

8-2-2026 Sunday Sermon Message

This Week's Meditation: Psalm 91:1-16

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 3:10-15

Scripture Title: **Now is the Time to Prepare for the reward to Be Received at Christ's Judgment Seat!**

All of us Christians are now building houses on the foundation of Jesus Christ . But the Bible says, " **But let every man take heed how he buildeth there upon it.**"(verse 10) to draw attention. It is precisely the fact that we all stand before Christ's judgment seat. We must not forget that among the doctrines of the Bible, the greatest doctrine for Christians is the doctrine concerning the judgment seat of Christ. We must remember that the practical significance of the second coming (rapture) of Jesus Christ for Christians is, in fact, on Christ's judgment seat.

The event directly relevant to Christians at the Second Coming is that we, who have been raptured, must first stand before Christ's judgment seat in heaven and directly explain ourselves to Him. This is a very important fact we must always keep in mind. Therefore, Christians should always say, "**I will stand on the judgment seat of Christ, whether day or night, sleeping, working, or doing anything.**" **I must stand before Christ's judgment seat and explain myself.**" This fact must never be forgotten for even a moment. If there is one thing we Christians must keep in our heads and repeat with our mouths, it is "**The judgment seat of Christ, the judgment sit of Christ, the judgment seat of Christ.**" This is the only thing."

The Christian life is one of living with the judgment seat facing Christ:

"Wherefore we labour, that, whether present or absent, we may be accepted of him.

¹⁰ **For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad."**(2 Corinthians 5:9-10)

Thinking about this leaves us with no room to judge others. Those who think of Christ's judgment seat often lack time even to reflect on themselves. The Bible says about this:

"But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.

¹¹ **For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God."**(Romans 14:10,11)

Just imagining ourselves kneeling before God in shame when we think about the fact that we must lay frankly before God, whether **good or evil**, before Christ 's judgment seat, and have done nothing for God, is truly terrifying?

"Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; "(verse 12)

In the Bible, "gold" always symbolizes God's divinity. Therefore, most of the inscriptions on the tabernacle were either made of gold or coated with gold. The Stone of Mercy was covered with gold, and the bread table, candlesticks, and censers were all made of gold. Gold is considered the most precious in the world. The New Jerusalem, which the Lord has prepared for us, has also laid the way with gold. And the city is made entirely of gold, which is said to be like transparent glass (Revelation 21:21).

Building with gold means that every time we worship God, we are storing up gold in heaven. Whenever we serve God above family, business, or anything else, and give Him the highest glory, we are stacking up gold in heaven. The Bible says, "**Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal:**

20 But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:

21 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."(Matthew 6:19-21) is what it says.

Regarding making it with silver, silver represents redemption. When we testify to the cross of Jesus Christ to sinners who are not saved and inevitably die, and have them accept Christ, receive the benefits of atonement paid with the blood He shed on the cross, and participate in the redemption of Christ's blood, then at this time, they are made into heaven with silver.

"But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:

20 Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you,"(1 Peter 1:18,19)

Gemstones refer to people:

"The Lord Almighty says, on the day I make my jewels, they will be mine. I will spare them, and whoever serves him will spare his own son."(Malachi 3:7)

"The Lord their God will save them on that day like a flock of His people, for they will be lifted up like jewels in their crowns."(Zechariah 9:16)

When unsaved souls are led to Jesus Christ, win them, and nurture them so they do not return to the world, making them like precious stones, that person stores up precious stones in heaven each time.

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Wood, straw, and stubble are all dead and have become insignificant. All these things will be burned at Christ's judgment seat. At this point, all the things you have done throughout your life are erased, and you will no longer receive the reward.

If Christians live for themselves instead of Jesus Christ, all they will return to is ashes and smoke burned by fire. All the life we have lived as Christians ends up wasting all the time we just wasted.

Now, sitting quietly once and writing down on a sheet of paper what you did solely for the Lord, it will be wise to start building with gold, silver, or precious stones.

Amen! Hallelujah!