



## Preparing for Yom Kippur: The Judgement Seat of Christ

*10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be paid back according to what he has done while in the body, whether good or evil. 11 Therefore, because we know the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade people. 2 Corinthians 5:10-11a*

### I. INTRODUCTION

**A. Fall Festivals Relate to Yeshua's Return:** Bridegroom, King, & Judge

We played the song you didn't sing... (Luke 7:31-35)

**B. Feast of Trumpets:** the King is Returning

### II. YESHUA: THE JUDGE

**A. Yeshua Judges** (John 5:22)

**B. The Bema Seat:** We all must appear before the judgement (bema) seat of Christ (2 Cor 5:10-11a)

Matthew 5:19; 6:19-21; Rom 14:10-12; 1 Cor 3:11-15; 4:5; 9:24-27

1. "The term for 'judgment seat' [Gr. bema] is a normal one for the raised platforms from which governors could issue decrees or judgments. (Barnett, Paul. *The Second Epistle to the Corinthians*. The New International Commentary on the New Testament series. Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1997, pg. 275 as found in Thomas Constable's internet notes) "The imagery used here for the future moment of eschatological revelation is that of the forensic process whereby the Roman governor sat on his tribunal to hear accusation and defense of an accused person standing before him. If he judged the accused guilty, the governor would order immediate punishment. (Keener, Craig S. *1-2 Corinthians*. Cambridge, U.K.: Cambridge University Press, 2005., pg. 181 as found in Thomas Constable's internet notes).
2. Evil deeds? The Greek word translated bad (phaulos) really means worthless. The idea is not that God will reward us for the good things we did and punish us for the bad things we did. Rather He will reward us for the worthwhile things we did and not reward us for the worthless things we did. (Constable)
3. "The judgment seat of Christ might be compared to a commencement ceremony. At graduation there is some measure of disappointment and remorse that one did not do better and work harder. However, at such an event the overwhelming emotion is joy, not remorse. The graduates do not leave the auditorium weeping because they did not earn better grades. Rather, they are thankful that they have been graduated, and they are grateful for what they did achieve. To overdo the sorrow aspect of the judgment seat of Christ is to make heaven hell. To underdo the sorrow aspect is to make faithfulness inconsequential." Samuel L. Hoyt, "The Negative Aspects of the Christian's Judgment," *Bibliotheca Sacra* 137:546 (April-June 1980):131. See also idem, "The Judgment Seat of Christ and Unconfessed Sins," *Bibliotheca Sacra* 137:545 (January-March 1980):38-39.
4. Perspective in Suffering (Hebrews 10:34)
5. Clearly Rewards for Wise Choices
6. We thus know the fear of the LORD....so we act differently
  - a. If we learn to live with the judgement seat in view, we will be God-pleasers, not men pleasers.

**C. Great White Throne Judgement** (Revelation 20:11-15)

### III. PERSONAL ASSESSMENT

**A. Focus on Him in Worship & Praise**

**B. Judging Ourselves:** He doesn't judge us if we judge (assess honestly) ourselves (1 Cor 11:31-32)

**C. Asking Yeshua Questions:** Shock me now and not on that day; Show me my heart

**D. We Come to Him (Heb 4:14-16)**

**E. Repentance**

**F. Making Adjustments**