**Driven by Eternity**

***Video 4: The Judgment Seat of Christ***

**Hebrews 12:22-24 (NKJV)** You have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to:

1. An innumerable company of angels
2. The general assembly
3. The church of the firstborn
4. God
5. The spirits of just men made perfect
6. Jesus
7. The blood

You can go to the throne any time you want in prayer.

**2 Corinthians 12:2 (NLT)** I was caught up to the third heaven fourteen years ago. Whether I was in my body or out of my body, I don’t know – only God knows.

Our eternal homes in heaven are under construction as we are living.

**2 Corinthians 5:8 (ESV)** Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord.

**2 Corinthians 5:9 (NKJV)** Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him.

You cannot do anything to make God love you any more or any less. You are, however, in charge of how pleased He is with you.

**2 Corinthians 5:10-11 (ESV)** For we must all appear before the judgement seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil. Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade others.

**Judgement Seat (Greek: *Bema*):**

1. A raised platform mounted by steps and usually furnished with a seat, used by officials in addressing an assembly, often on judicial matters.
2. It was the judicial bench of a city court in the Roman Empire… it’s where Pilot passed judgment in regard to Jesus.

**Judgement:** A decision (for or against) resulting from an investigation.

The judgements for the believer are going to be eternal.

**James 4:14 (NKJV)** For what is your life? It is even a vapor…

Any finite number divided by infinity equals 0.

80 years ÷ ∞ = 0

We need to live with purpose!

What we do with the cross determines *where* we will spend eternity.

The way we live here as believers will determine *how* we will spend eternity.

**1 Corinthians 9:24-25 (NLT)** Run to win! All athletes are disciplined in their training. They do it to win a prize that will fade away, but we do it for an eternal prize (reward).

**2 John 8 (NKJV)** Look to yourselves, that we do not lose those things we worked for, but that we may receive a full reward.

If God were to reward us without us earning it or deserving it, we would lose incentive.

**1 Corinthians 3:9-15 (NLT)** For we are both God’s workers. And you are God’s field. You are God’s building. Because of God’s grace to me, I have laid the foundation like an expert builder. Now others are building on it. But whoever is building on this foundation must be very careful. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one we already have—Jesus Christ. Anyone who builds on that foundation may use a variety of materials—gold, silver, jewels, wood, hay, or straw. But on the judgment day, fire will reveal what kind of work each builder has done. The fire will show if a person’s work has any value. If the work survives, that builder will receive a reward. But if the work is burned up, the builder will suffer great loss. The builder will be saved, but like someone barely escaping through a wall of flames.

**1 Corinthians 3:15 (MSG)** You’ll survive – but just barely.

Not only will our words and works be examined, but also our thoughts, motives, and intentions.

**2 Corinthians 5:10 (AMP)** For we [believers will be called to account and] must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be repaid for what has been done in the body, whether good or bad [that is, each will be held responsible for his actions, purposes, goals, motives—the use or misuse of his time, opportunities and abilities].

**Luke 18:17 (NLT)** For all that is secret (our motives) will eventually be brought into the open, and everything that is concealed will be brought to light and made known to all.

**Hebrews 4:12 (AMP)** For the word of God is living and active *and* full of power [making it operative, energizing, and effective]. It is sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating as far as the division of the soul and spirit [the completeness of a person], and of both joints and marrow [the deepest parts of our nature], exposing *and* judging the very thoughts and intentions of the heart.

**1 Corinthians 11:31 (NKJV)** For if we would judge ourselves, we would not be judged.

**2 Peter 1:10-11 (NLT)** So, dear brothers and sisters, work hard to prove that you really are among those God has called and chosen. Do these things, and you will never fall away. Then God will give you a grand entrance into the eternal Kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

**Homework**

*Reading:* Ch 11 – God’s Custom House

Ch 12 – Called by God