

**WHAT GOD DOES IS FOREVER!
PART 3 - GOD'S JUDGMENT IS FOREVER!
ECCLESIASTES 3:14, 17**

INTRODUCTION

Though we live in a world where nothing is forever or so it seems that way, we've been looking at some of the things that God does that ARE forever!

The last two weeks we've seen saw how:

THE WORD OF GOD IS FOREVER!

THE SALVATION OF GOD IS FOREVER!

NOTHING CAN BE PUT TO IT (OR ADDED TO IT!)

NOTHING CAN BE TAKEN AWAY FROM IT!

GOD DOES IT THAT MEN SHOULD FEAR BEFORE HIM!

This morning I want us to look at a third thing that God does that is forever:
GOD'S JUDGMENT IS FOREVER!

**I. GOD'S JUDGMENT OF THE UNBELIEVER IS FOREVER!
(REVELATION 20:10-14)**

We're going to continue to use our simple little outline in our text passage of *Ecclesiastes 3:14*.

A. NOTHING CAN BE PUT TO IT (OR ADDED TO IT!)

In our judicial systems, a person convicted of a crime by a court of law is usually entitled to appeal a guilty verdict and may at times even be granted a re-trial. We see this all the time! In fact, most court decisions today are contested by this appeals process!

This mechanism of appeals that is built into our system is simply an admission of the **fallible nature of our earthly judicial practices!** It is an acknowledgment that sometimes evidence may come to light later that wasn't previously known or available. (e.g. a witness, DNA, etc.)

It is an acknowledgment of the fact that an imperfect system run by imperfect people may have made an error!

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Judges can get it wrong, lawyers can get it wrong, law enforcement officers can get it wrong, and juries can get it wrong!

However, I want you to understand that our Lord Jesus Christ, the One who will be sitting on this Great White Throne, is the infallible judge!

2 Samuel 22:31—"As for God, his way is perfect; the word of the LORD is tried: he is a buckler to all them that trust in him." (Psalm 18:30 says the same thing too!)

Romans 2:2—"But we are sure that the judgment of God is according to truth against them which commit such things."

He is incapable of error! He is totally just in all His ways!

Deuteronomy 32:4—"He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he."

There is no chance that all the facts are not known because our the Lord Jesus Christ is Omniscient God!

Job 34:21—"For his eyes are upon the ways of man, and he seeth all his goings."

Hebrews 4:13—"Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do."

So, there is no need for, nor chance of, any appeal by those sentenced at the Great White Throne Judgment! Once the verdict has been pronounced it is absolutely final!

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NOTHING CAN BE PUT TO IT...

B. NOTHING CAN BE TAKEN AWAY FROM IT!

The Lord is not going to somehow change His mind!

1. The Lord Jesus Christ Spoke Of The Finality Of Judgment! (Mark 9:42-48)

Three times the Lord Jesus says of hell that it is a place: *"Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched."*

Two additional times in those verses, the Lord Jesus calls it: *"...the fire that never shall be quenched."*

2. The Apostle Paul Spoke Of The Finality Of This Judgment! (2 Thessalonians 1:7-9)

Look at the Apostle Paul's description here!

3. The Apostle John Spoke Of The Finality Of Judgment! (Revelation 20:10-14)

This eternal state of punishment in the Lake of Fire is punishment in two ways.

1. There is the punishment of loss in separation from God ("depart from me").

Matthew 7:23— "And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity."

Separation from God is a horror unimaginable by man's mind, particularly unregenerate man's.

God is both the chief good and the fountain of all goodness, so to be separated from Him is to be cut off from good in any form. All that is left is unchecked evil!

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It also must be remembered that man was originally created for fellowship with God, and hell denies the unregenerate man that possibility. Hell therefore denies the lost man the possibility of rest, satisfaction and happiness.

2. There is the punishment of positive torment ("into everlasting fire"). (Matthew 18:8 Jesus calls it this) Cf. Revelation 20:10

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NOTHING CAN BE TAKEN AWAY FROM IT!

C. GOD DOES IT THAT MEN SHOULD FEAR BEFORE HIM! (ECCLESIASTES 12:13-14)

Do You Fear God?

If you believe what I've shared with you, you should!

Ecclesiastes 11:9-10

If you are wise you fear Him!

Proverbs 1:5— "A wise man will hear, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels:"

Proverbs 1:7— "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction."

Proverbs 9:10— "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding."

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II. THE JUDGMENT OF THE BELIEVER IS FOREVER!

A. The Judgment Of The Believer's Sin Is Forever!

Thank God, as believers, the Judgment of our sin in the Person of Jesus Christ is forever!

Hebrews 10:14—"For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified."

God has looked on what Jesus has done for us and He is satisfied with the payment made by Christ for our sin!

Isaiah 53:11—"He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities."

Romans 3:24-25—"Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: 25 Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;"

But listen, although our sin has been judged in Jesus Christ our Savior Who paid our sin debt IN FULL, that doesn't mean that we won't face any judgment!

There is NO CONDEMNATION!

Romans 8:1—"There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit."

But there WILL BE JUDGMENT!

Romans 14:9—"...For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ."

Romans 14:12—"So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God."

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**B. The Judgment Of The Believer's Works Is Forever!
(1 Corinthians 3:10-15)**

2 Corinthians 5:10—"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."

Every believer will stand before the **Judgment Seat of Christ**—a/k/a **The Bema Seat**—where our works for the Lord after we are saved will be judged!

Our same little outline applies there as well:

1. Nothing Can Be Put To It!

The LORD sees all and knows all!

Hebrews 6:10—"For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister."

2. Nothing Can Be Taken Away From It!

It will be a totally perfect, righteous, and final judgment of what we have done as a believer!

It will also have eternal ramifications!

3. God Does It That Men Should Fear Before Him!

What have you done for the LORD since you've believed? What are you doing for Him now?

The thought of this judgment should be a great motivator! The time to earn eternal rewards is now!

Conclusion

If you are a believer, its time to get serious about serving the LORD!

If you've never been saved, today is the day of salvation!