

Lesson #11: Judgment Day and Eternity

Introduction:

Premillennialist Position:

- In discussion of 2 Peter 3:10-13, Lindsey says, "In other words, Christ is going 'to loose' the atoms of the galaxy in which we live. No wonder there will be a great roar and intense heat and fire. Then Christ will put back atoms together to form a new heaven and earth, in which only the glorified persons without their sinful natures will live. There will be no more rebellion of man's will against God; only righteousness, peace, security, harmony and joy" (The Late Great Planet Earth, p. 179).
- "The sequence is clear in the last chapters of Revelation. First there is a return of Christ at the climax of the greatest war of all time. Second, Christ separates surviving believers from the surviving unbelievers; the unbelievers will be judge and cast off the earth (Re. 20:1-6; cf. Mt. 25:41-46). Third, Christ establishes the millennial kingdom and the surviving believers go into it as mortals and repopulate the earth (Re. 20:11-15; cf. Mt. 25:31-40). Fourth, at the end of a thousand years the unbelieving children rebel, Christ judges them, then He completely changes the old heaven and earth and creates a new one (Re. 21; Is. 65:17; II Pt. 3:8-13). This is the ultimate destiny of all persons who are redeemed by Christ" (Lindsey, p. 178).

Questions for Discussion (Biblical Position):

Judgment Day:

1. What will happen to the universe (2 Pt. 3:9-12)?
2. Who will be raised from the dead (Jh. 5:28-29)?
3. Who will face Jesus the Judge (Mt. 25:31-46)?
4. Where will Jesus be sitting (Re. 20:11)?
5. Who will be standing before Jesus (Re. 20:12-13)?
6. By what will they be judged (Re. 20:12-13)?
7. What is the destination of the lost and the saved (Re. 20:14-15)?
8. What will happen to the kingdom (1 Co. 15:24)?

Eternity:

1. What will replace the destroyed universe (2 Pt. 3:13; Re. 2:11)?
2. How is this place described (Re. 21:2-8)?
3. How is this place described (Re. 21:9-21)?
4. How is this place described (Re. 21:22-22:5)?

Conclusions:

1. When Christ comes for the second time, it means:
 - The resurrection of ALL the dead at the same time (Jh. 5:28-29).
 - The passing of everything material (2 Pt. 3:9-11).
 - The judgment of ALL – both righteous and the wicked (2 Co. 5:10; 2 Th. 1:1-12).
 - The kingdom will then be delivered over to the Father (1 Co. 15:21-28).
2. The dangerous consequences of premillennialism are many. If premillennialism were true:
 - The Old Testament prophets were wrong.
 - God selected the wrong time.
 - Christ failed in His mission.

- The church is nothing more than an accident.
 - Christ is not reigning now.
 - It would destroy many fundamental principles of the gospel of Christ such as: 1) The future reign theory denies the present reign of Christ. 2) The theory, as a whole, denies that God kept His kingdom promises. 3) It is impossible to believe the premillennial teaching and at the same time believe we are living in the “last days.” 4) It minimizes the gospel and belittles the church of Jesus Christ.
3. A judgment and resurrection day is coming one day. The timing is unknown, so BE READY!