

Lesson 35

Understanding God's Final Judgment

God judges us based on what we do, say, and even think. Let's learn about the different kinds of judgments and how they relate to each other.

Different Judgments

- **On Earth:** We're judged for opportunities like baptism and serving; people, and in the Church.
- **After Death:** Our spirits go to a happy or sad place based on how we lived.
- **Final Judgment:** This happens when Jesus comes back, and we're judged for everything we've done (Revelation 20:12).

How We're Judged

- Our words, actions, and thoughts will be considered.
- Jesus will judge us based on our works and desires (Matthew 12:36–37).

Getting Ready

- We should improve how we think, talk, and act every day (Matthew 12:36–37).

Records Used in Judgment

- Our lives are recorded on Earth and in heaven.
- We ourselves are a record of our life (Romans 2:15).

Getting Ready for the Final Judgment

- Live according to Jesus's teachings every day (Matthew 25:34).
- Repent and be faithful.
- Remember, we'll be judged based on what we know (Luke 12:47–48).

Questions to Think About:

- How can we improve our actions and thoughts every day?
- Why is it important to be faithful to Jesus?

Additional Scriptures: Romans 2:6–9 and Luke 12:47–48

Title: "Getting Ready for God's Final Review"

In the cozy village of Pineville, there lived a cheerful girl named Ruby. One sunny afternoon, while sitting under the old oak tree with her grandmother, Ruby learned about God's Final Judgment—a time when Jesus would return to Earth and assess everyone based on their actions, words, and even thoughts.

"Will we be judged differently at different times?" Ruby asked, her eyes wide with curiosity.

Her grandmother nodded with a gentle smile. "Yes, dear. While we're here on Earth, we're judged for what we do and how we treat others. After we pass away, our spirits go to a happy or sad place based on how we lived. But when Jesus comes back, there'll be a big review of our entire lives."

Ruby pondered her grandmother's words, understanding the importance of trying to be good every day. "How will Jesus do the judging?" she wondered.

"He'll look at everything we've said, done, and even thought," her grandmother explained. "Jesus will see if we've followed His teachings and tried to be kind and loving."

Determined to get ready for the Final Judgment, Ruby decided to be a better person each day. She knew that everything she did and thought was being recorded, like in a big book that Jesus would read one day.

"But how can we get ready for the Final Judgment?" Ruby asked.

"We need to be good, listen to Jesus, and say sorry when we do something wrong," her grandmother replied. "And we should try to learn as much as we can about what Jesus wants us to do."

As Ruby looked at the peaceful stream, she felt a sense of calm. She knew that by being kind and doing her best to follow Jesus, she could be ready for the Final Judgment. And with a thankful heart, she whispered a prayer, asking for strength to keep walking the path of goodness every day.