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# Bible Prophecy

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## III. The PLACE

### Rom 14:10

But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand **before** the judgment seat of Christ.

### 2 Cor 5:10

For we must all appear **before** the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things *done* in *his* body, according to that he hath done, whether *it be* good or bad.

- The phrase JUDGMENT SEAT appears 10x and in every instance the judgment seat is located in a specific place for judgment (Matt 27:19; John 19:13; Acts 18:12,16-17; 25:6,10,17; Rom 14:10; 2 Cor 5:10) cf. (John 18:28,33; 19:9; Acts 23:35)
- In the OT, judges rendered judgment from seats inside the gate of the city (Gen 19:1,9; Deu 16:18) and kings rendered judgment from their throne (1 Kin 7:7; Pro 20:8) cf. (Psa 9:7-8; Matt 19:28; Rev 20:11)

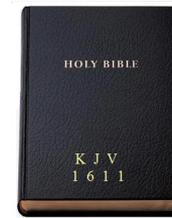
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- There is no indication that the judgment seat of Christ takes place openly in the air of earth's atmosphere (1 The 4:16) immediately following the Rapture
- An employer does not conduct their employee's performance review in the company parking lot or in the hearing of fellow employees
- The location for the judgment seat of Christ is a specific place somewhere in heaven

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## IV. The PURPOSE

### 1. **The judgment seat of Christ is NOT a judgment of SALVATION**

- Jesus Christ bore the judgment of sin in our place so we could be saved
- Everyone's eternal destiny is determined in this life and based solely on accepting or rejecting Jesus Christ as personal Savior
- Every true Christian is one who has accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Savior; therefore, cannot come under judgment or condemnation for their sin (John 5:24; Rom 8:1)

### 2. **The judgment seat of Christ is NOT a judgment of SINS** (i.e.- thoughts, words, or deeds contrary to the word of God)

- All true Christians are saved but none are sinless (Rom 7:24; 1 John 1:8,10)
- Our sins cannot impact our RELATIONSHIP with the Lord but they do impact our FELLOWSHIP with him (1 John 1:7)

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- We are responsible for judging and confessing our own sins as part of our daily Christian walk

## 1 Cor 11:31

For **if we would judge ourselves**, we should not be judged.

## 1 John 1:7-10

7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

9 **If we confess our sins**, he is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

- If we are faithful to judge our sins, fellowship is restored and maintained; if we are not faithful to judge our sins, the Lord will chasten us (1 Cor 11:32; Heb 12:5-12)
- This chastening occurs in **THIS** life, not at the judgment seat of Christ as some falsely teach based on a misinterpretation of Luke 12:47-48

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## 3. The judgment seat of Christ is a judgment of SERVICE

- The Lord will REVIEW how we have lived our lives since we got saved (Luke 16:2; Rom 14:12; Heb 4:13) and REWARD us accordingly (1 Tim 5:18)

### 1 Cor 3:9-15

9 For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building.

10 According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon.

11 For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

12 Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble;

13 Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.

14 If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward.

15 If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.

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1) We will give an account of what we did with our TIME

## Matt 20:6

And about the eleventh hour he went out, and found others standing idle, and saith unto them, Why stand ye here all the day idle?

## Eph 5:16

Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

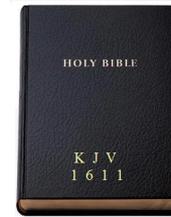
## Col 4:5

Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time.

## 1 Pet 1:17

And if ye call on the Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man's work, pass the time of your sojourning here in fear:

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2) We will give an account of what we did with our TALENTS

## Matt 25:14-15

**14** For *the kingdom of heaven is* as a man travelling into a far country, *who* called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods.

**15** And unto one he gave five **talents**, to another two, and to another one; to **every man according to his several ability**; and straightway took his journey.

## 1 Cor 12:4,7,11

**4** Now **there are diversities of gifts**, but the same Spirit.

**7** But the manifestation of the Spirit is **given to every man to profit withal**.

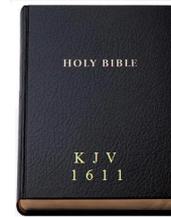
**11** But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, **dividing to every man severally** as he will.

## 1 Pet 4:10-11

**10** As every man hath received **the gift**, *even so* **minister the same** one to another, **as good stewards** of the manifold grace of God.

**11** If any man speak, *let him speak* as the oracles of God; if any man minister, *let him* **do it as of the ability which God giveth**: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

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3) We will give an account of what we did with our TREASURES

## **Matt 6:19-21**

**19** Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal:

**20** But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:

**21** For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

## **Luke 16:11**

If therefore ye have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true *riches*?

## **Luke 19:13,15-17**

**13** And he called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, Occupy till I come.

**15** And it came to pass, that when he was returned, having received the kingdom, then he commanded these servants to be called unto him, to whom he had given the money, that he might know how much every man had gained by trading.

**16** Then came the first, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained ten pounds.

**17** And he said unto him, Well, thou good servant: because thou hast been faithful in a very little, have thou authority over ten cities.

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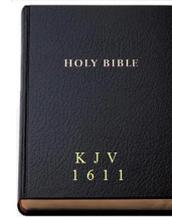
## 1 Tim 6:17-19

17 Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy;

18 That they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate;

19 Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.

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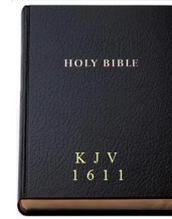
## A. The illustration of an EMPLOYEE

- Everyone who works for a living is accountable to a boss for their job performance
- There comes a time when the boss meets personally and privately with the employee to provide them an official review of their job performance
- The employee's PERSONAL life is not under review but it undoubtedly could effect his PROFESSIONAL labors
- The review assesses the employee's performance results against the employer's performance expectations to determine if a merit reward will be given to the employee and the extent of it

## B. The illustration of an ATHLETE

- In many athletic competitions the winner is the one with the highest score received from a judge or panel of judges

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- The Christian life is likened to a race and a fight; only we are not competing against our fellow Christians to get a higher score but against SELF (Gal 5:17; Heb 12:4)

## 1 Cor 9:24,26

24 Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain.

26 **I therefore so run**, not as uncertainly; **so fight I**, not as one that beateth the air:

## 1 Tim 6:12

**Fight the good fight** of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.

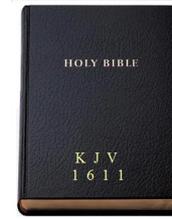
## 2 Tim 4:7

I have **fought a good fight**, I have **finished my course**, I have kept the faith:

## Heb 12:1

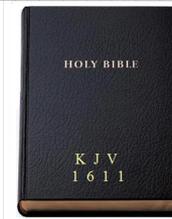
Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset *us*, and let us **run with patience the race** that is **set before us**,

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- At the judgment seat of Christ, the judge will REVIEW how well (i.e.-lawfully and faithfully) we have run the race and fought the fight, REVEAL his official score of our performance, and REWARD us accordingly (1 Tim 5:18)



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