

INTRODUCTION TO THE CONCEPT OF JUDGMENT IN SCRIPTURE

(Critically important to our survival in the Last Days)

WE ARE HERE TO WIN! WE CAN'T WIN UNTIL WE LEARN. WE CAN'T LEARN UNLESS WE CAN RECEIVE. WITHOUT THE CORRECT INFORMATION WE CANNOT HAVE THE CORRECT APPLICATION. WITHOUT THE CORRECT APPLICATION WE CANNOT ACHIEVE THE END RESULTS: **SALVATION**.

THE LOVE GAME IS ABOUT THE REDEMPTION OF GOD'S CHILDREN.

TO INHERIT ETERNAL LIFE WITH THE FATHER.

THE INHERITANCE IS *HIM* & WITH HIM COMES EVERYTHING ELSE.

“THE WAR IS OVER GOD’S LOVE FOR US.”

One of the main reasons we cannot understand and discern the judgement(s) of God *correctly* is because we do not understand - and have not allowed ourselves to experience - the Love of God. (Love as defined by the Spirit and His Word and not according to the mind of our own flesh.) WHEN OUR LOVE IS OFF OUR DISCERNMENT IS OFF AND WE CANNOT RIGHTLY DISCERN THE THINGS OF GOD. WE ARE WALKING AROUND IN SPIRITUAL ERROR.

What is the love of God? Is it a feeling? Is it an emotion? Is it a condition? Is it a statement? Is it a just a word? LET US EXAMINE THIS...

- **John 3: 16** - A scripture frequently quoted out of context, but filled, absolutely loaded with the knowledge of the Lord and His character and divine nature. Let's break it down.
- **Ephesians 3:19** - "To know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God."
- **Philippians 3:10** "That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable to his death; if by any means I might attain resurrection from the dead.
- **Luke 6:46** - "And why call me Lord, Lord, but do not do the things that I say?"
- **John 14: 15** - "If you love Me, [a]keep My commandments. **16** And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another [b]Helper, that He may abide with you forever— **17** the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. **18** I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.
- **John 15:13** - "Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends."
- **1 John 3:1** - "Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him."
- **1 John 4: 19** - "We love him, because he first loved us."

GOD'S JUDGEMENT, INCLUDING OUR OWN APPLICATION, MUST FIRST & ALWAYS BE UNDERSTOOD FROM A POSITION OF LOVE.

What is the difference between (God's) love and temperament? (Very important question for us as believers and students of the Word.) Discussion

What does the Bible say about Judgement? What is it? What does the Word actually mean? Where does it come from?

- The word "judge" - KRINOS means **"to separate, to make a distinction between**, to exercise **judgement** upon, to estimate, to assume a censorial power over, to call to account, to judge judiciously, to bring to trial, to be brought to account, to administer government over."

Why are Christians afraid of it?

- **The People Fear God... Why? RELATIONSHIP & ORDER**
"Now all the people witnessed the thunderings, the lightning flashes, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking; and when the people saw *it*, they trembled and stood afar off. Then they said to Moses, "You speak with us, and we will hear; but let not God speak with us, lest we die." (Exodus 20: 18-19)

When does judgement(s) happen in Scripture?

- EVERYWHERE. From beginning to end.
(Genesis 1:10 & Revelation 22:18)

Who is responsible for doing it? What is our first role? ALL BELIEVERS ARE INVOLVED AND MUST PARTICIPATE.

- 1 Corinthians 11:31
- 1 Corinthians 2: 13 -15 (VERY KEY)
- 2 Timothy 2:15
- Galatians 6:1

Is there a Biblical and scriptural context for judging the believers? (Also note last week's exhortation to Jeremiah 15)

- Zechariah 3: 7
- 1 Corinthians 6: 3 - (To all the 'believers' who are saying not to judge)

What are the 2 types of Judgment in Scripture?

1. Righteous - God authored, sanctioned, and ordained. He initiates, but sometimes only when provoked. (ALL THROUGHOUT SCRIPTURE)

2. Unrighteous - Worldly, carnal, human intellect and wisdom, filthy and corrupt.

In Matters of Disqualification-

- John 7:24

In Matters of Hypocrisy & Disqualification

- Matthew 7: 1-5 (Jesus judged the Pharisees, the religious rulers of his day because they were filled with leaven (PRIDE) hypocrisy and had so disqualified themselves from rightly dividing the law of God.

What is NOT considered unrighteous judgment, scripturally?

- Spiritual Discernment - 1 John 4:1
- 1 Corinthians 11:31

Who (and what) will be judged in Scripture?

- 2 Timothy 4: 1 (and verse 2)
- 1 Peter 4: 5
- 2 Corinthians 5: 10
- 2 Peter 2:4
- Acts 17:31
- Ecclesiastes 12:14
- Hebrews 9:27
- John 12: 48
- Matthew 12:36
- Psalms 96:13
- Romans 2: 16
- *Ezekiel 7: 7-8
- Revelation 20: 11-15

When does it begin? When does judgment end?

- Revelation 22:13