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Unbelievers, both angels and humans, also have their final day in the Supreme Court of Heaven.

We are now getting ready to complete our eighth commandment concerning the judgment of the believer as we have already noted last Sunday, so, what about the unbelievers?

For the unbeliever his human good, not his sins, but his good deeds are judged evaluated and rejected.

REV 20:11-12, And I saw a great white throne and Him who sat upon it, from whose presence earth and heaven fled away, and no place was found for them. And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and books were opened; and another book was opened, which is the book of life; and the dead were judged from the things which were written in the books, according to their deeds.

Ergons = is the Greek word for deeds, works, and labor. The word can also mean that which designates the one who commissions the work or encompasses the unity of human conduct.

2CO 10:11, Let such a person consider this, that what we are in word by letters when absent, such persons we are also in deed [ergon] when present.

The word “deeds” is the Greek noun ergon e&rgon **ergon** -- as you can see it means to work, to toil (as an effort or occupation), it has nothing to do with sins.

Look at how useless and idiotic it would look like in **2CO 10:11, Let such a person consider this, that what we are in word by letters when absent, such persons we are also in [ergon - works or sins] when present.**

Now, that doesn't fit at all to translate ergons to sins.

Frequently ergon is used of a deed done or being done: as a *work* of GOD or as work from our LORD.

HEB 1:10, And, “Thou, Lord, in the beginning didst lay the foundation of the earth, And the heavens are the works [ergons] of Thy hands;”

HEB 4:3, For we who have believed enter that rest, just as He has said, “ As I swore in My wrath, They shall not enter My rest,” although His [ergons] works were finished from the foundation of the world.

HEB 4:4, For He has thus said somewhere concerning the seventh day, “And God rested on the seventh day from all His [ergons] works”;

So, you can see how foolish it would be if we just used and translated “ergons” to sins.

In general phrases, ergons can express the personality of relationship to a power or group; (ROM 13:12) Ergons is also a criterion for evaluation in judgment.

Scriptural passages on ergons referring to works or deeds and has nothing to do with sins, whether the believer knows it is sin or not, is not the issue; it simply doesn't matter, MAT 5:16.

MAT 5:16, “Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

The idea that ergons also can refer to the “treasure of good works” is taught in 1TI 6:18.

1TI 6:18, Instruct them to do good, to be rich in good works [ergons], to be generous and ready to share.

Ergons is referred to as deeds in **REV 20:13-15, And the sea gave up the dead which were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead which were in them; and they were judged, every one of them according to their deeds.**

REV 20:14-15, And death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. And if anyone’s name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

So, all of the unbelievers, both angels and humans, also have their final day in the Supreme Court of heaven.

Now, one of the most vital passages concerning the Angelic conflict and the place of Hades and the Ten Commandments is found in EPH 4.

First of all, Hades is said to be a place where God’s people have gone, ACT 2:27,31, 1CO 15:55.

Look at ACT 2:27, Because Thou wilt not abandon my soul to Hades, Nor allow Thy Holy One to undergo decay.

In ACT 2:31 he looked ahead and spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, that He was neither abandoned to Hades, nor did His flesh suffer decay. Hades is also a place where unbelievers have gone.

REV 6:8, And I looked, and behold, an ashen horse; and he who sat on it had the name Death; and Hades was following with him. And authority was given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword and with famine and with pestilence and by the wild beasts of the earth.

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There are also four major compartments of sheol or Hades.

1. Paradise is where the Old Testament believers resided after death before the resurrection of our Lord.

2. Torments is where all unbelievers reside, LUK 16:23.

3. Tartarus is where certain fallen angels, called beni ha Elohim in GEN 6, reside.

4. The abyss contains demons who transgress the boundaries of the human race = the location of the demon king, Satan's right hand man, called Abaddon.

He will have quite a future in the Tribulation period.

In REV 9, he breaks out of this jail with the help of Satan who also has now been cast out of heaven in the middle of the Tribulation and can never return to heaven again.

Remember that the Tribulation period is a seven year period in which the first three and a half years Satan, as the god of this world, blesses all mankind with great blessings wanting to be worshipped by him.

However, Satan finds out very quickly once again that God's word is true because in spite of all the blessings Satan gives to humans they still remain selfish, arrogant, critical, judgmental, and definitely implacable or impossible to please or satisfy.

Therefore, in all of his frustration, anger, jealousy and especially his bitterness, Satan brings the last three and a half years of the worse time the world has ever or will ever face or go through.

So that we have the first 3.5 years of great blessings and then we will receive 3.5 years of the worse time in all of human history.

Remember I said that Satan is bitter and so the second half of our verse in HEB 12:15 tells us what motivates Satan and his bitterness.

You've heard it before, I'm sure you'll hear it gain as we await our LORD and His bride returning with resurrected believers to save the world from complete destruction.

Scripture: First, look at what bitterness does to others; **HEB 12:15, See to it that no one comes short of the grace of God; that no root of bitterness springing up causes trouble, and by it many be defiled;**

There are passages like this and more that warn us about that time when the Lord comes back to deliver or save His own people at the end of the Tribulation Period before mankind would be completely wiped out. And we also know that....how and why?

For example, **MAT 24:19-22, "But woe to those who are with child and to those who nurse babes in those days! But pray that your flight may not be in the winter, or on a Sabbath; for then there will be a great tribulation, such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever shall. And unless those days had been cut short, no life would have been saved; but for the sake of the elect those days shall be cut short."**

Now, let us note one of the major areas where Satan loves to steal blessings from and that is any area of your life that you are prospering in especially fruit picking.

For example, look at **GAL 5:17-23**, **For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the Law. Now the deeds [ergons] of the flesh are evident, which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions, envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these, of which I forewarn you just as I have forewarned you that those who practice such things shall not inherit the kingdom of GOD. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.**

In this passage, the fruit mentioned belongs to the believer who will not allow Satan and the kingdom of darkness to give the devil an opportunity, EPH 4.27.

For those who do not obey **2JO 1:8**, **“Watch yourselves, that you might not lose what we have accomplished, but that you may receive a full reward.”**

The believer who obeys this truth of doctrine will produce the fruit that is mentioned in GAL 5:22-23.