along the path of everlasting life.(Psalm 139:23-24)

# b. living worshipfully

After this, I heard what sounded like a vast crowd in heaven shouting, "Praise the LORD! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God. His judgments are true and just.

# b. living worshipfully

He has punished the great prostitute who corrupted the earth with her immorality. He has avenged the murder of his servants." (Revelation 19:1–3)

### c. living in eternity

As for you, go your way until the end. You will rest, and then at the end of the days, you will rise again to receive the inheritance set aside for you. (Daniel 12:13)