

A BIBLE PROPHECY ADVENTURE **REVELATION SEMINARS**



In the last lesson we discovered that the judgment has already begun in heaven. The word JUDGMENT fills the mind with questions: Who will be judged? How is evidence gathered? Must defend myself with my stammering mouth or does heaven provide legal help? Who decides Satan's sentence? Why does God need a judgment anyway? Doesn't He already know everything about everyone? Do I have even the slightest chance of being pronounced innocent in the judgment - in light of my conduct?

The judgment is such a crucial part of God's great plan that some claim the Scriptures mention it 1000 times. Revelation says it most loudly, however. May the Spirit impress as we study this vital topic.

YOUR TRIAL BEFORE GOD

1. **According to Scripture, who will face heavenly Judgment?**
2 Corinthians 5:10

Ans: _____

2. **According to our last lesson, when did the judgment begin in heaven?**
Daniel 8:14

Ans: _____

NOTE: The judgment began in 1844. Jesus then entered the Most Holy Place of the sanctuary to begin the heavenly Day of Atonement. Revelation 11:19 fits the same time period. It also speaks of the judgment beginning in heaven.

3. **Who are the judges? Psalm 50; John 5.22**

Ans: " _____ is judge, Himself". "The Father ... hath committed all _____ unto the Son".

NOTE: Though God presides at the judgment, He has turned over the leading role to His Son. How exciting to have our best and truest friends as our judges.

4. What attitude do the Father and Son have toward us? t Timothy 2:3, 4; John 10:27

Ans: "Our Saviour ... who will have _____ men to be _____." "The _____ himself _____ you".

THERE ARE THREE PHASES OF THE JUDGMENT. LETS REVIEW THEM CAREFULLY.

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PHASE #1 - PRE-ADVENT JUDGMENT

5. Who will face God in the FIRST PHASE of the judgment that is now taking place in heaven? 1 Peter 4:17

Ans: "Judgment must _____ at the _____ of _____.

NOTE: The house of God is His church, I Timothy 3:15. The judgment, now in progress, centers on those who CLAIM to be Jesus' servants. The wicked are not judged in the first phase. This phase of the judgment will clearly reveal which believers are false and which are true.

6. Who is the advocate or attorney for the righteous? 1 John 2:1; Hebrews 9:24; 7:25

Ans: "We have an advocate ... Jesus _____, the _____."

NOTE: It seems incredible but our judge is also our attorney! Praise God! And the Bible is clear, Hebrews 2:17, 18, that He is merciful and faithful. What superb traits for our attorney! He who gave His life for us now serves as attorney to represent us in Heaven.

7. What will be considered In the Judgment? Ecclesiastes 12:13, 14

Ans: "God shall bring _____ work into judgment with every _____ thing whether it be _____ or whether it be _____.

8. What will God use as His standard of measurement In the moment? James 2:10-12

Ans: "They ... shall be _____ by the _____ of liberty."

CONFIDENT HOPE IN GOD RESTORES :

Psalm 42:11; Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God.

ASSURANCE EXEMPLIFIED BY:

DAVID :

Psalm 23:4; Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Psalm 73:24-26; Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel, and afterward receive me to glory. Whom have I in heaven but thee? and there is none upon earth that I desire beside thee. My flesh and my heart faileth: but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever.

PAUL :

2 Timothy 1:12; For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.

2 Timothy 4:18; And the Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and will preserve me unto his heavenly kingdom: to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

NOTE. ten commandments are God's standard in the judgment. Exhibit *1 for Lesson 11 points out that the law is God's character described in words.



GOD'S GREAT RECORD BOOKS

9. Where does God keep the record of my life? Revelation 20:12

Ans: "The dead were _____ out of those _____ which were _____ in the _____."

NOTE: Though Revelation 20:12 refers to the third phase of the judgment, the books will be testimony also for the first phase of the judgment, Daniel 7:10. The records are accurate and complete. They include even thoughts and motives. The court is fair. I need not be there. The books will speak for me. **SEE EXHIBIT #1 FOR A DESCRIPTION OF THE BOOKS.**

10. Who presents the case against us? Zechariah 3:1, 2

Ans: _____

NOTE: Satan, the old accuser of the brethren, Revelation 12:10, who disputed with Michael regarding the body of Moses, Jude 9, and who made wild accusations against Job [Job, chapters 1 and 2], is the enemy who accuses us.

11. While the present judgment is going on in heaven, what does Revelation predict will be happening on earth? Revelation 11:18, 19

Ans: "And the _____ were _____ ... and shouldst them that destroy the _____."

NOTE: True, indeed. The nations are angry. And with pollution, trash and devastating weapons people are destroying the earth.

12. Does God need books and a judgment, or court trial, to find out about me and my conduct, or does He know everything about me already?
1 Kings 8:39; John 3:18; 2 Timothy 2:19

Ans: "Thou ... knowest the _____ of all the
_____ of men".

13. Since the present judgment, which is now in session, 'DOBMI 7:9, 10, is not needed by 8M, personally, for weeks. benefit is it? Revelation 3:5

Ans: "I will confess his name before ... His _____."

NOTE: God is omniscient but the angels are not. The present judgment will permit them to completely examine all evidence and be fully satisfied regarding God's justice. God does not announce the decision until the angels are clear that all people have made up their minds about God and Satan. There will be no more changing sides, Revelation 22:11, 12. It is not a decree but an announcement. All have made final choices. More probationary time would change nothing.

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PHASE #2 — JUDGMENT DURING THE 1000 YEARS

14. When will the WICKED be judged? Revelation 20.4 (1822)

Ans: "And _____ was given unto them ... and they lived
and _____ with Christ a _____ years".

NOTE: The wicked will be judged in heaven during the 1000 years of Revelation 20. This is the SECOND PHASE of the judgment.

15. Who helps judge the wicked, including Satan and his angels? 1 Corinthians 6:2, 3

Ans: "The _____ shall judge the world ... _____ shall judge angels".

16. In your opinion, for whose benefit is the judgment of the WICKED conducted? After all, people who are not in heaven during the 1000 years are lost anyway, so, why conduct this judgment. for the wicked?

Ans: _____

NOTE: THIS judgment is for the benefit of the righteous. Many will be lost whom the righteous thought Christians. Looking at the records and asking questions will remove all doubt as to God's fairness. It will be seen that those who are lost chose to ignore God in spite of myriads of loving appeals from His throne.

A KINGDOM :

Hebrews 12:28; Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear:

Revelation 5:10; And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.

A CROWN :

2 Timothy 4:7-8; I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

James 1:12; Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.

SAINTS GIVE DILIGENCE TO ATTAIN :

2 Peter 1:10-11; Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall: For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

STRIVE TO MAINTAIN :

Hebrews 3:14; For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence stedfast unto the end;

Hebrews 3:18; And to whom sware he that they should not enter into his rest, but to them that believed not?

body.

2 Corinthians 4:16-18; For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day. For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.

CONTINUANCE IN GRACE :

Philippians 1:6; Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:

SAINTS PRIVILEGED TO HAVE, ASSURANCE OF:

A SUPPORT IN DEATH :

Psalms 23:4; Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

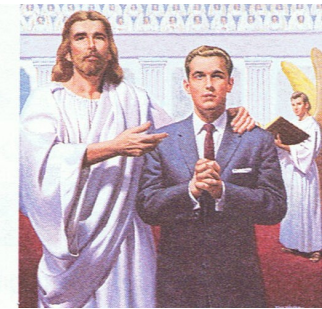
A GLORIOUS RESURRECTION :

Job 19:26; And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God:

Psalms 17:15; As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness.

Philippians 3:21; Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.

1 John 3:2; Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.



PHASE #3 — JUDGMENT AT CLOSE OF 1000

Matthew. 25:31-46 pictures a THIRD PHASE of the judgment when both the RIGHTEOUS and the WICKED stand before God, alive, for receiving reward or punishment. God reveals why people are saved or lost

17. In your opinion: (a.) Does this judgment occur at Jesus' second coming or at the end of the 1000 years? (b.) For whose benefit is this phase of judgment conducted?

Ans: a. _____ b. _____

NOTE: It takes place at the close of the 1000 years because that is the only time in earth's history when all who have ever lived will be alive for a short time — either inside or outside the Holy City, Revelation 20:11-15. This judgment convinces the wicked, including Satan and his angels (who will at this time have questions answered and will finally see), that God is loving, kind, just and fair. God never pulls rank on his enemies or orders them to be silent He simply presents clear cut evidence which is too plain to question. Those who think that God will never punish or destroy people would do well to consider the fact that God did, indeed, do so at the time of the flood, and at the destruction of Sodom.

REVIEW CAREFULLY THE THREE PHASES OF THE JUDGMENT
(see Exhibit #2).

18. When God announces rewards and punishments in the judgment, Is He making the decision at that moment, or simply permitting angels and the righteous to confirm what He already knew? Revelation 15:3, 4; Romans 2:5; 1 Corinthians 4:5

Ans: "Thy _____ are made _____."

NOTE: The redeemed in heaven clearly give the reason why all consider God just and true: His judgments are made manifest, or as the New English Bible says, "Thy just dealings stand revealed". God knew all along where every person stood. He already, in fact, has the names of the saved in the book of life, Revelation 13:8; 17:8. But in order to solve the problem of rebellion and sin He patiently waits till men and angels, both good and evil, see what

He has long seen. The truth about every being will be revealed in the judgment. It will be too plain for any to debate, Isaiah 3:10, 11.

ASSURANCE OF SALVATION NOW

19. Since I MUST yet face God in JUDGMENT, can I have ASSURANCE of salvation NOW? Daniel 7:22 (NIV); Isaiah 3:10

Ans: "Pronounced judgment in favour of the saints". (NIV)

"Say ye to the righteous, that it shall be _____ with _____."

NOTE: God has promised to pronounce favourable sentence on all people who love and truly follow Him. He calls them saints.

SEE EXHIBIT #3 FOR 20 BIBLE PROMISES OF ASSURANCE

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20. Sins are forgiven when we confess them. When are they blotted out of God's records? Acts 3:19, 20

Ans: "Repent ... that your _____ may be _____ out when ... He shall send _____ Christ".

NOTE: God will not accept a cover-up. All records of sins remain on the books till the very end so all will have access to the records at all times. Nothing will be swept under the rug. God promised to restore His image in His people through the ministry of His Son in the heavenly sanctuary. The records will only demonstrate to all observers that God has worked the miracles to make it so. His people have become like Him.

GOD'S PEOPLE TEACH PROPHECY

In the early 1840's people all over the world began to study the prophecies of the books of Daniel and Revelation, and especially the 2300 year prophecy of Daniel 8 and 9. They figured the date correctly, but the event wrong. They thought 1844 referred to the second coming of Jesus instead of the commencement of the judgment.

When Jesus did not return, the disappointment was bitter. In Revelation 10 God pictures this disappointment by asking the prophet, John, to eat the book of Daniel which had been closed but was now open (verse 8). It was sweet in his mouth but bitter in his stomach, as was the disappointment when Jesus did not return.

When we compare Revelation 10:1-3 and Revelation 1:13-15 with Daniel 10:5, 6 we discover that these passages refer to the same heavenly being. This being told Daniel to seal his BOOK OF DANIEL until the TIME OF THE END. The same being came to John with a prophecy showing that the book would be open in the

One thing have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to enquire in his temple. For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock.

Psalms 46:1-3; To the chief Musician for the sons of Korah, A Song upon Alamoth. God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof. Selah.

ANSWERS TO PRAYER :

1 John 3:22; And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.

1 John 5:14-15; And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.

COMFORT IN AFFLICTION :

Psalms 73:26; My flesh and my heart faileth: but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever.

Luke 4:18; The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,

2 Corinthians 4:8-10; We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed; Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our

prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?

Ephesians 5:30; For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones.

1 John 2:5; But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him.

1 John 4:13; Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit.

PEACE WITH GOD BY CHRIST :

Romans 5:1; Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

PRESERVATION :

Psalm 3:6; I will not be afraid of ten thousands of people, that have set themselves against me round about.

Psalm 8:1-9; To the chief Musician upon Gittith, A Psalm of David. O LORD our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth! who hast set thy glory above the heavens. Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength because of thine enemies, that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger. When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him? For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour. Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet: All sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field; The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, and whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas. O LORD our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth!

Psalm 27:3-5; Though an host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear: though war should rise against me, in this will I be confident.

early 1840's. God's people were correct in their mathematical calculations, but misunderstood the event of the prophecy.



21. What did the heavenly being say the church must do after the bitter disappointment? Revelation 10:11

Ans: "Thou must prophesy _____ before _____
_____ and nations, and _____ and kings".

NOTE: God told His people they must take the truth about this prophecy to the entire world. Lesson 23, on the seven trumpets, will clearly point out that the date for Revelation, chapter 10, is the early 1840's because it comes between the sixth and seventh trumpets. The "time of the end", Daniel 12:4-9 specifically refers to the 1260 years (time/times and a half) of Papal persecution (538 AD. — 1798 AD.). So the book of Daniel was not to be opened until after 1798, WHICH BEGINS THE TIME OF THE END.

22. In harmony with what the angel told John in Revelation 10, what must God's church be preaching today as part of the "everlasting gospel"? Revelation 14:6, 7

Ans: "Fear God ... for the hour of His _____ is _____".

NOTE: The church does not have a right to preach anything it wishes and call it the everlasting gospel. God mandates that the church must include in the gospel the wonderful truth that the judgment is now in session in heaven.

Note also, that the angel calls it the hour of HIS judgment. Men must decide how they will relate to Satan's accusations against God, so the judgment actually, in a sense, includes a decision about God. He has put Himself and His character on trial. The churches' work today is to let the world know the truth about the beautiful character of a loving God.

GOD'S JUDGMENT IS FAIR AND FINAL

23. Revelation repeatedly points out that both men and angels will excitedly and loudly praise and thank God for the justice and satisfaction of the

judgment. What specifically are they saying? Revelation 16:7;
Revelation 19:2; Revelation 15:3

Ans: "_____ and _____ are thy judgments".

24. What finally does everyone in the universe do to express their feelings about God's fairness and love? Philippians 2:10, 11

Ans: "_____ knee should _____ ... and that every _____
_____ that _____ Christ is _____."

NOTE: All who have ever lived face God at the close of the 1000 years. No one is putting on. No one is forced. It is finally so clear that all in heaven and earth, including Satan and his angels, bow to confess that Jesus is fully just and that every person has received what he, himself, chose. The lost are shown to be lost because they preferred the lifestyle of the evil one. Heaven would be torture to them. It would be unfair to include them.

And the righteous are shown to be like Jesus. Not even Satan doubted Jesus' forgiveness, but the evil one doubted that God could indeed restore men to His image. The redeemed stand before him as proof it has happened. No question will ever be raised again about the handling of the sin problem and the character of God. They have all been answered.

25. Jesus is saying, "My son, my daughter, give me thine heart". Proverbs 23:26. He wants to enter your name in His book of life and keep it there. Will you let Him have that great joy?

Ans: _____



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THEIR ADOPTION :

Romans 8:16; The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

1 John 3:2; Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

THEIR SALVATION :

Isaiah 12:2; Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the LORD JEHOVAH is my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation.

THEIR ETERNAL LIFE :

1 John 5:13; These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.

THE UNALIENABLE LOVE OF GOD :

Romans 8:38-39; For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

UNION WITH GOD AND CHRIST :

1 Corinthians 6:15; Know ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ? shall I then take the members of Christ, and make them the members of an harlot? God forbid.

2 Corinthians 13:5; Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith;

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DEFINITION OF ASSURANCE

- Firm persuasion; full confidence or trust; freedom from doubt; certain expectation; the utmost certainty.
- Let us draw near with a true heart, in full assurance of faith. Hebrews 10.
- Firmness of mind; undoubting steadiness; intrepidity.
 - a. **Produced by faith:** Ephesians 3:12; 2Timothy 1:12; Hebrews 10:22
 - b. **Made full by hope:** Hebrews 6:11; Hebrews 6:19
 - c. **Confirmed by love:** 1John 3:14; 1John 3:19; 1John 4:18
 - d. **Is the effect of righteousness:** Isaiah 32:17
 - e. **Is abundant in the understanding of the gospel:** Colossians 2:2; 1Thessalonians 1:5

SAINTS PRIVILEGED TO HAVE, ASSURANCE OF:

THEIR ELECTION:

Psalm 4:3; But know that the LORD hath set apart him that is godly for himself: the LORD will hear when I call unto him.

1Thessalonians 1:4; Knowing, brethren beloved, your election of God.

THEIR REDEMPTION :

Job 19:25; For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth:

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HEAVEN'S BOOKS OF RECORD

1. The Scripture mentions the book of LIFE, and the book of REMEMBRANCE.
2. The Scripture tells us the following regarding the Book of LIFE:
 - a. The faithful have their names in the book of life, Revelation 13:8.
 - b. One's name can be removed from the book, Revelation 22:19.
 - c. The names of the wicked are not recorded in the book of life, Revelation 17:8.
 - d. The overcomer's name will not be blotted out of the book, Revelation 3:5.
 - e. Those with their names in the book of life will enter the Holy City, Revelation 21:27.
 - f. Used in the judgment, Revelation 20:12.
 - g. If person's name is not in the book, he will be cast into lake of fire, Revelation 20:15.
 - h. All who are written in the book will be delivered, Daniel 12:1.
 - i. Christians can rejoice that their names are in the book of life now, Luke 10:20.
 - j. Faithful church members names in the book now, Hebrews 12:23.
 - k. If person turns back to a life of sin, his name will be blotted out of the book, Exodus 32:33.
 - l. The righteous are included in the book, Psalm 69:28.
 - m. Book records names of faithful workers, Philippians 4:3.
3. The Scripture comments as follows regarding the book of REMEMBRANCE:

- a. It records Christian testimonies and witnessing, Malachi 3:16.
- b. It contains a record of our good deeds, Nehemiah 13:14.

NOTE: Salvation is a free gift of God. It is based upon the works of Jesus alone, John 1:29; 3:16; 5:24. Our works do give evidence of our connection with Jesus, however, so the Lord looks at them. "Faith without works is dead", James 2:26. The book of Revelation says clearly four times that we will be judged by our works: Revelation 2:23; 20:12,13; 22:12. Also, Christ repeatedly said to the seven churches, "I know thy works". Works do, indeed, say something about the depth of one's experience with Jesus. No Christian experience can be genuine without them.

- c. It records our tears. Psalm 56:8
- d. Even secret things are recorded in this book, Ecclesiastes 12:13, 14

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THE THREE PHASES OF THE JUDGMENT

1844		Second Coming of Christ	Holy City Descends Close 1000 Years	Rewards
		1000 Years - Rev. 20		
		Phase #1	Phase #2	Phase #3
1. Who judges? 2. Where conducted? 3. For whose benefit?		1. God and angels 2. In heaven 3. Angels	1. God and righteous 2. In heaven 3. Righteous	1. God, angels, righteous 2. On earth 3. Wicked, Satan, evil angels
				Righteous inherit New Earth Wicked cast into fire

1. The judgment began in 1844 and will not close till after the 1000 years of Revelation 20.
2. Its purpose is not to inform God of anything. He is fully aware of everything about everyone and could handle the entire judgment in a micro-second, I Kings 8:39 (563).
3. Its purpose is to make very clear to angels and people that Satan's plan was hopeless, unworkable and diabolical; that God has handled everything with utmost courtesy, compassion, fairness and love and that every single person actually received as a reward or punishment what he chose of his own free will after being fully informed of the consequences.
4. The watching universe must be clear that it is safe to welcome beings, who have sinned, back into heaven's family. The judgment makes that clear by presenting the evidence which the angels have gathered and by answering questions from inquirers.