

## LESSON 14



# The Judgment

THAT BRINGS HOPE

### INTRODUCTION

**M**ost people hear the word “judgment” and feel fear. Shame. Condemnation. The weight of everything they’ve ever done wrong. But the Bible turns the idea upside down. God’s judgment isn’t a threat—it’s a promise. A promise that injustice won’t last, that evil won’t rule forever, that every tear has a future answer, and that your story won’t be defined by your worst moment.

God’s judgment is not against you. It is for you. It is God standing up to defend what you couldn’t defend yourself. A courtroom where the Judge is also the Savior.

The judgment of God doesn’t crush hope—it awakens it. Because for the first time, we see justice not as punishment... but as restoration.

The theme of the judgment reveals both the justice and love of God: justice, because evil will not go unpunished, and love, because those who believe in Jesus have an Advocate who intercedes for them.

# LET'S EXPLORE THE BIBLE

## A. God is a righteous Judge

The Bible firmly declares: “God is a righteous judge” (Psalm 7:11, NKJV). Unlike human courts, where sometimes corruption, bribery, or lack of evidence distort justice, God’s judgment is perfect.



## B. We will all appear

God’s judgment is universal. Paul states it plainly: “So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God” (Romans 14:12, NKJV). No one is excluded, regardless of their social position, religion, or culture. Ecclesiastes 12:14 (NKJV) adds that God will bring every deed into judgment, “with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.”



## C. Christ is our Advocate and Judge

Here is the most surprising part: the One who judges us is also the One who defends us. John writes: “If any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous” (1 John 2:1, NKJV). Jesus not only points out what we have done, but He presents His own blood as evidence that our debt has already been paid.



## D. The judgment brings hope

The prophet Daniel describes a vision where the saints are given justice: “Until the Ancient of days came, and judgment was given to the saints of the most High; and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom” (Daniel 7:22, NKJV). In other words, the judgment not only condemns the wicked, it also vindicates the faithful. Revelation confirms it by showing the final end of evil: “And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire...” (Revelation 20:10, NKJV).





## LET'S REFLECT ON A FEW POINTS

**1. When you think about God's judgment, do you feel fear or hope? Why?**

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**2. How does your vision of life change knowing there will be final justice?**

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**3. What difference does it make to recognize that Christ is your Advocate in that judgment?**

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## PERSONAL DECISION

Today you stand before the most solemn court in the universe. There are no excuses, no self-justification that counts. We are all guilty before the law of God. But the good news is that you do not have to face the judgment alone: Christ offers Himself as your Advocate, your Intercessor, and your Defender. He does not defend with empty arguments, but with His own merits. His perfect life, His shed blood, and His resurrection are sufficient evidence for your acquittal. The only condition is to accept Him as your representative. Your decision today may be the most important of your life: to entrust your case to Christ, to rely solely on what He has done for you, and to rest in the security of His righteousness.

## PRACTICAL ADVICE FOR THIS LESSON

### Why a judgment if God already knows everything?

The judgment does not exist because God needs information. He already knows every thought, every motivation, and every work. The judgment exists so that the entire universe may see the transparency of His government. Daniel 7:10 (NKJV) describes how billions of heavenly beings witness the process. It is as if God opens His books to show that every decision of His is just and full of love. The judgment is, in reality, a guarantee of trust.

### Judgment is only condemnation.

Many see it as an implacable sentence. But the Bible teaches something different: for those who reject God, yes, it will be a day of condemnation; but for those who have placed their faith in Christ, the judgment will be vindication. Revelation 22:12 (NKJV) says that Jesus comes with reward, not only with punishment. It is a moment of restoration, where it is publicly acknowledged who belong to Him.

### Why should it give me hope?

Because judgment ensures that no one will go unpunished. Today we see corruption and evil that seem to triumph, victims who suffer silently without human justice. But divine judgment guarantees that everything will be set right: evil will end, and the faithful will receive eternal vindication. That hope sustains us in the midst of present injustices.

### “And what about my past mistakes?”

This is perhaps the most personal question. The answer is in the promise: “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness” (1 John 1:9, NKJV). In the judgment, Christ Himself appears as your Advocate. When the enemy lists your sins, Jesus shows His wounded hands and declares: “My blood has already paid for him, for her”. No matter how great your guilt has been, if you have trusted in Christ, your debt is already canceled.



## DID YOU KNOW...?

In Daniel 7 (NKJV), judgment is described as a heavenly session in which “the Ancient of days” sits and “the books were opened”. This language is not a symbolic myth, but the presentation of a real, legal, and relational process. The universe watches as God defends His children against the accusations of the enemy. It is a solemn scene that shows that God’s government is transparent and that His justice is always accompanied by mercy.

## IMPORTANT TIP

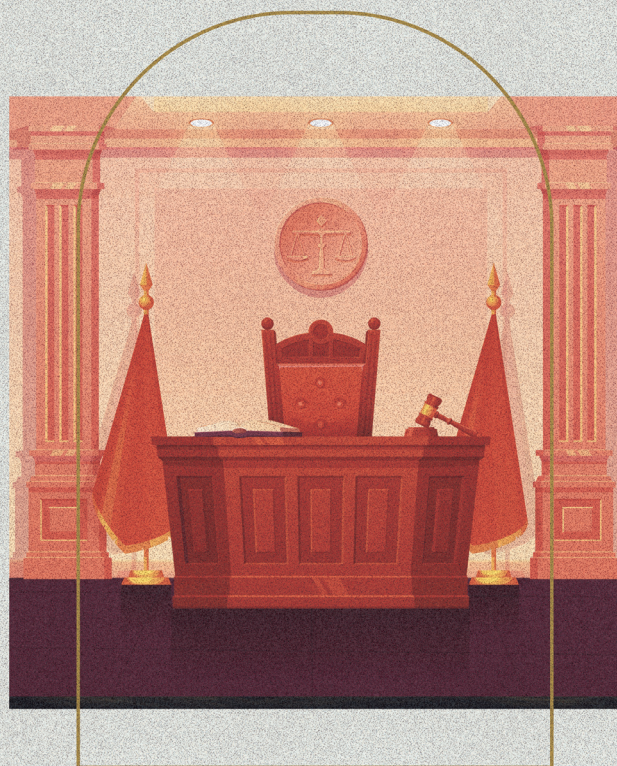
Do not fear the judgment if you are in Christ. Fear it only if you attempt to live apart from Him. With Jesus, judgment ceases to be a threat and becomes the best news: the assurance that the justice of God will set everything in order, vindicate the faithful, and secure the end of evil forever. This beautifully reminds us that in the judgment, Christ is the living hope.

## KEY TEXT

“FOR WE MUST ALL  
APPEAR BEFORE  
THE JUDGMENT  
SEAT OF CHRIST;

THAT EVERY ONE MAY  
RECEIVE THE THINGS DONE IN HIS  
BODY, ACCORDING TO THAT HE  
HATH DONE, WHETHER IT BE  
GOOD OR BAD”

(2 Corinthians 5:10, NKJV)



## FINAL TIP

In 1987, in the United States, a man named James Tillman was convicted of a serious crime. He spent more than 18 years in prison until new evidence proved his innocence. But let's consider the opposite situation. What would happen if someone were truly guilty, and yet received freedom because another took his place?

That is precisely what Christ did for us. In the court of God, we are all guilty: "for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23, NKJV). The sentence is clear: the wages of sin is death. But in the judgment, there is a surprise: Jesus steps forward and says, "I will take his place." The cross was the scene where the innocent was condemned so that the guilty could be acquitted.

That is why, when we talk about the judgment, we do not see it as a moment of fear, but as the confirmation that the grace of Christ is sufficient. Yes, we are guilty, but we have an Advocate who has already paid the debt. The judgment then is not a threat, but hope; not condemnation, but the guarantee that God will set things right and declare righteous those who have trusted in Jesus.

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## CONCLUSION

You don't need to fear the day God stands to judge. You can look toward it with peace. Because the same God who knows your failures knows your potential. The same God who sees your weakness covers you with grace. Judgment is not about exposing your shame it's about ending your suffering.

It's about declaring to the universe that God's children belong to Him, that evil loses, and that the story ends with healing, not fear. The judgment that brings hope is God saying the final word over your life and that word is redemption.

# EVALUATE YOUR LEARNING

## 1. Mark with a T if the statement is true or F if it is false.

- ( ) According to the lesson, God's judgment is comparable to human courts, where errors or injustices may exist.
- ( ) The Bible teaches that all human beings will appear before God's judgment.
- ( ) For those who trust in Christ, judgment is presented as a threat of condemnation.

## 2. According to the lesson, what role does Jesus Christ fulfill in the judgment?

- a) Only an impartial judge
- b) A severe judge without mercy
- c) Advocate and intercessor who presents His sacrifice on behalf of the believer
- d) Observer of the process

## 3. According to the lesson, what is one of the main purposes of the judgment?

- a) To terrify humanity
- b) To inform God of what He does not know
- c) To show the universe the justice and transparency of God's government
- d) To replace grace with works

## 4. According to the lesson, why can judgment be seen as hope and not fear for the believer?

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# WHAT MOST CAUGHT YOUR ATTENTION IN THIS LESSON

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