

“The Pre-Advent Judgment”
Sabbath School Lesson Notes
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1. Free offer
2. Memory Text
3. The Pre-Advent Judgment. Wow, what a huge topic this is.
4. The lesson starts out talking about the book of Hebrews and how it clearly shows that after the death of Christ and His resurrection Jesus began a new phase of work for us. He became our High priest in the heavenly sanctuary.
5. Then it points out that from the book of Daniel chapters 7 and 8 reveals to us that at some point in history this heavenly work of Christ in our behalf entered a new phase, the judgment, where we know that Christ entered the Holy of Holies in 1844.
6. A question actually came to me a short time ago, what was Christ doing in the sanctuary from His resurrection until 1844. He wasn't working on the judgment.
7. We aren't given many specific details along those lines, but we do know that He has a keen interest in His Church on earth. After spending 3 and a half years training disciples we can know that He was acutely aware of everything going on with His Church and His people.
8. I can imagine Christ in heaven during this time dispatching this angel and that to various places and for various people in the work of the Church. No, He wasn't involved in judgment yet, but we can know He wasn't just sitting in heaven waiting or idly doing nothing.
9. One thing I do know is that we have to be careful about describing things that we are not 100% sure of.
10. I'm reminded of a speaker we had right here in this church just a couple years back or so, I won't mention his name, but he gave a sermon, rather rousing message. But in it he made two serious errors.
11. In describing the parable about those who build on the rock and those who build on the sand he said the wise man who built on the rock was Jesus. He kept making a big point of that. Well, that's not a serious error, but Jesus is the Rock, not the wise man building on Him.

12. The more serious error was describing the mercy seat and the two cherubims above the mercy seat. He said one of the angels or cherubims represented a good angel and the other represented Satan the bad angel. He made quite a point of this and in the end likened it unto the two thieves crucified with Christ, one being good or turning to Christ and the other one not.
13. Beloved, I heard that and watched the congregation and everyone was taking it in as if it was truth. It isn't. And just because a man is popular on the circuit out there and on satellite all over the world, we can't take what people as the Gospel if it doesn't match what the Word says.
14. It's also like the tape I got a short time ago with another one of these popular speakers on the circuit and he was preaching away and said that when the first Sunday law comes probation closes.
15. Well, that's not true. When the big one comes with the death decree, but not the early Sunday laws. What does that do? Well, somebody hears about a Sunday law and thinks it is too late to make a decision for Christ. No, when this time comes upon us we must go out and preach the Sabbath more fully.
16. Why I am relating this is how careful we have to be in listening to what people preach. Do not take my word for it. Study the Word.
17. And this is so important when we come to this great subject of the Pre-Advent Judgment. More people have gotten off track on this subject than most every other big teaching of truth.
18. So, let's stick with the Word this morning as we go to Sunday's lesson entitled "The Vision And the Judgment."
19. Daniel 7:10 "A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: the judgment was set, and the books were opened."
20. And the question is asked, "What is happening here in verses 1 through 14?"
21. It is a Court Room Scene is it not?
22. This scene described by Daniel is likewise described by John the Revelator.

23. In Revelation 4:1 it says, "After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will show thee things which must be hereafter."
24. This door that was opened in heaven says that it was opened in heaven, not into heaven. This means of course that the door to the second veil was opened "in" heaven. The door into heaven represents the first veil being opened into heaven.
25. You have 24 elders seated on thrones. You get a picture in your mind of a courtroom don't you, with a jury and a judge?
26. I remember scoffers at the whole sanctuary message made issues out of things like Jesus sitting at the right hand of the Father saying that this meant Jesus went right into the Holy of Holies at His resurrection.
27. Did they not ever think that the Father simply preceded His Son into the Holy of Holies? I am not for certain exactly how it happened, we just know from the pen of inspiration that Jesus did enter the Holy of Holies in 1844.
28. That is when we can know that Judgment began.
29. At the bottom of Sunday it says some things like this. "Imagine being judged by God. (You will be.) Imagine everything you have ever done being judged. (It will be.) If you have to stand on your record, your own deeds, your own good works, what hope do you have? What then is your only hope in judgment? These questions sound ominous. Do they strike fear to your heart?"
30. It depends upon your relationship with the judge. Pure and simple. Well, there are some other important factors also.
31. When one of my boys was a teenager before he had his driver's license he had a friend a little older who had his. And one time they were on their way to his friend's house who lived in the country. My son wanted to drive the car so his friend let him.
32. You can sense a disaster in that situation already can't you? Yep, driving on the gravel roads the car spun out of control and into the ditch. Nobody was hurt, but they did hit a telephone pole and did damage to it.

33. Well, being honest young people they didn't try to hide it. They reported the accident. And my son had to go to court. This was the first time I had ever been to a court room for anything.
34. And I was amazingly nervous. I didn't think the outcome would be too serious, but I didn't know. I didn't really have any idea what the laws said in situations like this.
35. Worst case scenario I thought would be maybe they would lock my son up in a juvenile delinquent establishment of some kind.
36. Well, it was a little court room scene in a little town in Indiana. It wasn't a jury type proceeding, just the judge.
37. The outcome wasn't bad. I can't remember all the details, but the poll had to be replaced and paid for, but I don't think he even got any delay in getting his driver's permit and license when it came time to get it.
38. This was a small court room scene compared to the one we are talking about. The one we are talking about has universal coverage. And do you realize how big the universe is? No, you don't, you know why? Because they keep finding galaxies and galaxies the further out they go with the telescopes.
39. So it is big.
40. And here is the thing with this court room scene. The more you can learn about it the more fear that will be removed. I was nervous with my son's episode because I was totally in the dark on the laws and issues.
41. We can know so many details about this judgment we are talking about.
42. First of all one thing we can know which my son knew is that we are guilty. My son didn't try to avoid the fact that he was guilty. And I can tell you it will do you no good to try and act innocent.
43. Do you know why? Because the prosecuting attorney has the goods on you. Our enemy knows every detail of your sinful life. He will present exhibit A through exhibit z and they all will point to the fact that you are guilty.
44. It amazes me that someone who is arrested today after just shooting a number of people and 100s of people witnessed the shooting, that when it comes time for trial, they all plead not guilty.

45. Isn't that amazing? Well, don't even consider entering a not guilty plea. Lately in the news there was this young man who was driving while under the influence of alcohol and he caused a serious accident where the driver in the other car was killed.
46. This young man went on the social media thing and admitted his guilt and said he was ready to serve his punishment. You almost get to thinking from those who were reporting this story that he was doing something wrong by doing that. What was he up to? Did he think this was going to help him with his punishment? No, he just felt terribly guilty and the facts couldn't be hidden or covered up.
47. We are guilty. We are sinners. We all deserve the death penalty. People do something terrible today and go to court and lie, saying they are not guilty. One more lie, one more sin added to our life of sin is not going to help us one bit in the judgment. We have to own up to our guilt.
48. People who don't know what is going on might say, are you giving up that easily? Why don't you fight it? Well, the other facts to our judgment story make it all worthwhile to own up to our guilt.
49. We don't plead not guilty. We plead for mercy and if we have been committed to Christ our Lord and Savior we can expect mercy to be granted.
50. We don't need to try and change the playing field. We can't. A little boy announced to his mother, "I'm like Goliath, I'm 9 feet tall." "Why do you say that, asked his mother?" "Well, I made a little ruler and measured myself with it, I'm 9 feet."
51. The measurement for the judgment has always remained the same. It cannot be changed. But even though we are judged by the perfect law of God and even though we have not measured up to the law of God even close to perfectly, we have something going for us that my son even didn't have in his little scrape with the law.
52. My son didn't have a lawyer. He stood there before the judge on his own. Praise God that is not our plight in the judgment we are talking about. We have a defense lawyer. No, we have THE Defense Lawyer, THE Advocate.
53. And not only is Christ our Advocate, He is our Judge.

54. Compile the facts to our case and things begin looking pretty good. In fact they look really good. We may in essence lose our case, because we are guilty, but we win our eternal freedom and salvation because of nothing we do or have done, but because we fall at the feet of Jesus.
55. Oh, the Judgment isn't a bad thing, if you know all the facts of the case.
56. We move on to Monday entitled "Judgment Pattern" which we have already started to address actually.
57. The lesson starts by making this statement. "The concept of an investigative judgment is Biblical." Then it brings out the example in Genesis 3. What happened in that chapter? The downfall of man is what happened when Adam and Eve ate of the forbidden fruit and tried to hide from God.
58. God inquires, investigates the situation. Does He do that because He doesn't know all the details? No. He knew every last detail perfectly.
59. Does He know the details in this investigation for the judgment that is now in place? More so than we do. He knows precisely every detail.
60. The investigation is public so that all creation will know every detail as God knows them. God always does things for the benefit of others, not for His own benefit especially in this case.
61. Does God need books in heaven and for them to be opened? Of course not. Books are kept for the benefit of everyone else.
62. If you have even a small business you need to keep books. Records are important. You may know because of the size of your business where you stand at all times financially etc. But others need to know officially with official books. Such as IRS, they need to know what you took in and what you spent etc. All the details are there for accuracy.
63. God is perfectly accurate, but He wants everyone else throughout the entire universe to see for themselves.
64. This is one more reason for us to know it is of no use for us to plead not guilty or act innocent when we know we are not.
65. The bottom quotation from Test. For the Church vol. 5 is appropriate to what we have already been talking about. "The fact that the acknowledged people of God are represented as standing before the Lord in filthy

garments should lead to humility and deep searching of heart on the part of all who profess His name. Those who are indeed purifying their souls by obeying the truth will have a most humble opinion of themselves....But while we should realize our sinful condition, we are to rely upon Christ as our righteousness, our sanctification, and our redemption. We cannot answer the charges of Satan against us. Christ alone can make an effectual plea in our behalf. He is able to silence the accuser with arguments founded not upon our merits, but on His own.”

66. Moving on to Tuesday entitled “Time of the Judgment” we consider the issue of when are we to look forward to this judgment.
67. When I was a boy in another church I didn’t have hardly any knowledge of the Bible. My thought of the end of the world was that I would have to stand in a very, very long line and wait my turn to appear before God and be judged then and there on the spot.
68. You can imagine how relieved I was to learn the truth of God’s Word. When Jesus comes He says His rewards are coming with Him. He gives His rewards at that time, so the judgment process will have been completed.
69. I believe the lessons will get into this more fully, but the judgment that we are in now was a fulfillment of the Day of Atonement once a year in the sanctuary services of the Old Testament.
70. While the High Priest was in the Most Holy Place on that special day God’s people were being judged. It was a day of great intensity. Will their pleas for forgiveness and repentance be accepted? The longer the Priest lingered in the Most Holy Place the more drama there was.
71. When He came out judgment was complete and when the sins were symbolically placed on the goat that was led out in the wilderness to die representing the judgment that will fall on the great adversary, there was a huge collective sigh of relief.
72. Here is my point. During that day of great intensity, how also should the children of Israel looked upon the sanctuary processions that were taking place? Yes, they should be humbling themselves in great repentance, but should they also be filled with hope?

73. Yes, they should be filled with hope because this was what the day of judgment was all about. Their sins would be cleansed from the sanctuary, they would know they have been forgiven and accepted of God.
74. We must have this dual dynamic going on in our lives. We must live in a continual state of humility and repentance, but also filled with the greatest amount of hope and peace for this is the final judgment and the climax of all things are at hand. Sentence will be handed down and if we are living in this continual state of repentance and humility, we also can claim this assurance of acceptance and forgiveness.
75. So while this time should be a time of intensity on our part it is also to be noted that the Pre-Advent Judgment is GOOD NEWS.
76. Which all of that brings us up to Wednesday's lesson entitled "When the Judgment Ends." I realize we have been jumping ahead this morning somewhat from day to day. It is hard to talk about the Pre-Advent Judgment with categorized precision. It is all so meaningful and talking about one thing naturally leads to some other aspect.
77. But Wednesday does ask a pertinent question. What are the results of the Pre-Advent Judgment? And then of course it gives several of those results. I think it is imperative that we take one of them at a time.
78. The first one and probably wouldn't be the first on most people's list if they were asked to write down the results of the Pre-Advent Judgment that they know of. But it should be first and I believe is first.
79. That is The Son of man is crowned. Daniel 7:14 says "And there was given Him dominion and glory, and a kingdom, that all people nations, and languages, should serve Him: His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and His kingdom that which shall not be destroyed."
80. In all things Jesus needs to be honored above everyone and everything. For without His infinite sacrifice there would be no positive outcome to judgment or anything.
81. And if we haven't totally gotten used to doing that here on earth, we should strive for that, because in heaven and the earth made new there will

be a lifting up of Jesus continually and a proclamation of Holy Holy Holy for eternity.

82. And do you know what? We will never tire of doing just that. When the Judgment ends something will happen in the heart and mind of every redeemed person, a change, a twinkling of an eye change will take place in us where it will be thrilling and extremely fulfilling to exalt and praise our King.

83. I personally get kind of disgusted with mankind on how they must always have someone to lift up and exalt. From movie star to politician to sport's hero, to firemen and policemen and you name it, mankind seems to clamor for a hero. While there are noted acts of heroism on the parts of some humans from time to time, even those acts would not be possible if it wasn't for God.

84. So even though I just can't get behind some of these efforts to exalt someone when it comes to the end of the Judgment and I see my Savior and that twinkling of an eye change that will take place I believe my heart will nearly be exploding with praise and exaltation of my Lord and Savior, what do you think?

85. The second result mentioned of the Pre-Advent Judgment is "the saints receive the kingdom forever." Oh, how we should love Daniel 7:22. "Until the Ancient of days came, and judgment was given to the saints of the Most High; and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom."

86. We need to let these words sink in from the lesson where it says, "This judgment leads to a time when the King of the everlasting kingdom is reunited with His people. This is their greatest reward and His."

87. Let me read that again. Let it sink in. Read.

88. Is that how you feel about this? Do you think on this as the greatest reward for not only you but Him? If not, I think we need to spend some time contemplating His great sacrifice and what it was meant to accomplish and to know that it is accomplishing just what was meant in your life. If that isn't the case I think we need some rearranging of priorities in our lives, what do you think?

89. I mean, stop and think what you are pursuing in life. Many of the things we pursue are worthy wonderful things. But in the end they pale into insignificance compared to what is ahead for the child of God.
90. The third result mentioned in the lesson is “The rebellion is defeated and destroyed.” Sin will not rise up again. Nahum 1:9 “What do ye imagine against the Lord? He will make an utter end: affliction shall not rise up the second time.”
91. The ugly experience with sin will forever be behind us. I don’t think we can even begin to imagine the depth of this concept. I think we should try. We should think about it often, and determine to be in that group that look back with such amazing relief.
92. The sentence is also made that “after the horn makes war with the saints, it is defeated itself and destroyed forever.”
93. As of now, that sentence probably has little impact on our minds. None of us that I know of are experiencing any war with the horn power at this time. We live at least here in the United States in a very peaceful state.
94. But that is going to change more than we can even begin to realize. We have been warned of it. We know it will be awful. But experientially, we do not know.
95. We will. And when this horn power is destroyed the relief will be beyond our imagination.
96. Think back to a time in your life when you have been bothered, really bothered by someone or some entity. Maybe some of you never have had such an experience. But I know there are many that have. That life is a continual day after day dread because of this negative influence in your life.
97. Now think about the time when it finally was resolved or gone. That experience was so wonderful for you, but will be but only a faint replica of what awaits for the redeemed when the horn power is destroyed once and for all.
98. You remember this part of the lesson when the storms come. Tuck this away in the recesses of your mind. You will need it I can positively assure you.

99. The fourth result listed on Wednesday is “The absolute justice of God is demonstrated.”
100. When the Pre-Advent Judgment is over and Jesus returns to this earth even the wicked will bow their knees recognizing God as a just God.
101. The Bible says that God will bring His rewards with Him. He hands out salvation to those who have put their full trust in Him and they will be changed in a twinkling of an eye. That transformation will be most startling and dramatic. None will miss what is happening.
102. And yet for the redeemed there must be intense emotions to deal with. For they will witness loved ones who are being destroyed. They are filled with joy to be in the presence of Jesus and having their bodies transformed into something more grand than they could ever have imagined. Yet.....there has to be questions.
103. A thousand years will be spent in heaven and the full revelation will be made known to the saints why the wicked who will be destroyed once and for all, why it has to be. It isn't until after the 1000 years that the Bible says that God will wipe away all tears from the redeemed eyes.
104. Yes, a certain amount of absolute justice takes place at the coming of Jesus, the close of the Pre-Advent Judgment. But that recognition of justice will be reinforced during the 1000 years as the saints get to review the books in heaven.
105. The question I have for you today, do you believe in the fact that God is perfectly just and perfectly merciful? Do you know that by faith now?
106. Allow me to read that quotation from that great book entitled the Great Controversy that is recorded at the bottom of Wednesday.
107. “The great controversy is ended. Sin and sinners are no more. The entire universe is clean. One pulse of harmony and gladness beats through the vast creation. From Him who created all, flow life and light and gladness, throughout the realms of illimitable space. From the minutest atom to the greatest world, all things, animate and inanimate, in their unshadowed beauty and perfect joy, declare that God is love.”

108. Are there times when you question that God is love? We all have experiences that test the very core of our faith. But imagine a time when nothing like that at all, nothing so remote as that will ever exist again.
109. Just think of it friend. We are now in the middle or close to the end of the Pre-Advent Judgment. We don't have to wait for it to come in the long off future. We are there now. The end is near. And these things we are talking about this morning are right around the corner.
110. Do you realize how happy we should be? This shouldn't just be a class of dry facts and future predictions. We should be so wrapped up in these issues that we are talking about that it buoys us up like nothing ever before. We are close to the very end of all things. The Pre-Advent Judgment has been going for well over 150 years.
111. We must move on to Thursday entitled "Responsible Assurance."
112. Psalms 96:11-13 is given for us to read where it says this. "Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea roar, and the fullness thereof. Let the field be joyful, and all that is therein: then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice Before the Lord: for he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth: he shall judge the world with righteousness, and the people with his truth."
113. And the reason that all creation can rejoice is the fact that God judges the earth, the world and He does it with righteousness and He judges His people with His truth.
114. Is that good news?
115. It depends doesn't it? You often hear people who have been charged with some violation of the law say something like this. "I can hardly wait for my day in court so that all the facts can come out and I can clear my name and be vindicated."
116. In one sense that should be our attitude about the judgment. Even though we cannot clear our name and the facts will not vindicate our innocence, judgment in this case will produce the most sublime facts that our case has been taken on by the Supreme Judge of the world and mercy has been granted us. Because of that we will be vindicated.

117. This is our day in court. Are you well represented? Does the Savior of mankind stand in your defense? If so, then by all means you can cry out "Judge me O Lord." Because as the lesson points out Judgment means salvation.
118. The outcome of the judgment has already been decided. Judgment is in favor of the saints. And why can we assume the role of being part of the saints?
119. I can tell you that it isn't anything we have done, but what Jesus has done for us. We have Jesus, we have salvation. We have Jesus and we are saints, due to His righteousness covering us.
120. The Judgment is God finalizing our choice. If our choice has been for Him 100%, then judgment is in favor of us. If our choice has not been for Him, then judgment will be against us in favor of our adversary.
121. So another important question in all of this is, if our choice is for Christ to stand for us in the judgment, what must we do? How should we live?
122. The old tried and true example doesn't say it any better than we can and that is if you are pulled over by a highway patrolman and given a ticket and have to go to court, you had better show up in court.
123. If the judge tells you that he is going to have mercy on you and not charge you with this violation, does that give you freedom to go out and continue driving the way that brought the ticket to you in the first place?
124. Well, I guess you have the freedom to do that, but do you think mercy will be extended to you again and again? No judge is going to be happy with someone who would willfully go out and do such a thing.
125. So, yes knowing how we can stand on the right side of this judgment should affect our lifestyles don't you think?
126. But I have a suspicion that most of us wrestle with doubt as to where we stand in this Pre-Advent Judgment. We can understand the facts that God will vindicate His people and give salvation to those who choose Him.
127. But we also know that having this assurance should lead us to holier lives. And that is where I think the rub comes in. While we may be doing

better on some issues than we were when we first came to Christ, I suspect that there is still a falling short of the perfect ideal that God wants for us.

128. And I think it is helpful for us to step back and take a look at the whole matter. Are there any examples of perfect people in the Bible other than Jesus? No.
129. Do we have the assurance from the Bible that many of its characters will be saved in God's kingdom? Yes.
130. I mean, think of it, even David who was a man after God's own heart sinned a terrible sin of pride in his very old age when he numbered Israel. But he will be in the kingdom.
131. David was repentant, that we know of first of all. Secondly, we know of David that overall trend of his life was to serve God. And when he fell short, terribly short and sinful at times, he repented. God accepted his repentance and in the judgment when David's name comes up Christ will stand up for him and he will be judged a saint of the Lord.
132. What is the trend of your life? When you sin, do you repent as sincerely as David did?
133. No, David is not the perfect example for us to keep our eyes on, Jesus is. But human examples help us to relate to these salvation issues and a huge concept such as the Pre-Advent Judgment.
134. Whereas on a topic like this we want to give all the encouragement that we can possibly give, because there are all sorts of wonderful truths to focus on. But we also need to be very honest with ourselves. The Pre-Advent Judgment is a very serious thing. It is a life and death thing. It is an eternal life and death thing.
135. We need to be in as much earnestness during this time as the Israelites were on the Day of Atonement. And yes it may be more challenging than doing it just one day a year. But throughout the year they needed to be in earnest about confessing their sins and repenting of them as we do. So in a sense it surely wasn't just one day a year for them as it certainly isn't for us.
136. I don't think that people with a death bed kind of repentance attitude back in the Old Testament is the kind that is acceptable to God. In

that I mean, those who waited for the Day of Atonement to get serious about their salvation probably didn't involve themselves in this day's activities with the proper kind of motivation.

137. The attitude of doing the least possible we can to obtain eternal salvation is no better for us either. We need to be all in or all out in this process.

138. It's flawed motivation to hope that at the end of the Pre-Advent Judgment process we will get serious. For one thing, we don't know just how soon the judgment will cease. Secondly, if we aren't in love with God enough to serve Him now, we won't be experiencing a saving kind of relationship with Him just because the end is very near.

139. So all in all this morning I pray that the Pre-Advent Judgment teaching is a positive and happy teaching for you. If it isn't I would encourage you to take steps to develop a relationship with God that would help you acquire a positive and happy attitude for the judgment. It can be and should be and I pray it will be for you.