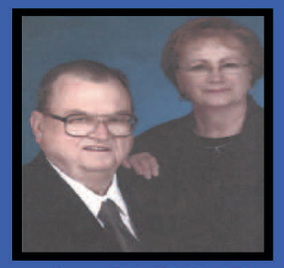

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INTRODUCTION

AS I GET CLOSER TO MY HOMEGOING TO BE WITH MY LORD AND SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST, I HAVE BECOME MORE KEENLY AWARE THAT I WILL BE JUDGED AT THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST. I KNOW MY SINS (AS A CHRISTIAN) ARE FORGIVEN AND REMEMBERED NO MORE, AND THE DOORS OF HEAVEN WILL BE OPEN, BUT I WILL BE JUDGED FOR BOTH MY GOOD AND BAD. HOW MANY (OR HOW FEW) WILL HEAR THE WORDS "WELL DONE THOU GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT"? WHAT GOOD HAVE I ACCOMPLISHED AND WHAT IS MY BAD IN GOD'S JUDGMENT, NOT MINE? THIS QUESTION TO ME IS A SOBERING REALITY! I AM FULLY AWARE THAT OUR SERVICE TO GOD (AFTER WE ARE SAVED) IS TO BE ACCOMPLISHED OUT OF A PURE LOVE FOR HIM BECAUSE HE FIRST LOVED US. *"IF YOU LOVE ME, KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS."* (JOHN 14:15); *"IF A MAN LOVE ME, HE WILL KEEP MY WORDS."* (JOHN 14:23b); *HE THAT LOVETH ME NOT KEEPETH NOT MY SAYINGS."* (JOHN 14:24a).

I ALSO WANT MY CHILDREN, GRANDCHILDREN, AND GREAT GRAND-CHILDREN (SHOULD JESUS TARRY) TO HAVE A KNOWLEDGE AS TO WHAT I BELIEVE TO BE MOST IMPORTANT, AND TO HELP CREATE IN THEM A DESIRE TO STUDY ALL SCRIPTURE. THIS BOOK WAS ORIGINALLY JUST MY

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THOUGHTS DEVELOPED FOR THAT PURPOSE. I SHARED THEM WITH MY FRIEND, DR. H.D. WILLIAMS, WHO ENCOURAGED ME TO PUT THEM IN BOOK FORM FOR OTHERS TO READ. MY PRAYER IS THAT ALL WHO READ IT WILL BENEFIT.

THESE COMMENTS ARE THE RESULT OF YEARS OF LEARNING FROM MANY GREAT PREACHERS, READING SOME GREAT BOOKS AND COMMENTARIES, SEARCHING MY NOTES AND TEACHING LESSONS OVER THE LAST HALF CENTURY, AND MY PERSONAL STUDY AND LIMITED BIBLE KNOWLEDGE. I CAN'T THANK OTHERS ENOUGH FOR HAVING THE OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN FROM THEM.

I VERY MUCH APPRECIATE THE HELP OF MY WIFE, ELSIE, AND DR. AND MRS. H.D. WILLIAMS FOR THEIR VALUABLE ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE IN FINALIZING THIS PROJECT. TO GOD BE THE GLORY!

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CHAPTER 1

THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST

PSALM 11:5. THE WORD JUDGMENT OR ITS DERIVATIVES ARE LISTED SEVERAL HUNDRED TIMES IN THE BIBLE (758+ TIMES). GOD HATES SIN!! THERE IS COMING A DAY WHEN HE WILL JUDGE WITH RIGHTEOUSNESS, TRUTH, AND JUSTICE. ARE YOU READY?

> ***Psalm 11:5*** *The LORD trieth the righteous: but the wicked and him that loveth violence his soul hateth.*

PROVERBS 1:31, ISAIAH 53:6, EZEKIEL 22:31, MATTHEW 7:21-23. WE ALL TEND TO DO WHAT WE CONSIDER, OR THINK IS RIGHT IN OUR OWN EYES. GOD CALLS THAT INIQUITY. THINK ABOUT THAT.

> ***Proverbs 1:31*** *Therefore shall they eat of the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own devices.*
>
> ***Isaiah 53:6*** *All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.*
>
> ***Ezekiel 22:31*** *Therefore have I poured out mine indignation upon them; I have consumed them with the fire of my wrath: their own way have*

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I recompensed upon their heads, saith the Lord GOD.

Matthew 7:21-23 *Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.* ***22*** *Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?* ***23*** *And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.*

2 CORINTHIANS 5:10, MATTHEW 25:41, 46. ONLY BORN AGAIN <u>CHRISTIANS WILL BE JUDGED AT THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST</u>. THE <u>LOST WILL BE JUDGED AT THE GREAT WHITE THRONE JUDGMENT</u> WHERE THEY WILL RECEIVE EVERLASTING TORMENT AND BE ETERNALLY SEPARATED FROM GOD.

2 Corinthians 5:10 *For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.*

Matthew 25:41 *Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into*

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everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:

Matthew 25:46 *And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.*

TODAY I WANT YOU TO CONSIDER WHAT THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST WILL BE LIKE.

CERTAINLY, CHRIST'S HOLINESS WILL BE VINDICATED. HE IS GOD! HE WILL JUDGE BOTH THE GOOD AND BAD THINGS WHICH WE HAVE DONE. I KNOW FOR THE GOOD WE MAY RECEIVE REWARDS, BUT WHAT ABOUT THE "BAD"? WE KNOW OUR SINS ARE FORGIVEN. SO, WHAT IS THE "BAD"? IN THE GREEK, "BAD" MEANS WICKED, VICIOUS, BAD IN CONDUCT AND IN CHARACTER. IT CAN ALSO MEAN "IMPOSTER, OR A "PRETENDER."

GOD IS PERFECTION PERSONIFIED. HE <u>WILL</u> JUDGE BY <u>HIS</u> DEFINITION OF "BAD," NOT OURS.

I BELIEVE WHEN I AM JUDGED I WILL SEE CLEARLY ALL THE "BAD" WHICH I HAVE DONE. I BELIEVE I'LL BE ASHAMED TO LOOK UPON MY GOD WHO PAID SUCH A HIGH PRICE FOR MY SALVATION. TO ME, THIS IS A FRIGHTENING THOUGHT.

1 CORINTHIANS 3:11-15, JOHN 12:47. OUR SINS ARE FORGIVEN, BUT OUR <u>WORKS</u> WILL BE TRIED. THERE IS ONLY ONE

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FOUNDATION THAT OUR <u>WORKS</u> (OR DEEDS) CAN BUILD UPON. THAT IS <u>JESUS CHRIST AND HIS WORDS</u>.

> ***1 Corinthians 3:11*** *For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.* ***12*** *Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble;* ***13*** *Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.* ***14*** *If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward.* ***15*** *If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.*
>
> ***John 12:47*** *And if any man hear my words, and believe not, I judge him not: for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world.* ***48*** *He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day.*

EVERY MAN'S WORKS SHALL BE MADE MANIFEST. THE GREEK WORD, <u>MANIFEST,</u> MEANS: OPEN TO SIGHT, VISIBLE, OR SHINING.

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REVELATION 13:15 DO OUR WORKS GLORIFY CHRIST OR WILL THEY BE BURNED UP? WE WILL BE JUDGED ACCORDING TO <u>HOW WE BUILD UPON</u> THE FOUNDATION OF JESUS AND HIS WORDS. WILL WE RECEIVE REWARD OR WILL WE SUFFER LOSS? WE CANNOT REDEEM TIME. JUDGMENT IS COMING SOON. ONE REASON THAT I BELIEVE THIS IS THAT PORTIONS OF SCRIPTURE WHICH WE COULD NOT PREVIOUSLY UNDERSTAND ARE NOW BEING REVEALED TO US. FOR EXAMPLE, IN BOOK OF REVELATION GOD SPEAKS THROUGH JOHN IN REVELATION 13:15 SAYING:

> ***Revelation 13:15*** *And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.*

REVELATION 9:3-11, REVELATION 19:20, REVELATION 20:10. UNTIL RECENTLY, NO ONE UNDERSTOOD THE "IMAGE" THAT COULD SPEAK AND KILL BECAUSE ONLY GOD CAN CREATE LIFE. NOW WE CAN WONDER IF IT COULD BE AN ARTIFICIALLY INTELLIGENT (AI) ROBOT (THAT CAN BE MADE TO LOOK LIKE A MAN OR "BEAST"). COULD THEY ALSO BE MADE TO SHOW EMOTION OR EVEN PAIN? SIMILARLY, THE STRANGE CREATURES IN REVELATION 9 THAT LOOK LIKE "LOCUSTS," MOST OF US THOUGHT WERE SYMBOLIC OF DEMONS OR WERE

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ALLEGORICAL CREATURES. I SUGGEST THAT YOU GOOGLE "LOCUSTS, GRASSHOPPER, AND/OR SCORPION DRONES."

Revelation 9:3-11 *And there came out of the smoke locusts upon the earth: and unto them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power.* ***4*** *And it was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree; but only those men which have not the seal of God in their foreheads.* ***5*** *And to them it was given that they should not kill them, but that they should be tormented five months: and their torment was as the torment of a scorpion, when he striketh a man.* ***6*** *And in those days shall men seek death, and shall not find it; and shall desire to die, and death shall flee from them.* ***7*** *And the shapes of the locusts were like unto horses prepared unto battle; and on their heads were as it were crowns like gold, and their faces were as the faces of men.* ***8*** *And they had hair as the hair of women, and their teeth were as the teeth of lions.* ***9*** *And they had breastplates, as it were breastplates of iron; and the sound of their wings was as the sound of chariots of many horses running to battle.* ***10*** *And they had tails like unto*

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scorpions, and there were stings in their tails: and their power was to hurt men five months. ***11*** *And they had a king over them, which is the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew tongue is Abaddon, but in the Greek tongue hath his name Apollyon.*

Revelation 19:20 *And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.*

Revelation 20:10 *And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.*

THESE LOCUST DRONES ARE UBIQUITOUS.

THIS ADDED TO THE OTHER NUMEROUS CURRENT EVENTS SEEMS TO INDICATE THAT THE CLOSE (END) OF THIS AGE IS VERY NEAR WHICH WILL CONCLUDE WITH THE RAPTURE OF THE CHURCH AND THEN COMES THE JUDGMENT!

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COLOSSIANS 3:23-25. I BELIEVE JUDGMENT WILL REVEAL OUR MOTIVES FOR THE THINGS WE HAVE DONE (GOOD AND BAD) <u>AND ALL THOSE THINGS WHICH WE SHOULD HAVE DONE</u>. DID I LIVE FOR GOD AS A CHRISTIAN OR DID I LIVE FOR PLEASURE AND SELF-GRATIFICATION IN REBELLION AGAINST A HOLY GOD AND HIS WORDS?

> ***Colossians 3:23-25*** *And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men;* ***24*** *Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ.* ***25*** *But he that doeth wrong shall receive for the wrong which he hath done: and there is no respect of persons.*

FOR EVERY PROBLEM OR QUESTION THAT WE HAVE, THE BIBLE HAS THE ANSWER.

1 JOHN 3:4. SIN IS TRANSGRESSION OF THE LAW, GOD'S HOLY WORD.

> ***1 John 3:4*** *Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.*

THERE ARE TWO KINDS OF SIN; THOSE OF COMMISSION AND THOSE OF OMISSION. COMMISSION IS THE ONE WE NORMALLY JUDGE OURSELVES BY. IT IS DOING

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