

# Lesson #13 BEMA ( The judgement seat of Christ)

Ro.(14:10-12)..For we will all stand before God's judgment seat (**bema**)...every knee will bow...each of us will give an account of himself to God.

Mt.(16:27) For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father's glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what he has done.

## Paul's four metaphors:

### #1 A refiner's fire:

1Cor.(3:8-15) ...each will be rewarded according to his own labor.... his work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each man's work. If what he has built survives, he will receive his reward. If it is burned up, he will suffer loss; he himself will be saved, but only as one escaping through the flames.

Mal.(3:2-3) "But who will be able to endure it when he comes? Who will be able to stand and face him when he appears? For he will be like a blazing fire that refines metal ...He will sit and judge like a refiner of silver, watching closely as the dross is burned away.

### #2 An athletic contest:

2Tim.(4:7-8) I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing....-1Cor.(9:24) ..Run in such a way as to get the prize.-Phil. (3:14).. press on toward the goal to win the prize.

Heb.(12:1) Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.

### #3 An divine heart x-ray:

1Cor.(4:5) ....When the Lord comes, he will bring our deepest secrets to light and will expose the motives of men's hearts. And then God will give to everyone whatever praise is due.

Jer(17:10) "I the LORD search the heart and examine the mind, to reward a man according to his conduct, according to what his deeds deserve."

### #4 A performance review:

2Cor.(5:10) For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad (kak-os' worthless).

Jn. (15:8) "This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit,"

5-Jer(32:19) great are your purposes and mighty are your deeds. Your eyes are open to all the ways of men; you reward everyone according to his conduct and as his deeds deserve.

6-Ps.(62:12)... you, O Lord, are loving. Surely you will reward each person according to what he has done.

7-Prv.(24:12)...Will he not repay each person according to what he has done?

8-Lk.(12:33) "Sell what you have and give to those in need. This will store up treasure for you in heaven! (14:14) Then at the resurrection of the godly, God will reward you for inviting those who could not repay you."

(16:9) I tell you, use your worldly .resources to benefit others and make friends. In this way, your generosity stores up a reward for you in heaven.

(19:17) 'Well done!' the king exclaimed. 'You are a trustworthy servant. You have been faithful with the little I entrusted to you, so you will be governor of ten cities as your reward.'

9-1Pe. (1:17) Since you call on a Father who judges each man's work impartially, live your lives....

(5:4) And when the head Shepherd comes, your reward will be a never-ending share in his glory and honor.

2Pe.(1:10-11) ...if you do these things, you will never fall, and you will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

10-Rom.(2:6) God "will give to each person according to what he has done."

Col.(3:23-24) Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.

11-1Tim.(6:18-19) Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation **for the coming age**, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

12-Rev.(14:13)... "they will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow them.

(16:15) "Behold, I come like a thief! Blessed is he who stays awake and keeps his clothes with him, so that he

may not go naked and be shamefully exposed." { (3:18) "I counsel you to buy from me...white clothes to wear, so you can cover your shameful nakedness"}

(20:12)...And the dead were judged according to the things written in the books, according to what they had done.

(3:18) I counsel you to buy from me gold refined in the fire, so you can become rich...

(22:12) "Behold, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to everyone according to what he has done.

13-2Jn.(1:8) Watch out, so that you do not lose the prize for which we have been working so hard. Be diligent so that you will receive your full reward.

14-1Cor.(15:58) ...know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.