18—Judgement

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"We believe that the dead both small and great shall be raised up and stand with the living before the judgement seat of God;¹ and that then a solemn and awful separation shall take place wherein the wicked shall be adjudged to everlasting punishment and the righteous to life eternal; and that this judgement will fix forever the final state of men in heaven or in hell on principles of righteousness as set forth in His holy Word."—*Compiled by A. S. McPherson*

1. 2 Corinthians 5:10

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

- 2. Matthew 25:46 *"Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."*
- 3. Daniel 12:2

Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt.

4. Matthew 13:41-43

The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. They will throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father.

19—Heaven

"We believe that Heaven is the indescribably glorious habitation of the living God;¹ and that thither the Lord has gone to prepare a place for His children;² that unto this four-square city,³ whose builder and maker is God,⁴ the earnest believers who have washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb⁵ and have overcome by the word of their testimony will be carried;⁶ that the Lord Jesus Christ will present them to the Father without spot or wrinkle;⁷ and that there is unutterable joy when they will ever behold His wonderful face,⁸ in an everlasting kingdom where unto comes no darkness nor night, neither sorrow, tears, pain, nor death,⁹ and wherein hosts of attending angels sweep their harps, sing the praises of our King, and bowing down before the throne, cry: "Holy, holy, holy."¹⁰—*Compiled by A. S. McPherson*

- 1. 1 Corinthians 2:9
- John 14:3
 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.
- 3. Revelation 21:16 And the city lieth foursquare, and the length is as large as the breadth. (KJV)
- 4. Hebrews 11:10 For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God.
- 5. Revelation 7:14
- 6. Revelation 12:11
- 7. Ephesians 5:27

And to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.

- 8. 1 Corinthians 13:12 For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face.
- 9. Revelation 21:4

"He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

10. Revelation 4:8

Day and night they never stop saying: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,' who was, and is, and is to come."

20—Hell

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"We believe that hell is a place of outer darkness and deepest sorrow,¹ where the worm dieth not and the fire is not quenched;² a place prepared for the devil and his angels,³ where there shall be weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth,⁴ a place of grief and eternal regret on the part of them who have rejected the mercy, love and tenderness of the crucified Savior,⁵ choosing death rather than life;⁶ and that there into a lake that burns with fire and brimstone shall be cast the unbelieving,⁷ the abominable, the murderers, sorcerers, idolaters, all liars,⁸ and they who have rejected and spurned the love and sacrifice of a bleeding Redeemer,—passing the cross to their doom, in spite of every entreaty and warning of the Holy Spirit."⁹—Compiled by A. S. *McPherson*

1. 2 Peter 2:4-5

For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but sent them to hell (Tartarós), putting them in chains of darkness to be held for judgment.

2. Mark 9:47-48

"It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell (Géhenna), where the worms that eat them do not die, and the fire is not quenched."" (Isa 66:24)

- 3. Matthew 25:41 *"Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels."*
- 4. Matthew 13:49-50 "This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

5. Hebrews 2:2-3

For since the message spoken through angels was binding, and every violation and disobedience received its just punishment, how shall we escape if we ignore so great a salvation?

- 6. Deuteronomy 30:19 *"I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live."*
- 7. Revelation 20:15 Anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the lake of fire.
- 8. Revelation 21:8

"But the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters and all liars—they will be consigned to the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death."

9. 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9

This will happen when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven in blazing fire with his powerful angels. He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might.