



# The Bible Speaks

## YOUR DAY IN COURT

Have you ever witnessed the drama of a court case being tried before a judge and jury? When a person is on trial for his life, every shred of evidence is weighed by the defendant and his attorney. His fate may hinge on the testimony of one witness.

The Bible tells us that we must all appear before the judgement seat of Christ. There is no way to escape your day in court! The question you must answer is, "Are you ready to stand before the bar of justice and hear the verdict?"

More than 2500 years ago, Belshazzar, a Babylonian king, with a thousand of his nobles, feasted in a luxurious banquet hall. They reeled in the fact that the city of Babylon was impregnable. To show their defiance of the deities of other nations, and to demonstrate their own strength, they ordered that wine be served in the golden vessels which had been taken from the temple at Jerusalem. They drank until they were thoroughly intoxicated. God took notice of this defiance on the part of Belshazzar and wrote on the plaster of the wall of that banquet hall. Even in their drunken debauchery these nobles were sobered by the bloodless hand, out of the sleeve of darkness, as it wrote the sentence of doom.

The Bible states that when Belshazzar saw this hand writing, "His knees smote against another." Daniel 5:6 (OT 700). This was no magician's trick. It was a message from God of judgement and doom. Daniel was summoned. He read the message to the king. It read, "Mene; God hath numbered thy kingdom and finished it, Tekel; Thou art weighted in the balance and found wanting." The divine judgement had found him guilty. He was not only to forfeit his life on this earth, but having failed to prepare, he was to lose eternal life as well. Let us not be found wanting as Belshazzar was.

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1. How many of us will have to appear before the judgement seat of Christ?  
**2 Corinthians 5:10**

**The Bible Answer:** \_\_\_\_\_

2. To whom will man have to give an account in that day? **Romans 14:12**

**The Bible Answer:** \_\_\_\_\_

3. Where will this investigative judgement begin? **1 Peter 4:17**

**The Bible Answer:** \_\_\_\_\_

4. How does Paul indicate that there is a definite time for the judgements?  
**Acts 17:31**

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5. What message is to be proclaimed to all the world announcing the beginning of this judgement? **Revelation 14:6, 7**

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6. What records are used to judge the individual? **Revelation 20:11, 12**

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7. Whom does Daniel say presides at the judgement? **Daniel 7:9,10**

**The Bible Answer:** \_\_\_\_\_

8. How much of what we have done will be known in that day?  
**Ecclesiastes 12:13,14**

**The Bible Answer:** \_\_\_\_\_

9. What did Christ say about our words? **Matthew 12:36, 37**

**The Bible Answer:** \_\_\_\_\_

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10. What book contains the records of those who follow the Lord?  
**Malachi 3:16**

**The Bible Answer:** \_\_\_\_\_

11. In what book are the names recorded of those who have accepted Christ?  
**Philippians 4:3**

**The Bible Answer:** \_\_\_\_\_

12. What happens to the name of one who once confessed Christ but afterwards turns to a life of sin? **Exodus 32:31-33**

**The Bible Answer:** \_\_\_\_\_

13. What promise is given to the overcomer? **Revelation 3:5**

**The Bible Answer:** \_\_\_\_\_

14. What law will be the standard of the judgement? **James 2:10-12**

**The Bible Answer:** \_\_\_\_\_

15. What does Christ do for us in the judgement? **Hebrews 7:25**

**The Bible Answer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**16. If we sin, what hope is held out to us? 1 John 2:1, 2**

**The Bible Answer:** \_\_\_\_\_

We are now in the judgement hour according to the book of Daniel. Daniel 8:14 (OT 704). The cases of those who have accepted Christ are being examined. Those who have become overcomers through His power, will be cleansed from all their sins. Those who have made a profession, but by their lives have denied their Lord, will have their names wiped out of the Book of Life. Perhaps you inquire, "If we are saved by grace, will our good works play any part in our salvation?" Our works will indicate how complete has been the surrender of our heart. There are many who have a form of godliness, but by their acts they deny the power of God in their lives. These will not enter the eternal city. Their works testify that they were only Christians in name. Christ describes this group of people in Matthew 7:21-23: "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name, and in thy name have cast out devils, and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity." (NT 8)

The righteous, on the other hand, show by the fruitage of their lives that the Lord rules them. The life that they now live, they live by the power that God imparts to them through the indwelling of Christ. If we are Christ's and He is our Advocate in the Judgement Day, the record of His perfect life of obedience will be applied to our record in heaven. The guilt of our sins and mistakes was born by Him upon the cross of Calvary. We will stand before God in that day as though we have never sinned. Gone will be the record of our mistakes. They will be forgiven and forgotten. Why should we worry about the past when we may have forgiveness today?

The Saviour stands ready to plead your case. He wants to be your advocate. Will you not place your case in His hands? Why not say,

**I want to accept Christ as my Advocate today**

**I need help in overcoming a problem in my life, pray for me**

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