

# All Shall Stand Before the Judgment Seat of Christ

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*The Book of Revelation reveals the final stage of lost men, forever cut off from God, and the judgment of the dead, small and great, before God.*

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## Description

This sermon delves into the book of Revelation as a revelation of mystery, majesty, and misery, depicting the final state of the lost separated from God. It emphasizes the solemn reality of judgment, where every individual, small and great, will stand before God to be judged according to their works. The imagery of the great white throne, the opening of the books, and the finality of the second death in the lake of fire is vividly portrayed, highlighting the inescapable accountability before the righteous Judge.

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## Transcript

I find the book of the revelation a book of mystery, a book of majesty, and a book of misery. Because it shows me the final stage of lost men, that forever and ever they're going to be cut off from God. That if there are a million roads into hell, there's not one road out.

That if they continually sing in heaven worthy is the lamb, in hell the only thing they sing is the harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we're not saved. And I saw a great white throne and him that sat upon it from whose face the heavens and the earth fled away and there was found no place for them.

And I saw the dead small and great stand before God and the books were opened and another book was opened which is the book of life and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books according to their works and the sea gave up the dead which were in it and death and hell were delivered delivered up the dead which were in them and they were judged every man according to their works and death and hell were cast into the lake of fire this is the second death and whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire the judgment of the sinners I saw a great white throne typical obviously of purity and him that sat upon it now now we read these things and they kind of slide over our minds but listen to the awesomeness of this from whose

face the heavens and the earth fled away and there was found no place for them and I saw the dead small and great stand before God and the books were opened and you can tell God you're not concerned about what this preacher says but say Lord give me some new illumination on this awesome fact of judgment we leave too much in time we're too earthbound we see as other men see we think as other men think we invest our time as the world invests we invest our money we're supposed to be a different breed of people she needs release in this awful hour in which we're living and the only one that can bring that release is Jesus Christ himself why even the disciples well what do you think about master now he he's even raising the dead and Jesus says in John 5:28 listen don't marvel at this oh if this

stirs you away I've got a for you he says the day is coming in the which all who are in the grave shall hear the voice of the son of God and they shall rise did you get that from Adam wherever he is right now in the in the sands in the dust all who are in the grave shall hear the voice of the son of God you see Jesus says I am the resurrection and the life and I believe he did rise from the dead not because of that long list in one Corinthians 15 but away at the end of the book of Revelation he says I am he that liveth and was dead and behold I am alive forevermore and I have the keys of death and hell don't you believe that old bachelor in Rome you don't know who he is well it's the pope he says he has the keys not on your life Jesus has the keys of death and of hell and that the voice

of the son of God won't that be amazing when he says rise all that are in the sea and all that are in the grave I crossed the Atlantic I guess about 18 times on the Queen Mary Queen Elizabeth's United States and and after dinner at night when people went to smoke and drink and dance and everything else I walked up and down the deck and almost every time I crossed it I looked overboard and I said hey you down there you're gonna get up one day you buccaneers who died in the Spanish main stealing treasures and the folk that sank in Lusitania and the people that sank in the Titanic and and the people that sank in all the great ships during the war are the voice of the son of God they're going to rise millions of them billions of them trillions of them and they're all going to stand at the

judgment seat of Christ that's going to be a spectacle oh where is it going to take place I don't know you see this this book of the revelation is not only at the end of the bible but it deals with the end of time and then it deals with things that happen at the end of the time and it's the only book in the world which is authentic and everyone that is dead is going to hear the voice of the son of God look for a minute at that sixth chapter in the revelation look at verse 12 and I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal oh there was a great earthquake the sun became black as sackcloth of hair and the moon became as blood and the stars of heaven fell to the earth even as a fig casteth her untimely fruit a tree casteth her untimely fruit when she is shaken of a mighty wind and the heaven

departed in a scroll as a scroll when it is rolled together and every mountain and island were moved out of their places and the kings of the earth were and the great men and the rich men and the chief captains and the mighty men and every bondman and every freeman they hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains and said to the mountains and rocks fallen us and hide us from the face of him that's sitting on the throne and from the wrath of the lamb for the great days come in the end of the book of the revelation it says of the redeemed which is in the other judgment they're going to come and they long to see his face again fanny crosby blind for 84 years and when somebody said to her it's a shame a great christian like you is it is blind you can't see the sunset you

can't see the lovely flowers you're at such a disadvantage oh no she said i'm at a great advantage you know she's the she was the first woman in history in american history blind though she was to address the

the the joint uh what do you call them different sections of congress she she addressed the senators and she addressed the congressmen and she addressed the whole government the first woman in history a little blind woman and they said and and you never see the sunset god has denied you so much she said my dear i have a great advantage over you what's your advantage she said don't you realize the first face i ever see will be his face you wanna she wrote so many hymns about his face seeing his face that will that will leave a spellbound when we see his face but here the great men the

rich men the mighty men the rulers i saw the dead small and great every king every king that's ruled over england the caliphs of baghdad the maharajahs of india stand one day can you imagine it at the judgment seat of christ to give an account for the deeds done in the body well of course if you have a judgment you must have a judge i do not have any pictures of christ in my home because i don't think you should make any great likeness of any graven image and nobody knows what christ was like you see pictures of jesus as a baby you see him as a young man you see him sometimes on the back of a an animal riding into jerusalem but there's a picture i've only ever seen once and it was so grotesque i didn't look a second time and the voice and the son of god they're all going to rise and face

the eternal judge what will he be like in australia they showed me the picture that they have a beach beach croft or somebody beach painted a picture of christ in australia he's got lovely blonde hair and bright blue eyes and a lovely flaxen beard well i don't think that was a picture of jesus and the chinese have an interpretation of christ through their artists and there are some dreadful pictures i think that have been given by the great masters so-called and they've given us pictures of jesus but i'll tell you what it's a very different picture in the word of god i believe that the church of jesus christ needs a new revelation of the majesty of god this is what this is the king of kings and he's the judge of judges and it's the tribunal of tribunals and there's no court of appeal

after it the verdict is final there'll be no bias judgment two people at least have said to me this week there is no justice in the earth today maybe there isn't but i hang on to a word that says shall not the judge of all the earth do right the apostle paul got a picture of jesus not with a lamb in his arms not like the stained glass windows in our in our so-called cathedrals where jesus looks pathetically feminine he sees jesus and he says here he is he's the king immortal invisible the only wise god to praise and glory forever so we're going to see the king of kings he's the judge of judges in the courts of court of courts in the final tribunal there is no tribunal after this this is finished and when i hear people singing you know put your hand in the hand of him that walked on the

water forget it or the new son that's now shake hands with jesus listen when you see jesus you're not going up and say hey buddy i'm glad you died for me when you see jesus you'll be almost paralyzed with fear unless you have a glorified body and a glorified mind who is writing the book this is a revelation to a man on an island on a devil's island the worst place the gathering of the scum of the earth and here he is and if you'd gone to him that morning and seen him sitting on a rock contemplating you might have said to him well john i didn't expect to find you in this hell with all these demon possessed men and here you are in the isle of padmas he said no i'm not where are you he says i'm in the spirit he was in the spirit when this enormous revelation was given to him the picture of

jesus here is not the picture of a pathetic individual pushed around by anybody who wants to push him around i think sometimes we think we're going to march up and say well you know jesus you know how many years i served you and how many souls i won for you and how many servants i preach for you oh no no no no no well what will he be like in heaven well i'll tell you what the book says he'll be like it says his

hair is as white as snow his feet are like burnished brass his face is like the sun in its strength his eyes are living coals of fire his tongue is a sharp twedged sword and here is john who used to lean his head on the bosom of jesus and hear that divine heartbeat the man that i believe knew more about jesus than anyone else and when he saw jesus there on his throne in his majesty

with his face brighter than the sun with his feet like burnished brass with his eyes like flames of fire with his tongue majestic and his voice like the sound of many waters john the man who had walked with him and talked with him for three years says that when i saw him i fell at his feet as dead what do you think you and i are going to do we see there the judge in all his awesome majesty in all his glory and we have a picture here of the unholy dead small and great standing before god and when they see him in his awesome majesty no they don't worship him they're terrified this is a great exposure they couldn't find the 18 minutes on the tapes of mr nixon well i'll tell you he's got a perfect record of them and they're going to be read out one day before millions you say mr raymond i

couldn't stand up there or anywhere else i'm so nervous if a few people look at me i want to tell you something there'll be a thousand million or trillion people when you stand there at the judgment seat without your wife to lean on or your husband or your preacher or a friend and it's paul is writing in the 14th chapter of romans and he says we so he writes home even to believers at the judgment seat we must all there's no exception we must stand at the judgment seat of christ you can't send your lawyer you can't send a representative you can't send a preacher who says well i understand this person who's always falling up and down and in and out and he didn't know where they were i'll explain it to you and the lord says you won't do anything of the kind can you see those millions of

unholy dead all the criminals that ever lived every prostitute that ever went on the on the tour can you can you think of all the men who make millions out of pornography can you think of the pimps who pollute those little girls that go to west 44th west 42nd street in new york and they go to all the hellholes can you imagine when god takes all the history and empties it when every man that ever walked the streets of ancient babylon with all its lust or corinth which was just one colossal cesspool of impurity all that happened at last davis last night is going to be thrown on the screen in eternity every judge that sits in the high court is going to be judged one day by an infallible judge how long will it take i don't know and i don't care because we're not going anywhere yes mr

kissinger you're going to be totally exposed what you and mr nixon did lying so long that we were not bombing cambodia when we were ripping children to death when we were baptizing them with fire and napalm and taking the skins off their bodies i'd like to preach a series of sermons on this because you know the word of god says there's going to be a judgment of living nations too there are at least seven judgments coming up just as there are at least five crowns for the believers you say i well i i'm not quite sure about this you know my i know your memory isn't faulty everything you've done every idle word you've spoken every action let me say it here in case i forget later i remember one day when i was talking with dr toz as we used to talk together so often he said to me one day you

know len i'm not really too worried about what i've done i'm not too worried about the the judgment even on my christian life which i'll have i know but he says he said it's the it's the things i could have done that worry me the things that i missed we're not going to be judged just because of what we've done we've got to be judged for why we did it not for the action for the motive what multi-dating you're giving so you you'd have a plaque with your name on or you'd be the top of the list for giving money us why why why what's the motive behind it going back to the unholy dead they're going to stand small and great before god

sometimes i look at my encyclopedia britannica and i think all that history is going to pass before me in flesh and blood at the judgment seat of christ i'll be

interested to see julius ceasar and tiberius ceasar i'll be fascinated when pontius pilate stands before jesus i think you'll feel less comfortable than jesus felt standing before pontius pilate they're all going to stand there the secret archives of our hearts and lives are going to pass before well you say again i uh i still hang on to the fact my memory isn't good you know it says the books are open i don't know what the books are i think the books of the 10 commandments for one thing i think the book of memory for another thing you see this memory is an amazing thing but you know memory will last into eternity oh i don't think the redeemed will remember their sorrows and heartaches but i'll tell you what the unholy dead will remember every time somebody put a tract in their hand

they'll feel it through eternity in which their god he was there they remember that they heard their mother's prayers they remember every sermon they're going to remember everything because one day a man in hell prayed it was the wrong place to pray he prayed to the wrong person he prayed to abraham he got the wrong answer some remember in their lifetime that you had good things but i don't want my brothers to come here but jesus says remember memory is eternal it will never die if you're an unsaved man a thousand million years you say well i came this morning my wife wanted me to come but i don't think i'll come again i don't like this kind of stuff well friend let me tell you lovingly go to hell and live with all the scum of the earth you like to drink go with the drinkers you like to

let's go with the prostitutes in hell if you're given to lust after women you'll have that lust but there's nothing to satisfy your lust if you drink your thirst but there's nothing to satisfy yourself you'll give king's ransom for one drop of water there isn't even a drop of water never mind that precious wine you drink when in god's name is the church going to open her heart again and open her mind again and see again that every man i cannot whether he flies his own private learjet or how many millions he has or rules over a city the great of the earth and the scum of the earth and the the unbelievers are going to spend their time eternal in eternity they're going to live there forever and ever the good book says where they're warmed it will be awesome when we see the founders of these

cults stand before god the founder of beholders witnesses as they call themselves russell a man who wasn't very modern and he's going to stand there and people up there will scream put him into the lowest hell and turn the temperature up but listen don't you worry about it the judge of all the earth will do hell won't be the same for everybody some will be beaten with a few stripes some with many stripes but i'll tell you what i'd rather be the least in the kingdom of god than be the greatest in the kingdom of the devil anyhow both in time and in eternity i saw the dead small and great stand before god and the books were opened we read in the sixth chapter there of the book of the revelation they said to the mountains and rocks fallen us and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on

the throne and from the wrath of the lamp for the great day of his wrath is come and who is able to stand it says in the ninth chapter verse 16 those days shall men seek death and shall not find it they shall desire to die and death shall flee from them i believe there'll be a day when a man will put a gun to his head and blow his brains out and to his amazement he'll still be living they'll throw himself from the top of the empire state building or the top of rock into the valley and still be living they shall seek death but they shall not find it there's an awesome aspect for you men seeking death and they shall not find it do you remember that second psalm where it says concerning men that god he that dwelleth in the heaven shall laugh god shall have them in derision can you think a

man played with every sin he's ever committed sins of the flesh and sins of the spirit sins against god sins against men and they're pursuing like the hounds of hell that are baying after him and he says if only i could die and get out of this and yet if he tries to die will not die and the scripture says he that dwelleth the holy god now he ceased to be a god of mercy in the fourth chapter of revelation you have a christ on the throne you have a rainbow over the throne which is a covenant sign of mercy you have four and twenty elders but there's nobody here sharing justice with jesus he sits supreme down the throne there's no four and twenty elders there's no sea of glass there's no rainbow of mercy mercy is gone forever i cannot out twist it and corrupt your life is this morning you

could be the most sensuous man the soldier said to me one day do you really believe that god forgive can god forgive every sin i've ever committed i said he sure can that is if you repent of your sin and you plead for the blood of christ and you ask for mercy but he says you know what i'm haunted with i was in the so many years in other countries and he said i i'm horrified to tell you this but he said maybe i've got about 30 children around the world i've had sex with so many women he said that maybe i'm the father of 30 children around the world can god forgive all the rottenness the corruption of my life he can why because this morning jesus is on the throne of mercy he shall find grace to help but when we see him here he's not on the throne of mercy he's on the throne of justice that

tender christ who went about doing good and he kissed little babies and blessed people now ah there's nothing nothing more beautiful than a little lamb there's nothing more terrible than the wrath of the lamb and one day god's mercy is going to be cut off and then it'll be the wrath of the lamb can you think of all the tribes and nations can you think of pharaoh standing before jesus christ and having to account for the massacre can you think of herod the great having to account for the massacre can you think of hitler having to account for the massacre of we're told of six million jews did you this morning i mean i know you had your tribulation the bacon was burned and some other tragedy happened but did you think this morning that somebody for christ's sake is going to lose his head in

cambodia or vietnam or russia do you think that stalin ever dreamed that all the bloody purges he made he'd have to answer for every precious drop of bloody ever spilled the psalmist david says store my tears in my bottle i believe that nobody ever spilled a tear whether it was built in in compassion for souls or it was it was spilled because of a broken heart it never fell to the ground it was stored by god and god's going to count them out one day and people may cry the jews perhaps may cry of hitler god scourge him scourge him turn the furnace up in hell but listen god doesn't need any reminders shall not the judge of all the earth do right if a man has to be cast away from god with his own sin and misery forever and ever if his inner being as it were is is torn with lust if his mind

is tortured by his wickedness well what do you think it would be like if you'd kill six million people like that god shall bring every work into judgment with every secret thing and i think we'd better watch this business that you know god loves you god loves you and all the bumper sticker sloppy evangelism will you remind people of the goodness and the severity of god will you remind them that there's a day when mercy is cut off forever will you remind them that people pray in hell but nobody ever answers the dead small and great are going to stand before god in that awesome day the book of memory is going to be open and the ten commandments and other books that god has are going to be open in that awesome day and there's no mercy mercy has gone forever people will be saying the harvest

is past and the summer is ended and i'm not saved that great scholar daniel webster was once asked what is the greatest thought you have a colossal mind what is the greatest thought that has ever traveled down

the corridors of your mind he said i thought many great things but the greatest thing that i've ever thought of the most awesome the most terrifying the most shattering thought i've ever had is my personal accountability to god one day we are without exception

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