

## WHAT SHALL I ANSWER HIM?

Text: Job 31:14

INTRO: The Bible teaches that judgment is certain & that preparation to meet God is necessary. We shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ (Rom. 14:10).

Acts 17:31; Rev. 20:12; Amos 4:12

As I stand before God in judgment, "What shall I answer Him?"

### I. AS A PREACHER OR BIBLE CLASS TEACHER, WHAT SHALL I ANSWER HIM?

#### A. I must behave in view of eternity.

James 2:12, So speak and so do as those who will be judged by the law of liberty.

Matt 12:37, For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned."

Matt 18:6, [Jesus:] But whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to sin, it would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were drowned in the depth of the sea.

#### B. I must take heed concerning doctrine.

Gal. 1:6-9; Rev. 22:18-19

1 Tim 4:16, Take heed to yourself and to the doctrine. Continue in them, for in doing this you will save both yourself and those who hear you.

James 3:1, My brethren, let not many of you become teachers, knowing that we shall receive a stricter judgment.

1. Some will reason, "It would be better not to teach than to take a chance on teaching error."

2. This reasoning is faulty. If God has given you the talent to teach, hiding that talent is not the answer.

1 Cor 9:16, For if I preach the gospel, I have nothing to boast of, for necessity is laid upon me; yes, woe is me if I do not preach the gospel!

James 4:17, Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin.

Two preachers converse: “If I preached like you I would lose my job.” “It I preached like you I would lose my soul. I can find another job but I cannot get another soul.:

## II. AS A PARENT, WHAT SHALL I ANSWER HIM?

A. We need to realize that children are a heritage from the Lord, Psalm 127:3.

B. Parents are responsible for guiding their children, both physical<sup>7</sup> & spiritually.

Eph 6:4, And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.

Deut 4:9, Only take heed to yourself, and diligently keep yourself, lest you forget the things your eyes have seen, & lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. And teach them to your children and your grandchildren,

Ps 78:2-4, I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings of old, which we have heard and known, & our fathers have told us. We will not hide them from their children, telling to the generation to come the praises of the LORD, & His strength and His wonderful works that He has done.

## III. AS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS NEVER OBEYED THE GOSPEL, WHAT SHALL I ANSWER HIM?

- A. It will do no good to argue my case. I would lose.  
Matt. 7:21-23
- B. Don't reason, "I'll get ready when He comes."  
Matt. 25:11-13
- C. "I'll explain to Him that He has expected too much of me. (Remember the one talent man?)
- D. No excuse will be sufficient.  
2 Thess 1:7-9, ...when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, & on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power,

IV. AS A MEMBER OF THE BODY OF CHRIST, WHAT SHALL I ANSWER HIM? Will I be ready to meet God?  
Rev, 2:10; 2 Pet. 1:5-11.

CONCLUSION: There are only two sentences: "Well done good & faithful servant" – or "Depart from me into everlasting fire prepared for the devil & his angels."

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