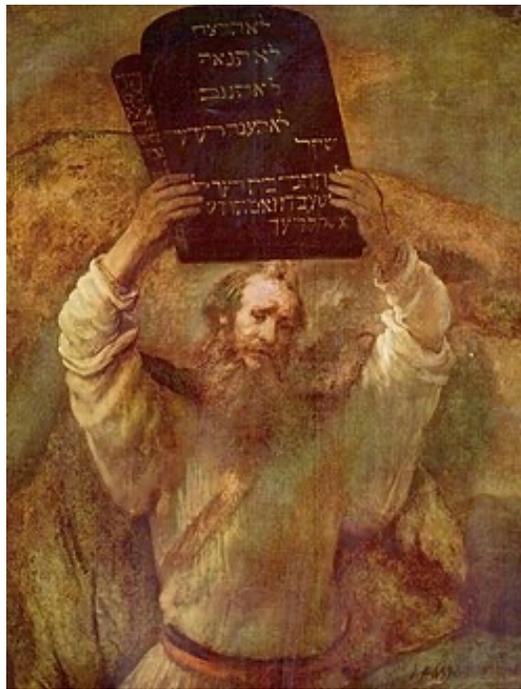




The Judgments Series Part 16

The Books:



The concept of a "record of deeds" is a significant theme in the Bible, reflecting the belief that God keeps an account of human actions, both good and evil. This record is often associated with divine judgment and the ultimate accountability of individuals before God.

Old Testament References

In the Old Testament, the idea of God recording human deeds is implicit in several passages. For instance, in **Malachi 3:16**, it is written: "At that time those who feared the LORD spoke with one another, and the LORD listened and heard them.

So a **scroll** of remembrance was written before Him regarding those who feared the LORD and honored His name."

This passage suggests that God takes note of those who revere Him, preserving their deeds in a "scroll of remembrance."

Malachi 3:16 NIV:

The Faithful Remnant

16 Then those who feared the Lord talked with each other, and the Lord listened and heard. A **scroll** of remembrance was written in his presence concerning those who feared the Lord and honored his name.

The Psalms also reflect this theme. **Psalms 56:8** states, "You have taken account of my wanderings; put my tears in Your bottle— are they not in Your book?" Here, the psalmist expresses confidence that God is aware of his sufferings and keeps a record of them, symbolized by a book.

Psalms 56:8 NIV:

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Record my misery;

list my tears on your scroll^[a]—
are they not in your record?

Daniel 7:10 NIV:

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A river of fire was flowing,
coming out from before him.
Thousands upon thousands attended him;
ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him.
The court was seated,
and the books were opened.

New Testament References

In the New Testament, the concept of a record of deeds is closely linked to the final judgment.

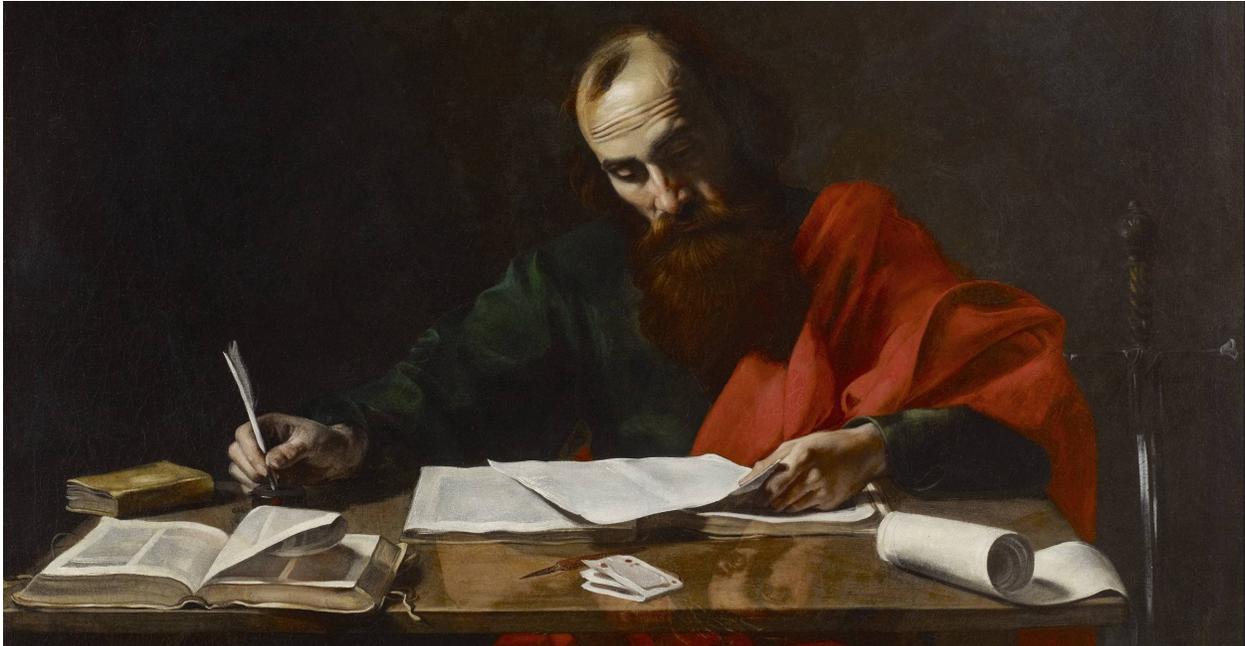
Revelation 20:12 NIV:

12 And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books.

This passage underscores the belief that all individuals will be judged based on their actions, as documented in divine records.



The Apostle Paul also alludes to this idea in:



Romans 2:6 NIV:

6 God “will repay each person according to what they have done.”^[a]

This statement emphasizes the principle of divine justice, where each person receives recompense based on their conduct.

Theological Implications

The record of deeds serves as a reminder of God's omniscience and justice. It underscores the belief that no action, whether hidden or public, escapes God's notice.

This concept encourages believers to live righteously, knowing that their deeds are observed and will be accounted for in the divine judgment.

Furthermore, the record of deeds highlights the importance of repentance and faith in Christ.

While human deeds are recorded, the New Testament teaches that salvation is ultimately through faith in Jesus Christ, who offers forgiveness and redemption.

This is evident in passages such as:

Ephesians 2:8-9 NIV:

8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—

9 not by works, so that no one can boast.

Moreover, the books will also reveal, that even when men do not have the written Word, they have the law of God written in their hearts (**Rom. 2:14-16**), and the revelation of God's consciousness, in creation so that they are without excuse - (**Rom. 1:18-21; 2:12**).

Romans 2:14-16 NIV:

14 (Indeed, when Gentiles, who do not have the law, do by nature things required by the law, they are a law for themselves, even though they do not have the law.

15 They show that the requirements of the law are written on their hearts, their consciences also bearing witness, and their thoughts sometimes accusing them and at other times even defending them.)

16 This will take place on the day when God judges people's secrets through Jesus Christ, as my gospel declares.

Romans 1:18-21 NIV:

God's Wrath Against Sinful Humanity

18 The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of people, who suppress the truth by their wickedness,

19 since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them.

20 For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.

21 For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened.

Romans 2:12 NIV:

12 All who sin apart from the law will also perish apart from the law, and all who sin under the law will be judged by the law.

Undoubtedly, then, the Scripture will be used to demonstrate the clearness of the plan of God and that man is without excuse.

John 12:48 is very pertinent here:

He who rejects Me, and does not receive My sayings, has one who judges him; the word I spoke is what will judge him at the last day.

John 12:48 NIV:

48 There is a judge for the one who rejects me and does not accept my words; the very words I have spoken will condemn them at the last day.

Conclusion:

The biblical theme of a record of deeds serves as a powerful reminder of the moral and spiritual accountability that each person holds before God.

It calls believers to a life of integrity, faithfulness, and reliance on God's grace through Jesus Christ.



How do we obtain the Forgiveness of our Sins?



How do we get right with God, regardless of our individual sins?

Just say this Prayer and all of your sins will be forgotten, and you will have Eternal life, with Christ Jesus, in Heaven:

Lord Jesus, I repent of all my sins, and I ask you to come into my life and be my Lord and Savior.

Friends, if you prayed that prayer, I believe that you are born again, and you have ever lasting life, get in a good bible teaching church, and may you keep growing, in the Lord, and may HE use you to help save many souls for His Kingdom !

In, Jesus Mighty Name!

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