**LIVING WITH ETERNITY**

**AND THE JUDGMENT SEAT IF VIEW**

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I believe in this Newsletter, the Holy Ghost wants us to see the seriousness of being Eternity conscious. This is not written with the sinner in mind but for Christians whom the Lord has called and given work to do. Every sinner will one day in eternity stand before God at the Great White throne Judgment to be judged of their every deed and how they lived their life on earth. They will go into eternal punishment because they were never saved and did not serve God. But every Christian will stand before the Lord Jesus Christ at His Judgment Seat and be judged of their works, of how they lived and served the Lord.

OUR TIME IS RUNNING OUT

More than ever in our life, we must live every day in view of the Judgment Seat of Christ. We must live with eternity in view. Our time here is swiftly running out. O the brevity of human life! It is obvious to me now more than ever when I look in the mirror, I didn’t come here to stay. This aging body is letting me know that Eternity is knocking on my door. If Jesus tarries His coming, I don’t have much time left. David viewed himself and his life here as just a handbreadth of time. God has given each of us a Space of Time – just a short space, we will soon live it out and be gone! Job looked at his life here in the view of eternity and said – **Job 7:6** – My days are swifter than a weaver’s shuttle. Soon the spool will run out and I too will be gone!

 God has given each of us an allotted space of time to live and work for Him. In the hustle and bustle of life with all its daily cares and making a living, we must never forget – “There is coming a Judgment!” I believe our greatest regret on that day will be – “Lord, I could have done better, I surely wish I had done more for you!” Oh God, help us to be more Eternity Conscious! We so easily let opportunities pass us by when we could have done something for God, could have done more and been a better witness. We so easily let things slip, precious souls slip by us that we could have touched and helped. Everything that we do or don’t do here will follow us into eternity and meet us at the Judgment

Seat of Christ. Job is one of the oldest books in the Bible. He lived somewhere right after the flood of Noah, before the Law and the Commandments were ever given, yet he had a conscience deep inside that feared God. He said in **Job 16** – When a few years are come, then I shall go the way whence I shall not return. Behold my witness is in Heaven and my **Record** is on high. (I realize I’m not coming back to live my life over. I’ll not be able to come back and change one thing and do better. When God calls me, I will leave it all behind and my works will follow me to the Judgment. My conscience is letting me know that I must do and live right, for One Day in eternity, my record will be read!

UNDER THE EYE OF GOD

 Carl Von Harnack, a German Lutheran theologian defined Christianity as – Quote: “Christianity is a very sublime (Supreme) thing; it is to Live in time and for Eternity under the Eye of God!” This begs the question, are we living with the Judgment and Eternity in view? You must remember that every day that you live and go about, you are under the eye of God. You must remember, we all as Children of God are Kingdom workers. We’ve been hired by the Lord of the harvest to go in the fields and labor to bring in the sheaves of precious souls. Your works are examined and known. If we could live every moment of every day under the eye of God who called us, and if we did every act, every deed and work in the light of the Judgment Seat – O what a difference there would be in our Christian life! If every prayer we prayed and every song we sing, every testimony we give, every message we preach, every time we witness for Christ; if every time we give, we tithe, we help; if all these things were done with the Judgment Seat in mind – O what a difference there would be in our service to the Lord! Then we would realize the seriousness of obeying what God has called us to do. O the Spiritual things – the gifts and talents that He has put in our life and entrusted us with to be used for Him! There is a Book of Works at the Judgment Seat on each of us that Christ Himself will open. Every deed with every motive will be read!

AT THE JUDGMENT SEAT

**2 Cor. 5:9** – Paul wrote to the Corinthian Church – Wherefore, (For this Reason) We labor; that whether present or absent, we may be Accepted of Him. **Vs. 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. **Vs. 11** – Knowing therefore the Terror of the Lord, we **persuade** men. The Greek word for terror means: “Knowing the exceeding fear and dread which strikes terror!” Do we really realize the severity and seriousness of this verse the Holy Ghost inspired the Apostle to write? This great man Paul who wrote 13 books of our New Testament shuddered and trembled at the thought of one day standing before Christ who Called him, and giving account of his life! Paul said – “That we may be accepted of Him!” The great Apostle had only one desire, and that was to please the Lord who saved and called him for service. “Lord, I want to be accepted!”

FACING OUR RECORD

 It’s a sobering thought to think that each of us will face Jesus on the throne and we will look Him in the eye as He reads our record. He who hung on the Cross and took the nails through His hands and feet to purchase us will one day examine us. He will bring out every deed that we have done with every word spoken, whether it be good or bad. If all your record will be read to you of all you’ve done starting from the time you were saved and you entered His Kingdom and service; when it is all brought back to your remembrance, WHAT THEN? In the view of eternity, what will our reaction be? Will we hang our head in shame? Will we leave behind an unfinished task? This Newsletter is meant to stir our hearts, for it will surely be a reality and sometimes we don’t take it serious.

The only thing that will matter at the Judgment will be – “Did we obey His Will? Did we use what He gave us? Did we go where He sent us and do what He wanted us to do? O God, help us be Eternity minded! Dear reader, we are headed to where time and eternity meet. Our life here is like a vapor, it appears for just a little while and it soon vanishes and is gone! We are like a flower of the Grass, we spring up in the morning and flourish and in the evening we wither and die and the place knows us no more. We are swiftly crossing the stage of time – we live, we do our work and we are gone. Only what is done for Christ will last! How did we affect those we lived with and were around in our generation?

WHY DO YOU LABOR?

TELL US O MAN OF GOD!

Paul was telling the Christians in the Corinthian Church – It’s for this cause that I labor. I want to be accepted of Him! I want my Lord pleased with my service and my work! This is the reason that I keep praying and going. I want Jesus to know the Grace that He bestowed on me was not in vain. He didn’t have to have mercy and save me but He did and I don’t want to fail Him or let Him down. My Lord loved me and He saw fit to call me. He entrusted me with this Blessed Gospel to preach. He put the good news down in my heart and told me to tell others and I am not about to let Him down! I shall be faithful to the ministry that He gave me.

Why O Apostle Paul do you labor so hard? He will answer – “It’s the Judgment Seat that looms before me! It’s all about Souls, souls, souls – multitudes of them are before me and I must preach and reach them. They too are headed to the Judgment. If I don’t testify to them the Love of God and the Gospel of Jesus Christ, then woe is me - I have failed. If I don’t witness and warn the sinners, then they will face God at the Great White Throne Judgment lost. That is my fear and dread. Knowing therefore the terror they will meet is the reason I labor.

This is the whole reason I strive and press on – I can’t stand the thought of one soul standing before God and hearing Him say – depart from me. This is the reason I have sailed rough seas and endured ship wrecks. I’ve been in perils and painfulness, been weary and tired but I journeyed on and it’s all because I couldn’t stand the thought of one soul standing before God lost and having them sent into everlasting punishment. The flames of a burning Hell and the terror they will face is what Drives me – the love for these precious souls is what compels me through every hardship!” Tell us some more Paul of why that you are concerned about the Judgment! He will say – “I push on in my afflictions, through hunger and thirst, heat and cold. You don’t know the scars that I carry in my body. I’ve been whipped, I’ve carried chains, I’ve been in prisons and I endured it all in the light of eternity and the view of the Judgment Seat! Knowing the terror of the Lord I persuade men. I plead to them and beg them. They do not realize what awaits them at the Judgment. I fear also that if I don’t obey, I too could end up being disqualified in my service and be a castaway! Therefore I run, I labor and I fight this good fight of faith. I have laid hold on Eternal Life and I’m pressing for the mark for the prize. Heaven is my goal. I’m headed Home and I want to take others with me.”

In ending, could we ask ourselves the question: O Lord, could I have done better in my service for you? Have things happened and we have gotten discouraged and let up? Has the enemy of our souls told us our labor is vain and we quit praying and gotten slack on our work for the Lord? Could we have done more for God? Have we let opportunities pass us by and we missed the Will of God and the chance to be a witness to someone lost and in need? Has the Lord been dealing with you lately and you feel in your heart the need to do more? Does the fire and zeal burn in your heart like it once did? Do you still have a vision and praying to be a better Christian and witness to share and tell others about the Love of Jesus? Has there been a stir in you lately of the Holy Ghost to step out and obey the Lord to reach and help others, to see souls saved and people encouraged? Children, our time is running out! Now is the time to stir ourselves, rise up and get busy. With all my heart, I want the Lord Jesus to say to me that day when I stand before Him and He reads from the Record Book – “Well done my child! Enter thou into the joys of the Lord!”

**Rev. 14:13** – And I heard a voice from Heaven saying unto me, write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them.

HAVE I DONE ENOUGH FOR JESUS TODAY?

Like the words of the Gospel Song that says: “Life is swiftly passing by, There are many things I need to do and say. And as I've often wondered, If the roll is called up yonder, have I done enough for Jesus today? And after all is said and done, And My appointed time has come; I can't Beg, Steal or Borrow, One more tomorrow, So I better get ready for Jesus today. Time won't stand still for any man, And it seems like father time is on the run. And can I truly say, That I've done enough today, if today would be the day that Jesus comes. And if I'm turned away, I'll Have no more Chance to pray, Cause I can't Beg, Steal or Borrow, One more tomorrow. So I better get ready for Jesus today; No I can't beg steal or borrow, One more tomorrow, So I better get ready for Jesus today, So I better get ready for Jesus today.

**Gal. 6:9 –** And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap if we faint not.

**Heb. 6:10** – For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labor of Love, which ye have shewed toward His name.

**I Cor. 15:58** – Therefore my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

As I close, let this be our Prayer: Lord, help me to do better. Teach me to be a better light and Testimony of your Love and Grace! Help me to seize the opportunity to be a Witness to precious souls who are lost and point them to you – One who cares and wants to Save! Help me O Lord in this dark time and closing hours to encourage others, to lift up the down-hearted and share your Love and Hope to the needy, troubled and hopeless!! Children, the Spirit of God is crying –“Get busy!” We are about to the end! Pick up your phone now and call those you love and care about. Go visit, go witness, Go pray for, send a Text and let others know to get ready for eternity! The Lord Jesus is coming!

**May God Bless my Readers!**