# "Judgment Day" (5)

"So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil." (2 Corinthians 5:9-10)

## What we will be judged for:

<u>Our Words</u> - 12/4/11; <u>Our Return on Investment</u> - 12/11/11; The Love Factor - 12/18/11

## **Quality of Our Service**

1 Corinthians 3:10-15 — (10) "According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building upon it. Let each one take care how he builds upon it. (11) For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. (12) Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw— (13) each one's work will become manifest, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. (14) If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. (15) If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire."

#### Pass/Fail

Genesis 4:2-7 – (2) "...Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a worker of the ground. (3) In the course of time Cain brought to the LORD an offering of the fruit of the ground, (4) and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the LORD had regard (to gaze at, inspect) for Abel and his offering, (5) but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell. (6) The LORD said to Cain, 'Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen?' (7) If you do well (make well, amend), will you not be accepted (elevated, rewarded)? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is for you, but you must rule over it."

Key Point: Quality flows towards what I set my heart on

#### **Paying the Price**

2 Samuel 24:18, 23-24 — (18) "And Gad came that day to David and said to him, 'Go up, raise an altar to the LORD on the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite.' (23) All this, O king, Araunah gives to the king.' And Araunah said to the king, 'The LORD your God accept you.' (24) But the king said to Araunah, 'No, but I will buy it from you for a price. I will not offer burnt offerings to the LORD my God that cost me nothing.' So David bought the threshing floor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver."

#### OR

#### **Despising God**

Malachi 1:6-10 – (6) "A son honors his father, and a servant his master. If then I am a father, where is my honor? And if I am a master, where is my fear? says the LORD of hosts to you, O priests, who despise my name. But you say, 'How have we despised your name?' (7) By offering polluted food upon my altar. But you say, 'How have we polluted you?' By saying that the LORD's table may be despised. (8) When you offer blind animals in sacrifice, is that not evil? And when you offer those that are lame or sick, is that not evil? Present that to your governor; will he accept you or show you favor? says the LORD of hosts. (9) And now entreat the favor of God, that he may be gracious to us. With such a gift from your hand, will he show favor to any of you? says the LORD of hosts. (10) Oh that there were one among you who would shut the doors, that you might not kindle fire on my altar in vain! I have no pleasure in you, says the LORD of hosts, and I will not accept an offering from your hand."

## **Questions:**

What impacted me the most in this message? Does God get leftovers or my best? Resolutions for 2012? - (Ps. 100:2; Mark 12:30; Col. 3:23-24)

(ESV used unless otherwise noted)