



Today's Message

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Title: *The Great White Throne*

Text: Revelation 20:11–15 (ESV)

¹¹ Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. From his presence earth and sky fled away, and no place was found for them. ¹² And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Then another book was opened, which is the book of life. And the dead were judged by what was written in the books, according to what they had done. ¹³ And the sea gave up the dead who were in it, Death and Hades gave up the dead who were in them, and they were judged, each one of them, according to what they had done. ¹⁴ Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. ¹⁵ And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

Introduction: Every unbeliever who has ever lived will appear before the great Creator on the last day to face final judgment. The Lord will examine each deed. All who appear before his throne on that day will hear Him say, "Depart from me; I never knew you." Their final destiny will be eternal punishment apart from Christ.

Today's take-home truth: On the last day, the Divine Judge will appear to mete out justice to every rebel and eternal condemnation.

I. On the last day, the Divine Judge will appear . . . 11

A. The Judge is almighty.

- B. His judgment is righteous.
- C. His authority is absolute.
- D. His presence is terrifying.

II. to mete out justice to every rebel . . . 12-13

- A. They will all be there. 12a, 13a
 - 1. No one is so important as to be immune.
 - 2. No one is so unimportant as to be overlooked.
 - 3. No one is so destroyed as to be excluded.
- B. They will all be scrutinized. 12b, 13b
 - 1. The Judge will examine every deed . . .
 - 2. And confront all who reject the Lamb.

III. and eternal condemnation. 14-15

- A. The Judge will bring death to an end . . . 14
- B. when he condemns every unbeliever to eternal punishment. 15