

THE GREAT WHITE THRONE JUDGMENT AND THE SECOND DEATH

UNDERSTANDING THE WHITE THRONE

Further, down chapter twenty in the book of revelations, John saw an awesome view of what He calls the great white throne judgment. The occupants of the heavens and the earth fled from the face of Him that sat on the throne, meaning they were trying to get away from His presence. The books were opened and the dead were judged according to their works. The dead that stood before the white throne were taken out of the deep (sea) and from a realm called "death and hell". Every man was placed before the judgment seat, and they were judged in accordance with His works; death, hell, and those whose name was not written in the book of life were cast into the lake of fire.

Revelations 20:11-15 And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. 12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is *the book of life*: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. 13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. 14 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. 15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

There are many interpretations to the great white throne judgment but with all humility, I say read what I am writing, because God has taken some of us through experiences so that others might not have to through them. Forget the big books and big names who say a particular day will

come when all will stand before a big physical white throne with a big God sitting on it. Also, leave aside the doctrines that say physical books will be opened in heaven or the unsaved will be thrown into physical fire, where they will roast like barbecue eternally; all those are fables of religion formed by men whose minds are already being in the depths of hell.

I have heard of misleading testimonies of people who claimed to have died, and were taken into the sky to see heaven and hell. Some say they were taken before some sort of court in heaven where a book showing them all they did on earth was opened; some say they were sent back to the earth as another opportunity to do good, so that they do not wind up in hell. What these people experience is like when one falls into a deep sleep and dreams about things already deposited in His or her mind. The brethren who say they have such experience of dying and seeing heaven, hell and the judgment seat only experienced that which has been programmed and uploaded their thought faculties or inner consciousness over the years as they lived the earthly Adam-like life. The programming and uploading occurs, when man enters into a dark belief system called the world. In this belief system, we have the religious and earthly beliefs tapped out of wisdom from the deep beneath, which are the thoughts of natural carnal man. That wisdom is of the earth and does not know the things of the spirit, where God inhabits eternally; it only sees things of the earth as perceived by the carnal senses of men. All things related to God and His eternal kingdom, are invisible to the natural eye. God gives us understanding of His invisible kingdom by using elements of this world; therefore, we should never expect to see a physical lake of fire somewhere in the sky or beneath the earth. We should also never expect to see one big God seating on a physical throne someday in the future, these things are to be discerned spiritually.

Does this mean there is no white throne judgment? Indeed there is a white throne Judgment and it is better to be well prepared and kept in the knowledge of Christ so as not be cast into the lake of fire. Even though it is a spiritual experience for the disobedient, it is a painful and dreaded thing to fall into it. The white throne judgment is simply the judgment of God made manifest on the earth as the revelation of the truth comes forth. The word "white throne" is actually translated "light throne" [White -leukos -light] in the original Greek root word. Light represents truth and it dispels darkness as it goes forth because they

cannot coexist. As we have established truth is that which reveals the originality of all things before the lies that encompass man came about.

DEATH AND HELL CAST INTO THE LAKE OF FIRE

Christ is the truth or in other words the true image of every man, and as long as men live a life outside of that true image, they are dead in their sins and trespasses. DEATH, AS WE HAVE DEFINED, IS A LIFE OUTSIDE THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE SON (CHRIST), BECAUSE OUTSIDE THE SON (SON) THERE IS NO KNOWLEDGE OF THE FATHER (THE LIVING GOD). That eternal life men seek after is to know the only true God, and we know, no one knows the Father except the son and vice versa. Our true nature and form is that of the Christ, we are part of the body of Christ, right from the beginning. When man dies, He loses knowledge of His true nature and origin and lives a life after the fleshly carnal mind. Living a life after the flesh is living the lie and as long as men live in the lie they suffer the wrath of God.

Hell is that lower realm that men in the flesh inhabit, it is a spiritual wilderness in which anguish of soul and all manner of spiritual unfruitfulness abounds. This is the realm where men live outside the knowledge of themselves in and as the Son (Christ). If a man does not have a conscious knowledge Himself in and as the son, he equally does not have the Father; this is death defined. MEN LIVING OUTSIDE THE AWARENESS AS BEGOTTEN OF GOD INHABIT A SPIRITUAL WILDERNESS CONDITION CALLED HELL.

The intention of the Father is to get His sons out of the troubled hellish condition they find themselves in; he wants to revive His sons all over world, so that they can once more live under His protective caring and loving arms. God accomplishes this by sending, the gospel of truth as light which goes forth to illuminate the world with the light of life, so that all can once more live in the full blessings of the living God. For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten son to the world, so all can live a victorious by the son unto favor. This is the light of the world which all men must hearken to if they want to live; in reality all men must agree with the light as it shines forth because we all originated from that light. Darkness disintegrates and succumbs to light in all cases.

The lake of fire consumes death and hell so that they cease to exist. This is the love of God made manifest to humanity, even though not all men comprehend this initially.

The word in this hour is that as you hear the truth, succumb and conform to the truth. When we hear the truth, we obey it by conforming ourselves back to that original pattern and image in the heavens from which we have fallen from. We have to follow in the example of the model son Jesus and pick up our cross to crucify the false image of mortal man we have borne in this world and allow the son to live in us. This is the only thing that can please the Father as we hear the truth. Recognition of our part in Christ and working in its reality is all we need to do; these are the good works, which the Father wants of the sons.

THE BOOKS BEFORE THE THRONE

As we abide in the truth, doing good works in the son (Christ) and recognizing the brethren, we are, inscribed into a book called the lamb's book of life. The lamb's book of life is not a big physical book somewhere in the sky; neither are the other books mentioned, books somewhere in the sky. These are allegories that God uses to express the contents within people; like books, that which is within man is read for all to see or at least by God's spirit. If we find our names in the lamb's book of life, it simply means we are part of Him or in other words, we are engraved in Him; seeing and hearing us is simply seeing and hearing that which comes out of the Christ.

Paul confirms this when He calls His converts in the faith His epistle written in His heart for all men to read. This means that His true faithful converts were like letters or verses out of Paul for all men to read.

2Corinthians 3:2 Ye are our epistle, written in our hearts, known and read of all men;

When we abide in the truth according the way we are known by the Father, we become epistles out of the heart of Christ and we cannot suffer what is called the second death because we are already dead to ourselves and alive to Christ.

The other books that were opened before the judgment seat, actually represent men whose inner hidden works are brought to light as the

Truth of God is revealed. A closed book is a book whose contents are hid from those without, this is the true state of man before other men, because no man can truly know the true secret workings of another man. However as men come before the throne of judgment (the truth), all the secret works of men are brought forth and made bare before the Lord. Paul understood this righteous judgment of God that punishes those who secretly devise evil in their hearts.

Romans 2:2-16 -----

**4 Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance? 5 but after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up for thyself wrath in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God; 6 who will render to every man according to his works: 7 to them that by patience in well-doing seek for glory and honor and incorruption, eternal life: 8 but unto them that are factious, and obey not the truth, but obey unrighteousness, shall be wrath and indignation, 9 tribulation and anguish, upon every soul of man that worketh evil, -----
 ----- 16 in the day when God shall judge the secrets of men, according to my gospel, by Jesus Christ.**

All men must come before this eternal judgment seat at the appointed time and once before it, they remain there eternally. Those who hearken to the voice of truth and conform themselves to the son with good works and patience will be rewarded with eternal life, honor, immortality etc. Those on the other hand, who rebel against the truth, will suffer wrath and anguish of their souls, because they reject the mercy and truth of God unto life. That Day of Judgment turns out to be a day of wrath for those who reject the good tidings of the gospel and continue in the lie. The consequence for rebellion and bad works (works outside Christ), is the second death, which is the lake of fire.

The lake of fire a spiritual process that represents the disintegration, dispersion and consummation of anything that stands against the truth. Like stubble, the lies projected from the carnal minds of men, are thoroughly consumed in this thorough process. It is these lies that have veiled the spiritual eyes of understanding from men from beholding the glory of the living God and brought about death and hell. All who refuse to submit themselves to the Son or choose to hang on to that vain life after this material age will have to go through the fire. We should under-

stand that the fire consumes everything in us that is not of the true, innocent and undefiled seed (Christ) on the inside of us.

Revelations 21:7-8 He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son. 8 But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

Revelations 21:7-8, calls on all sons dispersed all over the world to hold on to the truth and submit to the transformation process of the spirit so that we can overcome the wicked one who rules this material age. Refusal to conform by lack of trust in God or any attempt to continue on in the abomination of that which crawls on the earth will have to pass through the fire of God's truth. Who are murderers? They are those whose eyes of understanding are still blinded by the darkness of this age so that they fail to recognize the brethren; that log in the eye of our understanding has to burnt up so that the precious seed of Christ on the inside of us immerses.

The idolaters are those who still treasure adore images projected from their carnal minds and not holding on to the truth as revealed by the spirit of truth. Liars like those that we earlier mentioned, are those who work in relation to wisdom derived from the carnal mind synonymous with the dust. It is that wisdom after the physical appearance of things, which causes man to lose focus on the true things unseen by the natural eyes. Confessing our identities after the flesh is a lie, and seeking the glories of this world before men is living the lie. As long as man does not confess the son in Him and walk in relation to the Father, He will have to go through the purifying fires of the second death.

Even though it is a spiritual process, it can get extremely hot and tormenting, we should never be deceived into thinking that it is just an easy ride through. The consuming effect is something that is eternal so there is no place to hide from it; it burns secretly on the inside of men so that those without do not observe it. What men from without observe is simply an ungodly and unfruitful character. All the vain thoughts that exalt themselves above the knowledge of Christ will thrown into the lake of fire fueled with brimstone.

During the biblical period, Brimstone (sulphur stones) was used to burn heaps of garbage on the outside of Jerusalem; the fire was kept burning by brimstone, it was also used to increase the temperature so that it completely burned out every thing in its path. Brethren after hearing the truth it is best to obey and enter into the peace and the paradise of God than to suffer this form of eternal condemnation. There exists no form of cure or antidote for this form of unquenchable consuming fire except obediently dying the death of Jesus and living anew in Christ.

THE LAKE OF FIRE, ANNIHILATION OF THE BEAST

The second death, does not and cannot consume the true immaculate seed of Christ on the inside of us, all it does is to destroy that thing that obstructs or veils that true seed on the inside of us. That which veils and obstructs the true seed on the inside of every man is the thick layer of lies that have covered the understanding of men. The effect of that thick delusive layer of lies, is the emergence of that man of the flesh who is vainly rich in self-knowledge who exalts Himself above everything that is God. He sits in the temple of God as God and works all kind of falsehood and blasphemy against the living God. He will be destroyed however; the prince of this world who seats in the temple of God will come to naught as the revelation truth of God's light shines forth. Paul mentions this in a letter to the Thessalonians

2Thessalonians 2:3-10 Let no man deceive you by any means: for *that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; 4 Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God. 5 Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things? 6 And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time. 7 For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way. 8 And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: 2:9 Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, 10 And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.*

The revelation of the man of sin is actually the same as the unveiling of the abomination that causes desolation. It is no man out there in the Middle East, neither is it some important leader who will rule the world with terror like the one Religion and Theology teaches. The man of sin, also called the man of lawlessness, is that identity all men in the fall have inherited. That identity that man carved out for Himself by a conformation to this material world is a liar, a sinner and a man of lawlessness who falsely usurps the place of God in the life of mortal man.

The spirit is revealing to us today, that we are the temple of the living God. This is not something that Christ came to make us to be, He came to cause us to be aware of this truth. Before man's descent in the Adam-like consciousness, He functioned as the temple of the living God in all perfection, with God greatly feared and worshipped within Him. All this precious awareness and truth was lost in the fall, so that men began to view God as an adversary far away beyond the blues and out of the darkness and ignorance derived from the carnal mind. In the midst of this darkness an imaginary prince emerges, who deceives and leads men down the path of destruction.

The light of Christ's coming destroys the man of sin who is that carnal, beastly, serpentine identity of every man living after the flesh. His coming is simply, the unveiling of himself in men and as the truth shines forth; at His coming there is a falling away of the old man of sin. Every abominable high thought and thing that stands in the way of the revelation of the unblemished seed of God within us is burned up by the revelation light of His coming. Any man who continues in the Adam-like conformation to earthly flesh and blood entities will have to go through the tormenting fire of the second death. Conforming to the likes of mortal man of the earth is synonymous to worshipping the beast and receiving the mark of the beast on the forehead and on the right hand, is a continuous process which men are subject to in their ignorance.

The mark of the beast or the mark of serpent (the most subtle of the beasts) is that earthly carnal identity of flesh and blood man puts on in this world. In ignorance the world has sinned by exchanging their form in the glory of God into that of mortal man and have served the purpose of that mortal man more that the creator [**Romans 1**]. That abominable exchanging and conformation of man's true immortal image into the mortal image is a continuous process that leads man down the slippery

path of death. In man's vain attempt to be wise, He falls into death and tribulation, however willingly or unwillingly all that is destroyed as the revelation of the Christ comes forth.

If any man is contentious of the truth being revealed and desires to hang on to the lie by continuing on the deceitfulness of mortal man, He will taste of the undiluted wrath of God and shall know no rest day and night throughout eternity as long as He remains rebellious [**Revelations 14:10-11**]. The torment comes upon any form of disobedience as the reality of heaven is revealed upon the earth. Like I have mentioned, the only anti-dote to this dreadful wrath is to obediently die the death of the Lord Jesus by faith and live unto Christ; blessed are those who die in the Lord [**Revelations 14:13**] they enter into the rest of God and escape the dreaded wrath of God.

Revelations 14:9 And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive *his* mark in his forehead, or in his hand, **10** The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: **11** And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name. **12** Here is the patience of the saints: here *are* they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus. **13** And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed *are* the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.

Any man who hears the truth, as it comes forth from the throne of grace must obey the truth and be conformed to the truth, this is the only way we can enter into the peace and rest of God, because there is no hiding place from the voice of truth from the moment it is unveiled.

THE SAINTS MAKE UP THE LAKE OF FIRE.

As the throne of God is unveiled from heaven before men in this world, many will seek to hide away from the presence of the Lord, some

in systems of morality like religion and family structures [Luke 23:30] [Revelations 6:16].

Revelations 6:14-17 And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places. 15 And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; 16 And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: 17 For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?

“Hide us from the face of him that sits on the throne” is the cry of the rebellious, who seek to get away from the Lord’s throne of judgment as it becomes manifest on the earth. It will not be long though, before they discover that there is no hiding place from His presence, even if man makes His bed in Hell, He will still behold the Lord upon His throne as His revelation goes forth. Apart from the feeling of guilt and condemnation, men foolishly seek to hide themselves from the throne in an attempt to hold on to their human identities and the deceitfulness of the riches and glories of this world. I say foolishness because, for the gain of this world, man loses the thing that matters most which is His inheritance in life in the kingdom of God. What shall it profit a man if he gains this whole world and losses his soul? Since they foolishly rebel, out of His mercy and love, God sends His fire to work out that salvation in them. It is painful and dreadful but the end of it is peace joy and everlasting life.

We should understand that the unveiling of the judgment seat of God which is life to those that are being saved and death to those that are perishing, is done through those who have heard the truth and have obediently conformed themselves to the truth. From the moment the obedient sons of the kingdom pick up their cross by shedding their outer coverings of flesh and blood and begin to walk in the truth, the temple of God on the inside of them is unveiled for all men to see. The throne of God within the temple becomes bare for the world to see. It is that impeccable light from the presence of God made manifest within the saints, which dissolves everything that it meets. Anything not rooted in the truth is completely destroyed dissolved. The spirit (Christ) being truth and light, dissolves all the false imaginations generated from the mind of the flesh (lies).

That lake of fire all started with the revelation of Jesus Christ during the days of His ministry, He is that burning unquenchable flax that burns on until it accomplishes what it came forth to accomplish [Isaiah 42:3]. That burning flame initiated in the Lord Jesus, has been transferred to the disciples and it keeps expanding around the world repeatedly in those who obey the Lord unto conformation into the son(Christ). There is no angle of this physical realm or the invisible realm that will not be affected by the disintegrating effect of the fire of the Holy Ghost.

John the Baptist confirmed the consuming effect of the revelation of Christ in **Matthew 3.11-12**. He prophesied saying that him that is coming will baptize with the Holy Ghost and fire and he will thoroughly purge that which He harvests by gathering the wheat into barns and burning off the chaff with unquenchable fire. The harvest is the evangelizing and gathering of the souls of men into God's kingdom, the wheat refers to the true good seed of God on the inside of all men, in other words the spiritual man created perfect in the likeness of God. The chaff on the other hand represents the layer of flesh and blood that we have borne in the darkness of this world; all offences have emerged out of these shaft (lies) that have veiled our true identities on the inside of us. The consuming effect of the revelation of the truth as the word goes forth, consumes every single trace of carnality working in the minds of men, so that only the pure seed of Christ remains. It does not matter how long it takes, but remember, when God says He will thoroughly purge the shaft from the wheat, that is exactly what He will do.

The Holy Ghost as we know made a symbolic landing into the disciples on the day of Pentecost. I say symbolic because, that sign of physical fire landing on the disciples was only a sign for us to understand what goes on in the unseen spiritual world. That fire even though spiritual and unseen is on the inside of all men who receive the Christ and unite with Him by faith. In the same way, a little spark of fire in this world spreads and consumes dry forests, so also does the unseen fire of the Holy Ghost consume all dead works and imaginations of mortal men; it starts of from within we who receive the spirit. Brethren, it can really get hot especially for the rebellious.

This explains the reason why some men are tormented when they hear the truth and see it manifested in the saints. They are tormented because

their works of darkness are exposed as their book (the contents of their heart) is opened up before the Throne of God, which is revealed through those executing His word of truth. Even spirits recognized the throne of God on the inside of Jesus while he went about doing the works of the kingdom. Records have it that some of these spirits were tormented at the presence of Jesus and they normally would scream or beg Him not to torment them before their time [**Matthew 8:29**]. All these are only examples of the torment that occurs when unclean spirits (flesh and blood) stand before the throne of God's judgment manifest on the inside of those who walk in the knowledge of Christ.

THE FLAMING ANGELS OF GOD

Jesus Christ and many other prophets like Enoch, Joel etc, prophesied on several occasions about the judgment of God, that will come to light on the earth at closing of this age. When I say, "at the close of this age", I mean the end of the ignorance and darkness that constitutes this world. Christ has been revealed to destroy every dark imagination in the hearts of men that has formed this environment called the world; this is the man-formulated environment called the world, which has brought about tears on the faces of men.

Christ Jesus prophesied using parables on several occasions about the end of the age or the world, when shall appear along with His holy angels and seats on a throne to judge the world. In **Matthew 25:31-36**, Jesus spoke about a separation of the sheep from the goats.

Matthew 25:31-36 When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: 32 And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth *his* sheep from the goats: 33 And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. 34 Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: 35 For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: 36 Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me.

Like we often stressed, the Son of man comes in glory on the inside of us, it is not an appearing of the flesh of Jesus from the sky. Christ came in Jesus, He came in Paul and the disciples, and He keeps coming in those who embrace the truth. His coming is the emergence of the perfect seed of God on the inside of us. When Jesus spoke about the son of man with coming with His angels, He was simply referring to His appearing or unveiling before men through those who have laid down their life for the sake of the gospel. Angels are those who have converted themselves to become servants of the living God; they are messengers who have lost their self-identities, so that they live solely as servants unto Christ, seeing them is seeing Christ. This is a wide topic that cannot be treated in this little book, but we should bear in mind that the concepts of angels that prevails among men in this world are false. Angels who walk in the light of God's kingdom are those who have been perfected in Christ and walk solely before the God as servants.

In the parable, Jesus speaks of a separation of the goats from the sheep, which occurs as the message goes forth from the ministers (Holy Angels) in the body of Christ to gather men out of the darkness of this world, into the kingdom of God's dear son. Those who hear and recognize the voice of the master while the message goes forth, and obey it unto conformation unto the image of the Son (Christ), are the sheep. Conforming unto the son comes firstly by recognizing the seed of Christ on the inside. It is the seed on the inside of us, which was lost to the prison house of corruption; it was naked and tormented with unbelief and subject to famished conditions where it lacked bread (The truth). When we hear the truth and patiently become doers of it, the seed of Christ on the inside of us is revived, until it comes out from it's impoverished state in the prison house of corruption, into the glory of God ruling over all, with great power at the right had of the Father. The right hand of the Father is the place of all power, blessings and pleasures. All these point to the resurrection of the Christ on the inside of those who patiently exercise themselves in the mystery of godliness. When we hear the truth about our true origin and life in Christ and walk in this revelation, the Christ within is revealed for the whole world to see.

At His revelation, there is great conviction upon those contentious of the truth; it causes them to slip further away from the presence of the Lord, so that their condition becomes worse than it was initially.

Matthew 25:41 Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels

When Jesus says that the rebellious whom He likened to goats or angels of the devil, will be taken to the left side of the Father; He was referring to a type of spiritual demotion into a realm of greater darkness and unbelief for those who reject the truth. God does not literally throw any man away from the right hand of His pleasures, it is conviction on the inside of man that causes him to slip further and further away from God, therefore making His condition worse that it was initially. It is either that the light of God rises upon you, or gross darkness darkens awareness of ourselves in the glory of the Christ. Those who find themselves at the left hand of God, which is also known as the realm of death and hell will suffer His eternal fiery indignation and judgment as it is revealed through His ministers.

Paul refers to the angels of God executing judgment on the rebellious in a letter to the Thessalonians.

2 Thessalonians 1:4 So that we ourselves glory in you in the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that ye endure: **5** Which is a manifest token of the righteous judgment of God, that ye may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which ye also suffer: **6** Seeing *it is* a righteous thing with God to recompense tribulation to them that trouble you; **7** And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, **8** In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: **9** Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power; **10** When he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day. **11** Wherefore also we pray always for you, that our God would count you worthy of *this* calling, and fulfil all the good pleasure of *his* goodness, and the work of faith with power: **12** That the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and ye in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

While admonishing the Brethren of the Thessalonian churches to persevere in their good works in Christ unto the hope of God's kingdom, He reminded them of the glorious rest that follows and the annihilation of those who war rebel against the gospel. Note that Paul emphatically says that Christ shall be glorified and admired in the saints when he is revealed from heaven through His mighty angels. The Thessalonians who received this letter understood what Paul was talking about because they had passed through His ministry. They understood that in the day of their glorification, they would be as the perfect and holy angels walking in the power of God spirit. Over the years, this letter has been watered down and misinterpreted by many professing Christians; they have been deceived into looking out for some form of outward manifestation of Jesus in the Sky with angels.

God is revealing today that the collective members of the body of Christ upon the earth form the punishment and great fiery indignation of God upon earth, otherwise known as the lake of fire.

JUDGMENT OF THE WORLD GIVEN TO THE SAINTS

To round up this chapter on the judgment of God, and the second death, I just want to point out that God has ordained the saints to judge this world is to be judged by the saints of God, this is God ordained. Saints who walk in the light of God's kingdom are the ones who convict the world of Sin and execute judgment upon any form of disobedience against the Lordship of Christ. Paul once asked, "Don't you know that you will judge the world and you will judge angels who do not keep their states in God"? [1 Corinthians 6:2-3]. This is the privilege given to the saints, who have set their hearts to serve the living God. Vengeance upon men who blaspheme against God and reject the truth is executed automatically as they come before the saints of God.

Psalms 149:5-9 Let the saints be joyful in glory: let them sing aloud upon their beds. 6 Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, and a twoedged sword in their hand; 7 To execute vengeance upon the heathen, and punishments upon the people; 8 To bind their kings with chains, and their nobles with fetters of iron; 9 To execute upon them the judgment written: this honour have all his saints. Praise ye the LORD.

Of course, the saints of God never go about seeking to torment or cast men into dark dungeons of greater unbelief. The Judgment of God is heaped upon the rebellious, as they perceive the fruit of love, unspeakable joy, peace and faith of those who have obeyed the truth. All the saints have to do is sing joyfully to God and walk in the pure innocence and love of Christ. That purity and love is the thing that convicts the world of sin. It is like the scene of Lazarus who represents the man of the flesh, being tormented when He looked up into the spirit to perceive the poor man who represents the man of the spirit in the bosom of Abraham.

John 16:8-11 And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: 9 Of sin, because they believe not on me; 10 Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more; 11 Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged.

We conclude on the lake of fire, by defining it as the consuming effect of God's truth upon the darkness of the world as it is unveiled through His messengers at the end of this age. As the truth is revealed from heaven, the consuming fire of His presence burns on throughout eternity. In reality, that fire from His presence has always been there, but it was hidden all along from man due to ignorance. The lake of fire is also known as the second death, which puts to death any mortal man that refuses or is not able to conform to the first death which is the death of Lord Jesus. The intention is that all men identify themselves by faith with the death of Jesus on the cross and live unto Christ.

Those who hear this message unto salvation and obey it by conforming to the death of Jesus and living unto Christ cannot be hurt by the lake of fire. These messengers are like angels or messengers of God who have power over the fire of God's presence [**Revelations 14:18**], because they are themselves glorified into their true original spiritual light state which they had from the beginning before the darkness of this age.

Psalms 104:4 Who maketh his angels spirits; his ministers a flaming fire:

