

VERSES ON THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF JESUS¹

Ecclesiastes 12:14 14 God will bring every act [of believers and unbelievers] to judgment, everything which is hidden, whether it is good or evil.

Jeremiah 17:10 10 I, Yahweh, search the heart. I test the mind, even to give to each man according to his ways, according to the results of his deeds.

Matthew 10:32-33 32 Every [believer] who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge [for rewards] before my Father who is in heaven. 33 But whoever [among believers] denies me before men, I also will deny [for rewards] before my Father who is in heaven.

Matthew 13:22-23 22 As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful [so he receives little or no reward]. 23 As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty [so receiving their just rewards].

Matthew 24:45-51 45 Who then is the faithful and wise servant, whom his master has set over his household, to give them their food at the proper time? 46 Blessed is that servant whom his master will find so doing when he comes. 47 Truly, I say to you, he will set him over all his possessions. 48 But if that wicked servant says to himself, My master is delayed, 49 and begins to beat his fellow servants and eats and drinks with drunkards, 50 the master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he does not know 51 and will cut him in pieces and put him with the hypocrites. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth [extreme regret].

Matthew 25:19-30 19 After a long time the master [Messiah] of those slaves [believers] came and settled accounts with them [at his judgment seat]. 20 The one who had received the five talents came up and brought five more talents, saying....

Mark 4:24-25 24 Pay attention to what you hear. With the measure you use, it will be measured to you, and still more will be added to you. 25 For to the one who has, more will be given, and from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away.

Luke 9:26 26 Whoever [among believers] is ashamed of me and my words, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when he comes in his glory.

Luke 12:42-48 42 Who then is the faithful and wise manager, whom his master will set over his household to give them their portion of food at the proper time? 43 Blessed is that servant whom his master will find so doing when he comes. 44 Truly, I say to you, he will set him over all his possessions. 45 But if that servant says to himself, My master is delayed in coming, and begins to beat the male and female servants, and to eat, drink, and get drunk, 46

¹ See *Verses on Rewards*.

the master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he does not know and will cut him in pieces and put him with the unfaithful. 47 And that servant who knew his master's desire but did not get ready or act according to his desire, will receive a severe beating. 48 But the one who did not know and did what deserved a beating will receive a light beating. Everyone to whom much was given, of him much will be required, and from him to whom they entrusted much, they will demand the more.

Luke 14:13-14 13 When you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. 14 And you will be blessed (μακάριος) because they cannot repay (ἀνταποδίδωμι) you, for you will be repaid (ἀνταποδίδωμι) at the resurrection of the righteous (ἐν τῇ ἀναστάσει τῶν δικαίων) [, specifically, at the judgment seat of Messiah].

Luke 19:12-15 12 A nobleman [Messiah] went to a distant country to receive a kingdom for himself and return. 13 And he called ten of his slaves [believers], gave them ten minas, and said to them: Do business until I return. ... 15 When he returned after receiving the kingdom, he ordered that these slaves to whom he had given the money be called to him so that he might know what business they had done [the judgment seat of Messiah]. 16 The first appeared saying: Master, your mina has made ten minas more. 17 And he said to him: Well done, good slave. Because you have been faithful in a very little thing, you are to be in authority over ten cities. 18 The second came saying: Your mina, master, has made five minas. 19 And he said to him also: And you are to be over five cities. 20 Another came saying: Master, here is your mina that I kept put away in a handkerchief. 21 For I was afraid of you because you are an exacting man. You take up what you did not lay down and reap what you did not sow. 22 He said to him: By your own words I will judge you, you worthless slave. Did you know that I am an exacting man, taking up what I did not lay down and reaping what I did not sow? 23 Then why did you not put my money in the bank, and having come I would have collected it with interest? 24 Then he said to the bystanders: Take the mina away from him and give it to the one who has the ten minas. 25 But they said to him: Master, he has ten minas already. 26 I tell you that to everyone who has, more shall be given [rewards at the judgment seat of Messiah]. But from the one who does not have, even what he does have will be taken away [loss of rewards at the judgment seat of Messiah].

John 12:26 26 If anyone serves me, he must follow me. And where I am, there my servant will be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

Romans 14:3-4 3 The one [believer] who eats is not to regard with contempt the one [believer] who does not eat, and the one who does not eat is not to judge the one who eats, for God has accepted him. 4 Who are you to judge the servant of another? To his own master he stands or falls. And he will stand, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

Romans 14:10-12 10 Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we [believers] will all stand before the judgment seat of God. 11 For it is written, As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God. 12 So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

1 Corinthians 3:8-15 8 Each will receive his own reward according to his own labor. 9 For we are God's co-workers. You are God's field, God's building. 10 According to the grace of God that was given to me, like a wise master builder I laid a foundation, and another is building on it. But each man must be careful how he builds on it. 11 For no man can lay a foundation other than the one which is laid, which is Jesus Messiah. 12 Now if any man [believer] builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, 13 each man's [believer's] work will become evident. For the day [the judgment seat of Messiah] will show it because it is to be revealed with fire, and the fire itself will test the quality of each man's work. 14 If any man's work that he has built on it remains, he will receive a reward. 15 If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer loss [of reward]. But he himself will be saved [as a justified believer], yet so as through fire.

1 Corinthians 4:3-5 3 To me [Paul] it is a very small thing that I may be examined by you [the Corinthians] or by a human court. In fact, I do not even examine myself. 4 For I am conscious of nothing against myself, yet I am not by this acquitted. But the one who examines me is the Lord [Jesus]. 5 Therefore do not go on passing judgment before the time, but wait until the Lord comes who [at his judgment seat] will both bring to light the things hidden in the darkness and disclose the motives of [believers'] hearts. And then each man's praise will come to him from God.

1 Corinthians 9:24-27 24 Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win. 25 Everyone who competes in the games exercises self-control in all things. They then do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we [believers] an imperishable. 26 Therefore I [Paul] run in such a way as not without aim. I box in such a way as not beating the air. 27 But I discipline my body and make it my slave, so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified [for rewards at Jesus' judgment seat].

2 Corinthians 5:9-10 9 We [believers]...have as our ambition, whether at home or absent, to be pleasing to [the Lord]. 10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Messiah, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

Ephesians 6:7-8 7 With good will render service as to the Lord [Jesus] and not to men, 8 knowing that whatever good thing each one does, this he will receive back from the Lord, whether slave or free.

2 Timothy 4:7-8 7 I have fought the good fight. I have finished the course. I have kept the faith. 8 In the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness that the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me, but also to all [those believers] who have loved his appearing.

Hebrews 6:7-8 7 Ground that drinks the rain that often falls on it and brings forth vegetation useful to those for whose sake it is also tilled [a believer who succeeds] receives a blessing from God. 8 But if it yields thorns and thistles [a believer who fails], it is worthless and close

to being cursed, and it ends up being burned [all the believer's worthless works are burned up].

Hebrews 13:17 17 Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they keep watch over your souls as those who will give an account [at the judgment seat of Messiah].

James 3:1 1 Let not many become teachers, my brothers and sisters, knowing that as such we will incur a stricter judgment [at the judgment seat of Messiah].

James 5:9 9 Do not complain, brothers and sisters, against one another, so that you yourselves may not be judged. Look, the Judge [Messiah Jesus] is standing right at the door [the evaluation of every believer's life is imminent].

1 Peter 1:6-7 6 Now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials, 7 so that the proof of your faith, more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise, glory, and honor at the revelation of Jesus Messiah [when he judges all believers at his judgment seat].

1 Peter 4:17 17 It is time for judgment to begin with the household of God [the judgment seat of Messiah]. And if it begins with us first, what will be the outcome for [unbelievers at the great white throne judgment] who do not obey the gospel of God [by believing in Jesus]?

Revelation 2:23 23 I will kill [Jezebel's] children with pestilence, and all the churches will know that I am he who searches the minds and hearts. And I will give to each one of you [believers] according to your deeds [at my judgment seat].

Revelation 22:12 12 Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay each one [believer and unbeliever] for what he has done.