The Judging Process

Lesson 15, 4th Quarter December 13-20, 2022

Share this Lesson

Sabbath Afternoon - December 17

Memory 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." KJV — 2Corinthians 5:10

"I beheld,' says the prophet Daniel, 'till thrones were cast down, and the ancient of Days did sit in judgment with whose raiment was as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool; his throne was like the fiery flame, and his wheels burning fire. A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: the judgment was set, and the books were opened.' (Dan.7:9, 10 & 22 KJV)

"Thus was presented to the prophet's vision the great scene, solemn day when the characters and the lives of men should pass in review before the judge of all the earth, and be decided for life or for death. Of this time the apostle said, 'The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.' (2Pet.3:9) Of this time Christ Himself declared, 'I tell you that for every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment.' (Mat.12:36) Of this time the Saviour spoke, 'Behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.' (Rev.22:12) Of this time the Lord of hosts declares, 'I will bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.' (Eccl.12:14) Of this time the Lord of Glory, the King of Kingdoms, the Redeemer, the Saviour, the Judge, the Creator of the world, the Father, the Holy One, the Holy Spirit, the Holy Ones, the Holy Angels, the Holy Bible, the Holy Church, the Holy Sabbath, the Holy Sanctuary, the Holy Jerusalem, the Holy Land, the Holy Mount, the Holy Hill, the Holy City, the Holy Place

cometh shall burn them up, saith the Lord of hosts." Malachi 4:1. Some are destroyed as in a moment, while others suffer many days. All are punished "according to their deeds." The sins of the righteous having been transferred to Satan, he is made to suffer not only for his own rebellion, but for all the sins which he has caused God's people to commit. His punishment is to be far greater than that of those whom he has deceived. After all have perished who fell by his deceptions, he is still to live and suffer on. In the cleansing flames the wicked are at last destroyed, root and branch—Satan the root, his followers the branches. The full penalty of the law has been visited; the demands of justice have been met; and heaven and earth, beholding, declare the righteousness of Jehovah." GC 673.1

Since not only Satan, but also "whosoever was not found written in the Book of Life, was cast into the lake of fire," the fire in the lake simply continues the same destruction wrought by the fire which comes "down from God out of heaven." Rev. 20:9. After the thousand years, in other words, the fire which comes "down from God out of heaven," results in "the lake of fire" (Rev. 20:10) and in eternal extermination of all sinners. Of this final destruction, a pre-millennial demonstration is to be given when the beast and the false prophet are cast into the "lake of fire" – their grave for the thousand years. And as the fire does not, of course, keep burning during the thousand years, the statement, "the devil...was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are" (Rev. 20:10), shows therefore that there are both a typical and an antitypical destruction; the lake of fire before the millennium, being a type of the one after the millennium.

Friday - December 23

Further Study

"At the close of the thousand years the second resurrection will take place. Then the wicked will be raised from the dead and appear before God for the execution of "the judgment written." Thus the revelator, after describing the resurrection of the righteous, says: "The rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished." Revelation 20:5. And Isaiah declares, concerning the wicked: "They shall be gathered together, as prisoners are gathered in the pit, and shall be shut up in the prison, and after many days shall they be visited." Isaiah 24:22." GC 661.2

For further studies, feel free to contact:

Whatsapp: (+63)961-954-0737
contact@advancedsabbathschool.org