

LESSON 16

CHAPTER 32. “Of the Last Judgment”

The Eternal State: Glorification

I. Paragraph 1: Judgment day

- A. Christ is the righteous judge.
- B. Apostate angels and all persons that have lived will be judged.
- C. All will be called to give an account for their thoughts, words and deeds.

II. Paragraph 2: The necessity of judgment: God’s glory

- A. Mercy for the elect
- B. Damnation for the wicked
 - 1. Eternal torment and punishment
 - 2. Denied the presence of God and His glory

III. Paragraph 3: The value of judgment

- A. As a deterrent to sin for all mankind.
- B. As a consolation to the saints militant: they shall have justice. All wrongs will be righted.
- C. The Day of Judgment has been kept secret to suppress reliance on this world and promote preparedness for the next.

Several things should be noted about this last chapter.

- 1. Heaven is not mentioned
- 2. None of the Scripture footnotes pertaining to the judgment are from Revelation.
- 3. Little is said regarding the final condition or location of the saints.

Discussion Questions:

How has (does) eschatology affect US foreign policy?

How many common assumptions about heaven are actually supported by Scripture?

Book Suggestions:

Loraine Boettner, *Immortality* (physical death, immortality and the intermediate state)

Thomas Boston, *Man in His Fourfold State*