

**GOD'S RECORD BOOKS
REVELATION 20:12**

Introduction

According to government whistle-blowers, the NSA is recording almost everything we say or do on the phone and internet. That has become a great concern for folks in our nation!

But could I tell you that somebody is recording much more than that! He's recording your every thought, your every word, and your every deed!

Our text reveals that God is going to open those books and judge every person out of the things that He has recorded in His library of record books!

These books in God's book-case in Heaven contain information which has to do with the eternal destiny of both Children of God and the unsaved.

May we prayerfully consider this library in Heaven and what each book contains.

I. THE RECORD BOOK OF THE TRIALS AND SUFFERINGS OF GOD'S PEOPLE. (PSALMS 56:8)

A. Gods People Are Committed To A Life Of Trials, Wanderings, And Sufferings.

Philippians 1:29—“For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for his sake;”

Sometimes we are called to endure trials, deny ourselves, leave our homes and loved ones, or even die for Jesus.

2 Timothy 3:12—“Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.”

B. We Learn That God Keeps A Record Of These Sufferings In His Book.

He knows about them and they are for our good and will pay a great reward.

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Romans 8:28—“And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.”

2 Corinthians 4:17—“For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory;”

Every trial suffered, every sacrifice made, every tear shed, and all that we have endured for His cause is in His book and will be rewarded!

II. THE RECORD BOOK OF THE FAITHFUL DEEDS AND ACTS OF GOD'S PEOPLE. (MALACHI 3:16-17)

They feared the Lord, found fellowship among one another, prayed and were heard.

In this book, just how you loved the Lord, how you loved His Church, every saying and testimony of the mouth, every act and work for the Lord and His name is recorded and remembered.

*Hebrews 6:9—“But, beloved, we are persuaded better things of you, and **things that accompany salvation**, though we thus speak.”*

1 Corinthians 15:58—Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.”

If you have been faithful to the services, true to the Word, helped the saints!

If you have given to His work and missions, opened your house to the man of God!

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If you have talked to the lost, and turned them to righteousness all is remembered and written in this book!

This book will be opened at the judgment of the Christians and you will be rewarded according to your works! **1 Corinthians 3:8, 11-14**
Revelation 22:12—“And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.”

III. THE RECORD BOOK CONTAINING THE WORKS AND DEEDS OF THE UNSAVED. (REVELATION 20:12)

According to our text, God keeps a record of the things the lost do and writes them in these books.

These books will be opened at the resurrection and judgment of the unsaved dead, after the 1,000 year reign of Christ.
Revelation. 20:11-12; Rev. 20:4-5

The deeds and works contained in these books will be the basis of the sinners judgement. Rev. 20:12

This judgement is to determine the sinners degree of punishment in the lake of fire. It is not to see if he is saved or lost!

There will be degrees in Hell for the unbelievers as rewards in Heaven for the believers.

Every lost person's **actions** determine the content of these books.

Their judgement will be according to what they have caused to be written in these books.

Every time one rejects Christ after having heard the Gospel it will be written in these books!

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IV. THE RECORD BOOK OF LIFE. (REVELATION 20:12, 15)
This book contains the names of all the children of God!

Paul mentioned some folks who were his fellow laborers in Philippians 4:3:
*Philippians 4:3—“And I intreat thee also, true yokefellow, help those women which laboured with me in the gospel, with Clement also, and with other my fellowlabourers, **whose names are in the book of life.**”*

*Luke 10:20—“Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; **but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven.**”*

The Bible has much to say concerning those whose names are written in this book and of those whose names are not found written in it.

1. Once your name is written it will not be blotted out. Rev. 3:5
2. Once your name is written you will not worship nor take the mark of the beast. Rev. 13:8
3. Once your name is written you will be admitted into the holy city. Rev. 21:27
4. Absence of your name in this book of life means you must spend eternity in the lake of fire. Rev. 20:15

So, how does one have their name placed in the Lamb's Book of Life—the book of the living not the book of the dead? Rev. 20:12

By passing from death unto life.

John 5:24—“Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.”

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John 11:25-26—“Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: 26 And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?”

When one accepts Christ he passes from death to life.

Then their names are taken from the book of the dead and placed in the book of life.

Conclusion

Yes, God is keeping a set of record books which contain information which has to do with the eternal destiny of the saved and unsaved.

God's record library will one day reveal many things!

What does it reveal about you?