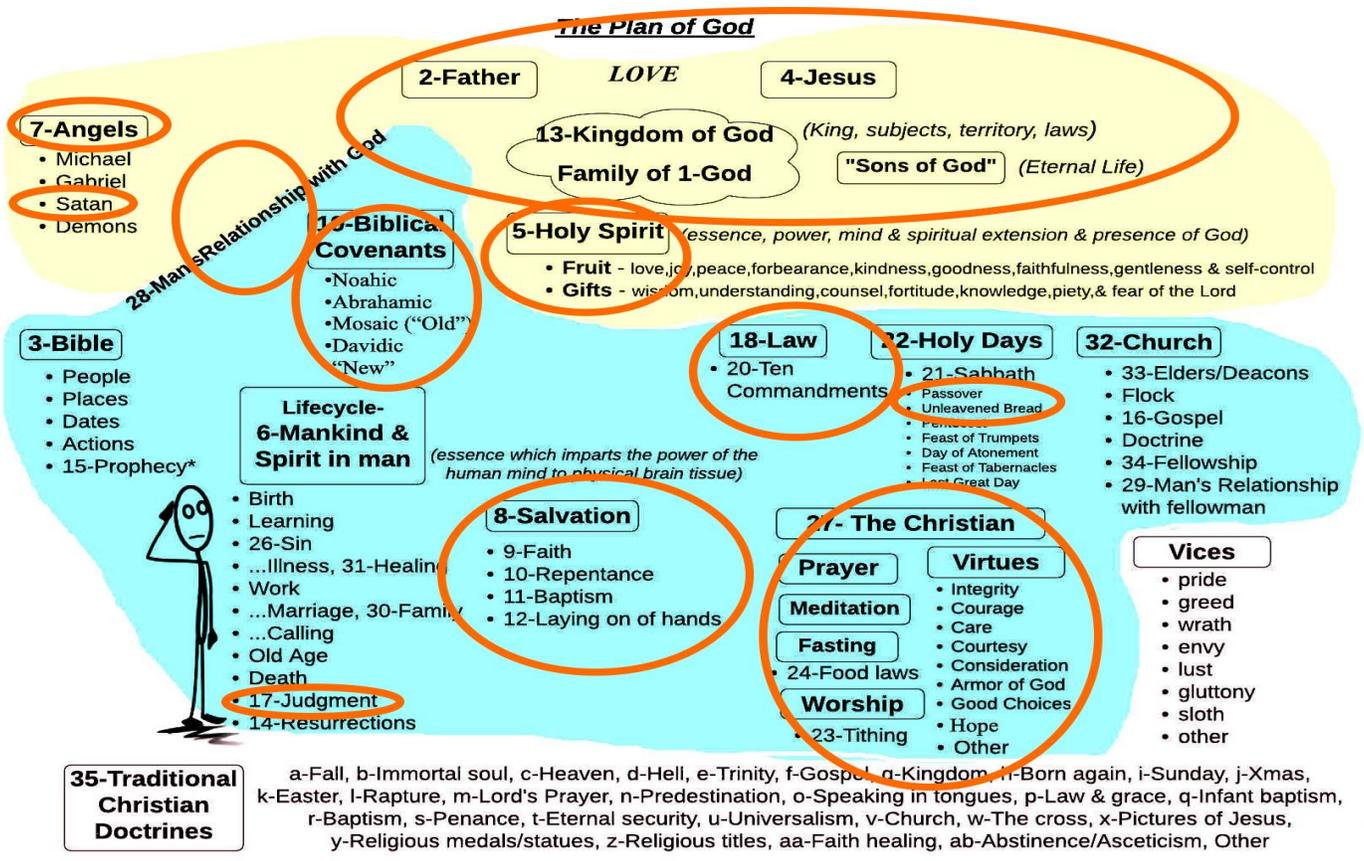
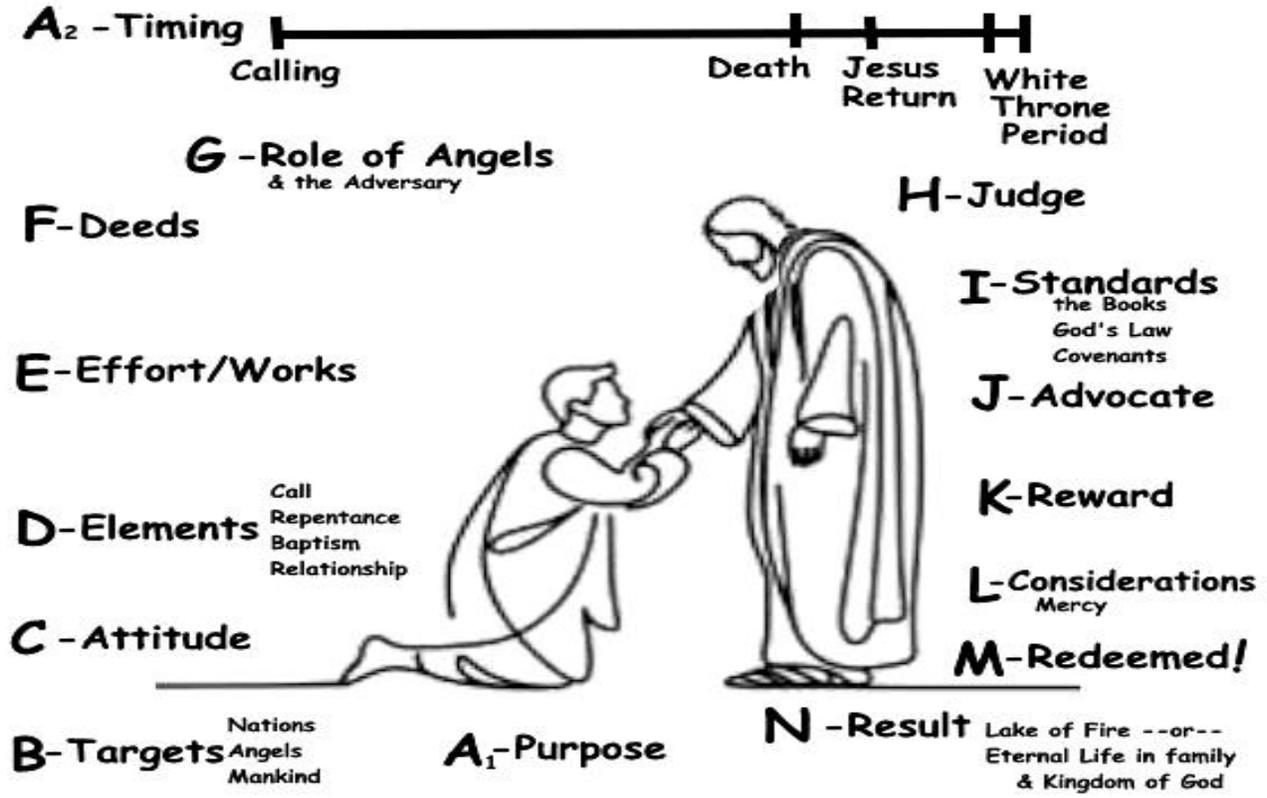


Considering God's Judgment Before the Passover



Second Death - (Perishing)

Time: (Past - History - Creation, 25-Hebrew Calendar ... Present -(World events) ... (Future - 15-Prophecy*) ... Eternity ...)

JUDGMENT - DOCTORAL STATEMENT

The time of one's judgment is the time of his opportunity for salvation, extending from one's calling by God until his death (or the resurrection). During this judgment period a person's mind is opened to understand God's way, and his actions and attitudes are being evaluated by God in the light of His way of life and His law. All human beings since Adam and Eve shall have a fair opportunity for salvation either now (for the Church), or at the time of the second resurrection, in the Great White Throne Judgment. Those who shall qualify for God's Kingdom—perhaps the overwhelming majority—shall inherit eternal life, and those who deliberately reject God's way shall be consumed in the lake of fire—For the wages of sin is death;.

Matthew 13:49–50; 25:34; 1 Peter 4:17; Revelation 20:15; 21:8

In the diagram (on page 1) I tried to brainstorm some of the most important elements of Judgment we should be considering ... as we look to the Lord's supper or Passover that we are taught is the annual commemoration of our Lord's death (until he comes) ... and it is a great time for each of us to renew our baptism covenant with God.

A₁- Purpose of Judgment

To Reveal God ... Psalm 96:13 – For He is coming, for He is coming to judge the earth. He shall judge the world with righteousness, And the peoples with His truth.

Deuteronomy 32:4 – He is the Rock, His work is perfect; For all His ways are justice, A God of truth and without injustice; Righteous and upright is He.

Ezekiel 38:23 – Thus I will magnify Myself and sanctify Myself, and I will be known in the eyes of many nations. Then they shall know that I am the Lord.

To Hold Everyone Accountable ... Ecclesiastes 12:14 – For God will bring every work into judgment, Including every secret thing, Whether good or evil.



To Punish & Reward... Romans 2:6-8 – Who 'will render to each one according to his deeds': eternal life to those who by patient continuance in doing good seek for glory, honor, and immortality; but to those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness—indignation and wrath.

To Bring Ultimate Justice Against Evil... Isaiah 13:11 – I will punish the world for its evil, And the wicked for their iniquity; I will halt the arrogance of the proud, And will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible.

To Lead People to Repentance... Acts 17:30-31 – Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent, because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained.

A₂- Timing of Judgment

1 Peter 4:17 – For the time has come for judgment to begin at the house of God; and if it begins with us first, what will be the end of those who do not obey the gospel of God?

Revelation 20:12-13 – And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, & books were opened. & another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. & the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books.

B- Targets of God's Judgment

Nations... **Jeremiah 18:7-10** – The instant I speak concerning a nation and concerning a kingdom, to pluck up, to pull down, and to destroy it, if that nation against whom I have spoken turns from its evil, I will relent of the disaster that I thought to bring upon it.

Angels... **2 Peter 2:4** – For if God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast them down to hell and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment.

Mankind (individuals)... **Ecclesiastes 12:14** – For God will bring every work into judgment, Including every secret thing, Whether good or evil.

C- Our Attitude

John 12:48 – He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, **has** that which judges him—the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day.

Psa 34:18 The LORD is near to those who have a broken heart, And saves such as have a contrite spirit.

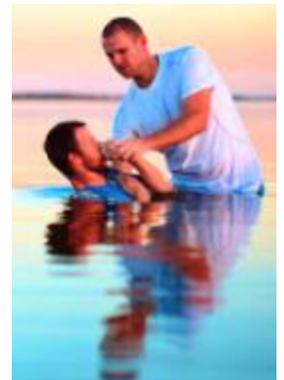
Psa 51:17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, A broken and a contrite heart— These, O God, You will not despise.

Isa 57:15 For thus says the High and Lofty One Who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: I dwell in the high and holy place, With him who has a contrite and humble spirit, To revive the spirit of the humble, And to revive the heart of the contrite ones.

D- Elements of our Christian walk

Repentance ... **2 Chronicles 7:14** – If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

Baptism (Laying on of Hands, receiving the Holy Spirit) ... **Act 2:36-38** Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ. Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? Then Peter said to them, **Repent**, and let every one of you **be baptized** in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.



Mat 3:13-15 Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. And John tried to prevent Him, saying, I need to be baptized by You, and are You coming to me? But Jesus answered and said to him, Permit it to be so now, for thus it is fitting for us **to fulfill all righteousness**. Then he allowed Him.

Relationship with God (via Prayer, Bible Study, Meditation, Fasting, Tithing, Worship)

Jeremiah 29:11-13 – For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.

James 1:8 A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.



James 4:8 – Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you **double-minded**.

John 4:23-24 – But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.

E- Effort / Works

The Final Judgment

Mat 25:31-46 When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory.

Mat 25:32 All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats.

Mat 25:33 And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left.

Mat 25:34 Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:

Mat 25:35 for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in;

Mat 25:36 I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.'

Mat 25:37 Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink?

Mat 25:38 When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You?

Mat 25:39 Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?'

Mat 25:40 And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.'

Mat 25:41 Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels:

Mat 25:42 for I was hungry and you gave Me no food; I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink;

Mat 25:43 I was a stranger and you did not take Me in, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.'

Mat 25:44 Then they also will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?'

Mat 25:45 Then He will answer them, saying, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.'

Mat 25:46 And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.

F- Deeds (ie in scripture very often **actions mean more to God...** than nice thoughts)

Mat 21:28-31 But what do you think? A man had two sons, & he came to the first & said, 'Son, go, work today in my vineyard.' He answered & said, 'I will not,' but afterward he regretted it and went. Then he came to the second & said likewise. & he answered & said, 'I go, sir,' but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?

Romans 2:6 – Who 'will render to each one **according to his deeds.**'

Ecclesiastes 12:14 – For God will bring every work into judgment, Including every secret thing, Whether good or evil.

G- Role of Angels in Judgment (...& the Adversary)

Matthew 13:49-50 – So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come forth, separate the wicked from among the just, and cast them into the furnace of fire.

Rev 12:10 Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down.

H- the Judge (Jesus is the Judge... Acting with the Authority of the Father)

Psalms 50:6 Let the heavens declare His righteousness, For God Himself is Judge.

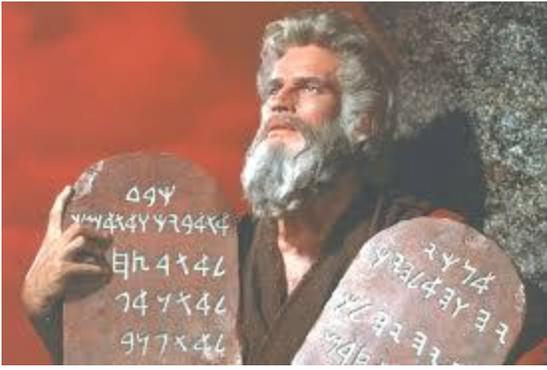
Joel 2:12-13 'Now, therefore,' says the Lord, 'Turn to Me with **all your heart**, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning.' So rend your heart, and not your garments; Return to the Lord your God, For He is **gracious & merciful, Slow to anger, & of great kindness**; & **He relents** from doing harm.

John 5:22 – For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son.



The Judgment Seat of Christ

2 Corinthians 5:10 – For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.



I - Standards used in our Judgment (the Books, the Law, the Covenants)

Rev 20:12 And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and **books were opened**. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. **And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books.**

Deu 6:17 You shall diligently keep the commandments of the LORD your God, His testimonies, & His statutes which He has commanded you.

(& Jesus clarified the *spiritual intent* of the Law...to forbid lusting or hating a brother)

Psalm 103:17-18 – But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting On those who fear Him, And His righteousness to children’s children, To such as keep His covenant, And to those who remember His commandments to do them.

Psalm 25:10 – All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth, To such as keep His covenant and His testimonies.

J - Our Advocate (Jesus our Advocate, meaning He defends & intercedes for us when we sin).

1 John 2:1 – My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.

1 Timothy 2:5 – For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus.

Hebrews 7:25 – Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

Hebrews 4:14-16 – Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Hebrews 10:21-22 – And having a High Priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

Hebrews 12:24 – To Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than that of Abel.

Rom 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Eph 2:8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that **not of yourselves**; it is the gift of God,

K - Reward

John 3:16 – For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Titus 1:2–In hope of eternal life which God, who cannot lie, promised before time began

2 Timothy 4:8 – Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.

Joh 14:2-3 In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.

1Co_2:9 But as it is written: EYE HAS NOT SEEN, NOR EAR HEARD, NOR HAVE ENTERED INTO THE HEART OF MAN THE THINGS WHICH GOD HAS PREPARED FOR THOSE WHO LOVE HIM.



L - Considerations (Mercy)

Isaiah 55:7 – Let the wicked forsake his way, And the unrighteous man his thoughts; Let him return to the Lord, And He will have mercy on him; And to our God, For He will abundantly pardon.

James 2:13 – For judgment is without mercy to the one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

M - REDEEMED!

1 Peter 1:18-19 – Knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.

Revelation 5:9 – And they sang a new song, saying: 'You are worthy to take the scroll, And to open its seals; For You were slain, And have redeemed us to God by Your blood Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation.'

Mark 10:45 – For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.

N - Result of Judgment (2 possibilities...)

Some people will reject salvation ... via choice, or rebellion or neglect...

Heb 2:3 how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard Him?

Eternal Life in the family & Kingdom of God... Rev 21:4-5 And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.