

Sunday School Lesson



MRS. LAWRENCE

Subject: Christ The Righteous Judge
May 23, 1982

Lesson Jesus, The Just Judge
Jesus, The Almighty Vindicator
Before The Great White Throne

Scripture Revelation 19:11-14
Revelation 19:15, 16
Revelation 20:11-12

Background Scripture..Rev. 18-20

Lesson Background

Chapters 8-18 of the Book of Revelation record John's visions of wave after wave of devastation sweeping across the earth while the Antichrist is in power. Seven trumpet blasts announce judgments; seven woes are pronounced; seven persons are mentioned; and seven vials of plagues are poured out, softening up the power of the Antichrist. The subject in this chapter is still the fall of Babylon.

It has been revealed thus far according to John's visions, that Christ has been directing earth's judgments from His throne in Heaven, but now as we begin to study of this lesson, Christ leaves Heaven and descends to earth for the purpose of completing His work of judgment before He establishes His Millennial Kingdom.

In the first ten verses of chapter 19, there is the expression of great joy and rejoicing in heaven: the praises of the saints in vss. 1-6, and the marriage of the Lamb in vss. 7-10. This all sets the stage for the account of the coming to earth of the King of kings and the Lord of lords.

Lesson Explained

Last Sunday's lesson was taken from the section dealing with the seven seal visions, and showed God's people triumphant even though persecuted. Now in this week's lesson, John presents Christ, the Righteous Judge whose authority governs and appraises everything.

The Judgment scene on earth will be a time when all creatures shall be subject to Christ. But before His reign He will subdue any enemy and opposing force. At this time Daniel's seventh week will have just about run its course. The conflict of Armageddon will be near.

John sees "heaven opened for Christ's second coming." He is seen as the Rider called "Faithful and True." He is riding a white horse, symbolic of His holiness. He will judge with dignity, going forth to wage war against forces of evil. He will then gather the nations together for judgment (Matt. 25:31-46). Christ's second coming will occur after the rapture of the church and after the great tribulation (vs. 11). John describes the eyes of Jesus' as a "flame of fire," and on His head were many crowns. And He had a name that only He knew (vs. 12). Christ wore a robe stained with blood, generally believed—the blood of His enemies. His name was the "Word of God." The "vesture" probably is a reminder that the Lamb had been slain (vs. 12). On His thigh was written "King of Kings and Lord of Lords."

The armies of heaven will be dressed in white linen robes, symbolic of righteousness, and a readiness to go to war for Christ (vss. 13-14).

The first ten verses of Revelation, chapter 20, tell about the thousand year reign of Christ known as the Millennium. Verses 15-16 describe Christ as the Victor. These verses fulfill the great Messianic prophecy in Isaiah 11:4, which reads, "And He shall smite the earth with the rod of His mouth (tongue), and with the breath of His lips shall He slay the wicked." John saw Christ sitting upon the Great White Throne, and the dead appeared before Him. Small and great, the unsaved from all ages were seen standing there.

The books of judgment, a record of their deeds were opened for their judgment. The future judgment will not occur at the same time as the Judgment seat of Christ. The future Millennium will come between the two. Those who will appear at the Great White Throne will be the unregenerate. And all who will appear at the Judgment seat of Christ will be the redeemed.

Since the unsaved will not be recorded in the book of life, through God's righteousness they will be cast in the lake of fire to suffer the second death.

Note that the books of judgment are plural, but the book of life is singular because it contains only the names, excluding deeds: The blood of Christ blots out the sins of believers. (Act 3:19; I Tim. 5:24).

Closing Summary

When Jesus Christ comes again, it will be in dreadful majesty and holy power. He will come as a King mightier than any other. The world will stand before Him to be judged from opened books. All will be judged righteously, accordingly.



Mrs. Janice Washington
...Reading instructor director

At Amay James

Mrs. Janice Washington Is Woman's Day Speaker

Mrs. Janice Hutto Washington has been chosen as the speaker for Women's Day at the Amay James Presbyterian Church, located on 2400 W. Blvd., on May 30 at 11 a.m.

Mrs. Washington received her B.A. degree in English from Voorhees College, Denmark, S.C., where she was born and raised. Later, she completed studies for a Master's of Education degree in reading from the University of South Carolina.

She is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, South Carolina Educational Association, The National Educational Association and several local missionary organizations.

Mrs. Washington is a member of the Honey Ford Baptist Church in Denmark, S.C. where she serves faithfully.

She presently works as a director of reading instruction at the Reception and Evaluation Center of the Department of Youth Services in Columbia, S.C. where she presently lives with her husband and three sons.

Mrs. Washington dedi-

Alumni Meeting

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cated her life long ago to Christian services, to mankind, but especially to young people for whom she has a profound interest and love.

Mrs. Washington is the sister of Mrs. Patricia Hykes and Mrs. Luneaada Entering, residents of Charlotte.

Rev. Frank duCille extends an invitation to the public.

GRACE MEMORIAL

Rev. Felix Bailey of Grace Memorial Missionary has been in the ministry for 15 years. He and his members have a reason to be filled with joy. They recently moved from their church, located on 8412 Nations Ford Road, to 4001 Nivens Rd., the former Bureau Baptist Church.

Rev. Bailey of Statesville, N.C. and a 1981 graduate of Shaw's School of Religion, saw a desperate need to move from the church on Nations Ford Road.

"It was a house converted into a church, and the structure was not the making of a church. We wanted a church structure," commented Rev. Bailey. Their desire for a church structure was fulfilled when they relocated to 4001 Nivens Road. According to Rev. Bailey the church has a sanctuary, to accommodate members; eight classrooms; space for fellowship in the kitchen; a baptistry; nearly an acre and a half lot; and adequate parking space.



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