

Discussion Questions
Thank God For “Me” (The Glorious Appearing & Disappearing)
Revelation 20:4-15

(In what instances do you feel most truly who you are or who you were made to be?)

- What have you been taught about the Great White Throne Judgment? How does it relate to Hell and the eternal destiny of humans? Who is it for? When does it happen?
- What have you been taught about the Lake of Fire—What is it? What is its purpose?
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In this sermon, Peter shared that he thinks the Lake of Fire is God and His *parousia*.

God is One. God is Love. And God is a Consuming Fire. We’re talking about “the Lake of Fire and *theion*” or “fire that *is theion*.” *Theion* comes from *theos* and means brimstone or Divinity... look at the etymology of sulfur, and it comes from that idea; it is like the breath of God that sets things ablaze. The Lake of Fire is the death of death; it swallows up death forever. And that can only be God.—P.H.

- Do you agree or disagree with this interpretation of the Lake of Fire? Explain.

In his sermon, Peter shared some problems he sees with the popular modern view of the Great White Throne Judgment: 1. It’s not the beginning of Hell, but the end of Hell. 2. It’s not just final judgment but every judgment. 3. It’s not the judgment of the “living and the dead,” but just “the dead.”

Read Revelation 20:4-15

- Can you find any verses in this passage or elsewhere that confirm that the White Throne Judgment isn’t the beginning of Hell but the end of it?
- That it isn’t just a judgment that takes place only at the end but it is every judgment?
- That it is only for the dead?

Another great passage of Scripture regarding the Judgment is John 5:21-29.

Please read it and then try to answer the following questions:

- Who is the giver of life? Can humans earn life or give themselves life?
- Who does the Son give life to?
Read 2 Peter 3:9 & 1 Tim. 2:4. Who does the Lord will to live?
- Does God judge anyone? Does Jesus? Read John 8:15-18.
- Who will honor the Son and the Father? Who will dishonor them?
- Do you think you have honored or dishonored God or maybe both? Explain.

Peter postulates that we all have wheat and tare, sheep and goat—we are all both “dead” (of ourselves) and “alive” (of God).

- If this is true, how might this passage of Scripture make more sense than if some people are sheep and some are goats, some are wheat and some chaff?

We read about the Judgment, and we all panic asking how can I change? But we can’t.

- According to verses 24 & 25 how do we pass from death to life?

At the end of the sermon, Peter showed a clip from the movie *The Lion King* and said it summarized what he wanted to communicate. Without hearing the voice and Judgment of our Father, we often only see the old man—the chaff. Much like Mufasa was already in Simba, so also God is already within us; the Judgment just sets us free from an illusion about ourselves and helps us see who we truly are. It was only in the presence of his father that Simba recognized who he truly; it is only in the presence of our Father that we see who we most truly are.

- Do you believe that God is already within you? If so, why?
- How might you practice the presence of God this week in order to enter deeper into who you most truly are?

Practicing the presence of God can also involve confession.

Brother Lawrence was aware of his sins and was not at all surprised by them... He simply confessed his sins to God, without pleading with Him or making excuses. After this, he was able to peacefully resume his regular activity of love and adoration. If Brother Lawrence didn’t sin, he thanked God for it because only God’s grace could keep him from sinning.—P.H.

- Would you take a few minutes to simply confess (acknowledge) your old man and expose the chaff, the goat to the Lord?
- Then simply allow Him to reveal Himself in you. Maybe you can even try it several times this week.

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