



**SAVED TO SERVE**  
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**THE JUDGMENT OF THE LIVING**

1. Let us read Revelation 14:6,7 and analyze the first angel's message which is a part of the everlasting gospel.
2. What is one reason why we should fear God, give glory to Him, and worship Him? Revelation 14:7 \_\_\_\_\_
- 3a. When did the investigative judgment begin? \_\_\_\_\_

"The announcement, "The hour of His judgment is come," points to the closing work of Christ's ministration for the salvation of men. It heralds a truth which must be proclaimed until the Savior's intercession shall cease and He shall return to the earth to take His people to Himself. The work of judgment which began in 1844 must continue until the cases of all are decided, both of the living and the dead; hence it will extend to the close of human probation." {GC 435.2}
- 3b. Read and study also Daniel 8:14, Daniel 9:24,25, and the Great Controversy, pages 326 to 328, 409,410.
- 3c. **Note: The Cleansing of the Sanctuary is synonymous to the Investigative Judgment.** Leviticus 16:29,30,19-22; 23:27-29
4. Which event will signal the close of the investigative judgment, when Jesus will pronounce a verdict on all the cases of the people living? Revelation 14:9,10; 15:1 \_\_\_\_\_

"The time devoted to that which does not tend to assimilate the soul to the likeness of Christ is so much time lost for eternity. This we cannot afford, for every moment is freighted with eternal interests. Now, when **the great work of judging the living is about to begin**, shall we allow unsanctified ambition to take possession of the heart and lead us to neglect the education required to meet the needs in this day of peril? **In every case the great decision is to be made whether we shall receive the mark of the beast or his image, or the seal of the living God.** And now, when we are on the borders of the eternal world, what can be of so much value to us as to be found loyal and true to the God of heaven? What is there that we should prize above His truth and His law? What education can be given to the students in our schools that is so necessary as a knowledge of "What saith the Scriptures?" {6T 130.2}

"...**The principles necessary for our youth to cultivate must be kept before them in their daily education, that when the decree shall go forth requiring all to worship the beast and his image, they may make the right decisions**, and have strength to declare, without wavering, their confidence in the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus, even at the very time when the law of God is made void by the religious world..." {5T 525.2}

"...**At such a time as this, just as the great work of judging the living is to begin, shall we allow unsanctified ambition to take possession of the heart?** What can be of any worth to us now except to be found loyal and true to the God of heaven? What is there of any real value in this world when we are on the very borders of the eternal world? What education can we give to the students in our schools that is so necessary as a knowledge of "What saith the Scripture"? {5T 526.1}
5. What great and solemn day did the Lord show the prophet Daniel in vision? Daniel 7:9,10 \_\_\_\_\_
6. What are we judged according to? Revelation 20:12 \_\_\_\_\_
7. What is the standard of the judgment? James 2:12; Ecclesiastes 12:13,14 \_\_\_\_\_
8. Who is the "Ancient of Days"? Who are the thousand, thousands, ten thousand times ten thousand? Psalm 90:2; Revelation 5:11 \_\_\_\_\_

"Thus was presented to the prophet's vision the great and solemn day when the characters and the lives of men should pass in review before the Judge of all the earth, and to every man should be rendered 'according to his works.' The Ancient of Days is God the Father. Says the psalmist: 'Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever Thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, Thou art God.' Psalm 90:2. It is He, the source of all being, and the fountain of all law, that is to preside in the judgment. And holy angels as ministers and witnesses, in number "ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands," attend this great tribunal." {GC 479.2}
9. To whom did the Son of Man, Jesus Christ, move towards, and what did He receive? Daniel 7:13,14 \_\_\_\_\_
10. What is the meaning of the scene in Daniel 7:13,14? Daniel 7:10 \_\_\_\_\_

"And, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of Days, and they brought Him near before Him. And there was given Him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve Him: His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away.' Daniel 7:13, 14. The coming of Christ here described is not His second coming to the earth. He comes to the Ancient of Days in heaven to receive dominion and glory and a kingdom, which will be given Him at the close of His work as a mediator. It is this coming, and not His second advent to the earth, that was foretold in prophecy to take place at the termination of the 2300 days in 1844. Attended by heavenly angels, our great High Priest enters the holy of holies and there appears in the presence of God to engage in the last acts of His ministration in behalf of man--to perform the work of investigative judgment and to make an atonement for all who are shown to be entitled to its benefits." {GC 479.3}
11. Who are the individuals that are being investigated and considered since October 22, 1844 to the present? \_\_\_\_\_

"In the typical service only those who had come before God with confession and repentance, and whose sins, through the blood of the sin offering, were transferred to the sanctuary, had a part in the service of the Day of Atonement. So in the great day of final atonement and investigative judgment the only cases considered are those of the professed people of God. The judgment of the wicked is a distinct and separate work, and takes place at a later period. 'Judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel?' 1 Peter 4:17." {GC 480.1}

**12. Note: The books of record that are in heaven, in which are documented our thoughts, words, and actions, will determine our fate and destiny.** See Revelation 20:12.

13. What is the name of one of the books that will determine our destiny? Revelation 20:12 \_\_\_\_\_

14. When does a person's name enter the book of life? John 3:3,5-7; John 5:23,24 \_\_\_\_\_

15. Can a person's name be removed from the book of life? What sins would cause this? Revelation 22:18,19 \_\_\_\_\_

16. What are some things that would allow our names to remain in the book of life? Revelation 3:4,5 \_\_\_\_\_

Philippians 4:3 \_\_\_\_\_

Luke 10:17-20 \_\_\_\_\_

Revelation 21:27 \_\_\_\_\_

17. What is the name of another book that Jesus will bring into the investigative judgment? Malachi 3:16 \_\_\_\_\_

18. What should we choose to do daily so that our names and good deeds will remain in the book of remembrance? Malachi 3:16 \_\_\_\_\_

19. What does it mean to fear God? Proverbs 8:13; Psalm 34:11-14 \_\_\_\_\_

20. What are some of things that will be written in the book of remembrance? Nehemiah 13:14 \_\_\_\_\_

"In the book of God's remembrance every deed of righteousness is immortalized. There every temptation resisted, every evil overcome, every word of tender pity expressed, is faithfully chronicled. And every act of sacrifice, every suffering and sorrow endured for Christ's sake, is recorded. Says the psalmist: 'Thou tellest my wanderings: put Thou my tears into Thy bottle: are they not in Thy book?' Psalm 56:8." {GC 481.1}

**21. Note: There is a record also of our sins, the book of sins.** See Isaiah 65:6,7; Psalm 109:14

22. What will Jesus bring into the investigative judgment? Ecclesiastes 12:13,14; Matthew 12:36,37; 1 Corinthians 4:5 \_\_\_\_\_

23. Read and meditate upon the following quotation, and write down your thoughts. \_\_\_\_\_

"Every man's work passes in review before God and is registered for faithfulness or unfaithfulness. Opposite each name in the books of heaven is entered with terrible exactness every wrong word, every selfish act, every unfulfilled duty, and every secret sin, with every artful dissembling. Heaven-sent warnings or reproofs neglected, wasted moments, unimproved opportunities, the influence exerted for good or for evil, with its far-reaching results, all are chronicled by the recording angel." {GC 482.1}

24. Which of the two resurrections will the righteous dead be a part of, after the investigative judgment closes and Jesus returns?

John 5:27-29; 1 Thessalonians 4:16,17; Luke 20:35,36 \_\_\_\_\_

25. Read and meditate upon the following quotation, and write down your thoughts. \_\_\_\_\_

"As the books of record are opened in the judgment, the lives of all who have believed on Jesus come in review before God. Beginning with those who first lived upon the earth, our Advocate presents the cases of each successive generation, and closes with the living. Every name is mentioned, every case closely investigated. Names are accepted, names rejected. When any have sins remaining upon the books of record, unrepented of and unforgiven, their names will be blotted out of the book of life, and the record of their good deeds will be erased from the book of God's remembrance. The Lord declared to Moses: 'Whosoever hath sinned against Me, him will I blot out of My book.' Exodus 32:33. And says the prophet Ezekiel: 'When the righteous turneth away from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, . . . all his righteousness that he hath done shall not be mentioned.' Ezekiel 18:24." {GC 483.1}

26. What should we be found doing now, since the Mark of the Beast crisis is so near, when every living person must make his/her final decision and Jesus will then pronounce the irrevocable verdict on each case?

"Solemn are the scenes connected with the closing work of the atonement. Momentous are the interests involved therein. The judgment is now passing in the sanctuary above. For many years this work has been in progress. Soon--none know how soon--it will pass to the cases of the living. In the awful presence of God our lives are to come up in review. At this time above all others it behooves every soul to heed the Savior's admonition: 'Watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is.' Mark 13:33. 'If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee.' Revelation 3:3." {GC 490.1}