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## JUDGING

- 1. What Do We Mean?** The Bible tells us to judge and it tells us not to judge. Are there different kinds of judging? Yes! The wrong kind: (Mt 7:1-2) "*Judge \_\_\_\_\_, that ye be \_\_\_\_\_ judged. For with what judgment ye \_\_\_\_\_, ye shall be judged.*" The right kind: (Jn 7:24) "*Judge \_\_\_\_\_ judgment.*" The scriptural context tells us when and how to judge, and when it is prohibitive.
- 2. God Is The Ultimate Judge** He is (Heb 12:23) "*the \_\_\_\_\_ of all*" and (10:30) "*the Lord shall judge \_\_\_\_\_ people.*" Man will die (Heb 9:27) then comes the \_\_\_\_\_. (2 Cor 5:10) "*For we must all \_\_\_\_\_ before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one \_\_\_\_\_ the things done in his body, according to that he hath \_\_\_\_\_, whether it be \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_.*"
- 3. Man's Positive Judgment Is Limited** Why? Simply because his knowledge is small and confined to an environment that comprises but a tiny part of the natural world. That's why James wrote (3:1), "*My \_\_\_\_\_, be not many \_\_\_\_\_.*" That's why we are first commanded (1 Thess 4:11) to "*do your own \_\_\_\_\_*" and reminded by Paul (1 Cor 11:31) that "*if we would \_\_\_\_\_ ourselves, we should \_\_\_\_\_ judged.*" There is a proper time and place to judge.
- 4. Saints – Judging The World** After forbidding the Corinthians to litigate against each other in secular settings Paul (1 Cor 6:2) asks, "*Do ye not know that the \_\_\_\_\_ shall \_\_\_\_\_ the world?*" Note: Christians take this passage far too lightly. It says what it means, and means what it says. Our Lord gives the prescription for settling difficulties among brethren. R-e-a-d Matthew 18:15-17. This is why Paul concludes that if (1 Cor 6:2) "*the \_\_\_\_\_ shall be \_\_\_\_\_ by you*" that surely you are not "*unworthy to judge the \_\_\_\_\_ matters.*"
- 5. Continuing This Thought** Even as the twelve apostles (Mt 19:28) would "*sit upon \_\_\_\_\_ thrones, \_\_\_\_\_ the twelve \_\_\_\_\_ of Israel,*" so "*\_\_\_\_\_ shall judge the \_\_\_\_\_.*" The twelve were the executors of Christ's will and testament (ie: the gospel of the NT). Faithful Christians set the standard in this physical world. Peter aptly explained: (1 Pet 4:17) "*Judgment must \_\_\_\_\_ at the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_: and if it first begin \_\_\_\_\_, what shall the end be of them that \_\_\_\_\_ the gospel of God?*" The answer is readily apparent.
- 6. More Input** Paul mentions (1 Tim 3:15) "*the \_\_\_\_\_ of God, which is \_\_\_\_\_ of the living God.*" Not everyone born into the spiritual family of God will receive (1 Pet 1:4) an \_\_\_\_\_. Why? Some won't comply with the terms of Christ's will. It is up to Christians to (Phil 2:15) "*shine as \_\_\_\_\_ in the world.*" His eternal plan called for the Apostles to "judge" as executors of the law of Christ. God sanctioned saints judging each other and the world. This is positive judgment.
- 7. Human Judgment** Christians are (1 Cor 1:10) to be "*perfectly joined \_\_\_\_\_ in the same \_\_\_\_\_ and in the same \_\_\_\_\_.*" The same what? \_\_\_\_\_ Paul reiterated: (Phil 1:9) "*I pray, that your love \_\_\_\_\_ yet more and more in knowledge and in \_\_\_\_\_.*"

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