

## John 3:19-21 - This is the Judgment!

A - Light

B - cometh

C - into the world

D - Men love darkness,

E - rather than light

F – Because their deeds were evil

F<sup>1</sup> – Everyone that doeth evil

E<sup>1</sup> - hateth the light

D<sup>1</sup> - neither cometh to the light

C<sup>1</sup> - He that doeth truth [in the world]

B<sup>1</sup> - cometh to

A<sup>1</sup> - The Light

in order that his deeds may be manifest, that they are wrought in God.

As this thematic passage bears out, the light which God designs to shine in our world for the purpose of being received, is rejected to a large degree, because men love darkness. This passage is the most succinct, clear and far reaching passage in all of Scripture on the subject of the Investigative Judgment—and it is from the words of Jesus Himself. As the words of the prophets of old tell us, “I the Lord love Judgment” {Psalm 33:5; 37:28; Isaiah 61:8}.

That “Judgment” means shining “light” into the lives of men and women, so that they will ‘abide’ in and ‘keep’ truth in the heart. If they do receive this light, they have passed from death to life, justifying God in His dealings with them, that He is “merciful, gracious, longsuffering and abundant in goodness, keeping mercy, forgiving iniquity, transgression and sin.” {Ex.34:6,7}. Thus, they reveal the fact that the character of God, as depicted in this passage {Exodus 34} is imbued through all ‘their works [which] are wrought in God.’ (John 3:21). Those who fully ‘overcome’ in the Judgment, will be sealed for eternity and stand through the time of trouble without an Intercessor in the Sanctuary above. This is in the order of God for He hath promised that He will “make a man more precious than fine gold” {Isaiah 13:12}. God is justified and glorified; His overcomers also thus justified and He will also glorify them at the Voice of God.

Therefore, as their Judge states in John 5:24, those that hear and believe on Him “hath everlasting life” and thus “shall not come into condemnation”. In other words, they have been justified by faith (because they hear and believe Him) and therefore no condemnation can come to them, for it fell upon Christ Jesus their Lord, their substitute. As long as they remain “in Christ” throughout the “Judgment of the Living” process , all the way to the end, the truth of their lives has revealed a oneness in character to their Lord obtained through His grace. Thus, they will “stand before the judgment seat of Christ” {Romans 14:10}, victorious. Their Advocate and Judge will see the two elements of righteousness present in their lives which have entitled them to the atoning benefits of the death of Jesus—“repentance for sin and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ” {Acts 20:21}, which are a vital necessity in the process of overcoming and receiving of the seal of the living God, at last.