

The Bema Seat Judgment

- I. The Reward Seat of Christ (2 Cor. 5:10).
 - 1. All Christians will be there.
 - 2. Each one's practice will be made plain, as to what is rewardable.
 - 3. What was practiced in the earthly body will be judged.
 - 4. The judgment takes place after the meeting with Christ in the air (1 Thes. 4:17; 2 Thes. 2:1; 3:13; Eph. 5:27).
 - 5. And before the entry into the Third Heaven.
 - 6. In glorified bodies we will happily agree with the judgment.
 - 7. Christians are judged in this life, not in the next (1 Cor. 11:27-33).
 - 8. Works are what is judged at the Bema Seat.
 - 9. The term "try" (KJV, 1 Cor. 3:13) as in assaying metals.
- II. The Assay of Works by fire (1 Cor. 3:10-20; 4:5).
 - 1. Paul laid the foundation 1 Cor. 3:10 cf. Eph. 2:20).
 - 2. The "how" is the question to be judged and made plain.
 - 3. Valuable and worthless works are both being built upon the same foundation: religious works.
 - 4. Three representations are flammable, wood, hay, straw; and three are noninflammable gold, silver, precious stones. All of which were built on the same foundation.
 - 5. The representations are to make plain the hidden determinations of the heart (1 Cor. 4:5).
 - 6. The Day will make visible what the sort of work.
 - 7. The fire will assay the works.
 - 8. The nonflammable works will remain and be rewarded.
 - 9. The one who loses out on reward, because his works are burnt, he will, however, be saved through the fire.
- III. Possibilities for the degrees of worth and worthlessness.

Wood, hay, straw

All done in one's own strength.
All done while carnal. Different gradations of appearing value, all "show" seeming worth.

Gold, silver, precious stones

Precious stones—right motive.
Silver—right motive, by H.S.
Gold—right motive, by H.S. on a consistent basis.
All were when living up to their level of enlightenment.