

16. **Though we are saved by grace through faith alone and not by works, by what will we be judged?** *Matthew 16:27; Revelation 22:12*



“Sins that have not been repented of and forsaken will not be pardoned, and blotted out of the books of record, but will stand to witness against the sinner in the day of God. God has an exact record of every unjust account and every unfair dealing. He is not deceived by appearances of piety. He makes no mistakes in his estimation of character... All who have truly repented of sin, and by faith claimed the blood of Christ as their atoning sacrifice, have had pardon entered against their names in the books of Heaven; as they have become partakers of the righteousness of Christ, and their characters are found to be in harmony with the law of God, their sins will be blotted out, and they themselves will be accounted worthy of eternal life.”

White, *The Great Controversy*, pp. 484-7.

17. **How do our works reveal our faith?**

*Matthew 7:16-20; James 2:17*

18. Jesus said in Matthew 7:21-23 that He had never “known” (never represented or been the advocate of) some of those who called Him “Lord”. **How can we make sure that He will be our advocate and thus win our case, in the judgment?**

*1 John 4:15-16; John 15:10; Proverbs 28:9*

The judgment in the heavenly sanctuary has eternal consequences for every one of us. Do you desire to have Jesus as your advocate in this judgment? Will you continue to learn from Him and walk in the light that He is revealing to you so that you may have the assurance of eternal life in Him?

**ANSWERS:** 1) Daniel saw that the judgment would begin after the fall and division of Pagan Rome into Papal Rome. 2) To appear before the judgment seat of Christ. 3) *Before* Jesus comes, for His rewards are with Him at His return. 4) We will not appear in person at the judgment but there is a record of our life that is presented as evidence. 5) The judgment begins with ALL who have ever professed to believe in and followed God. 6) Satan is the accuser. 7) Jesus Christ the righteous. 8) Jesus is also the Judge. 9) Books containing the records of our life. 10) There are four books referred to in the Bible. 11) The Book of Life. 12) Their sins will be removed (blotted out) from the books. 13) Their names will be removed from the Book of Life and they will perish in the lake of fire when the sentence is executed. 14) No. 15) Our life decisions will be compared to the Ten Commandments. 16) All will be judged by their works—not saved by them but judged by them. 17) Those who are born of the Spirit will do the works of Jesus. They shall be known by their fruits. A good tree produces good fruit but a bad tree produces bad fruit. 18) Repent, confess your sins and be born again—accepting Jesus as your personal Savior and He will be your Advocate in the judgment.

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# Bible Glances



## Lesson 8 “Facing Your Record”

God showed Daniel the future of the earth. He depicted the rise of Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, and Rome by four symbolic beasts; and then He used ten horns to depict the splintering of the Roman Empire into European fragments. Then Daniel was shown an incredible scene in heaven which involved all who have ever been created and it is this scenario that will be our subject of study in this lesson.



1. **What did Daniel see happening in the heavenly Sanctuary, where God’s throne is, sometime after the division of Rome into the European nations?** *Daniel 7:9-10; Revelation 14:6-7*

The Bible tells us that Jesus is ministering for us in the heavenly sanctuary and one of the most important tasks that Jesus is performing is that of judgment. We can call this heavenly “sanctuary” then, the courtroom of God. The angels are their staff. Sometimes we think of judgment in negative terms, but the purpose of this judgment is to declare God’s people, “not guilty”— if possible!

“...seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness.” *Matthew 6:33*

2. **What court summons do we all have pending?**

*2 Corinthians 5:10; Romans 14:10*

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3. **There are three parts to a court case: 1) Investigation, 2) Sentencing, and 3) Execution of the sentence. When will the investigative part of the judgment be done—before or after Jesus comes?**

*Revelation 22:12; Matthew 16:27*

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Jesus comes *with* the rewards to pronounce sentence, therefore the investigative part of the judgment must have already been done.



4. **Must we appear in person at this judgment, or is there a record of our lives that will be reviewed?**

*Revelation 20:12; Malachi 3:16*

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5. **With whom does this investigative judgment begin?**

*1 Peter 4:17*

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Judgment begins with the professed followers of God. Daniel 7:22 states: “Until the Ancient of days came, and judgment was given to the saints of the most High; and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom.” The Beast had judged against the saints, but God judges for them.

6. **Who is the prosecuting attorney who accuses God’s people?**

*Revelation 12:9-10; Job 1:8-11*

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7. **Who is the defense attorney who serves as our advocate?**

*1 John 2:1; Romans 8:33-34*

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8. **Who is the Judge, the final authority in this courtroom?**

*Romans 2:16*

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9. **What is the evidence that is presented during this investigative phase of the judgment?**

*Daniel 7:9, 10*

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10. **How many books of record are referred to in the Bible? *Malachi 3:16; Jeremiah 2:22; Psalms 139:15,16; Revelation 20:12***

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There are four different books mentioned in scripture: 1) The Book of Remembrance of Good Deeds, 2) Book of Iniquity, 3) Book of Individual Description (Hairs numbered-Matthew 10:30; Place of birth-Psalms 87:4-6), and 4) the Book of Life.

11. **What is the name of the book that records the names of those who have accepted Jesus as their Savior and Advocate?**

*Revelation 21:27 (Philippians 4:3; Revelation 13:8; 20:12; 22:19)*



12. **During the judgment, what will happen to the record of the sins of God’s people who were converted and who repented of their sins?**

*Acts 3:19; 1 John 1:9*

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13. **What will happen to those who were once “saved” and registered in this book of life, but then continue to cherish sin ?**

*Exodus 32:31-33; Revelation 3:5; Ezekiel 18:21-24; 33:11-16*

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14. **Will all who profess that Jesus is their Savior, and who claim to be saved, be saved?**

*Matthew 7:21-23; 2 Thessalonians 2:9-12*

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15. **Will we be judged by our religious profession or by some other means? *Ecclesiastes 12:13-14; James 2:12***

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