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WHICH WOULD IT BE?

A
False view of judgment – not just one judgment
Past: Eden, Flood, Calvary
Present: 1 Cor. 11:31

B
Further: G.W.T.J.
• Well, I won’t be there!
  Don’t be too snug and smug.

C
Bema Judgment: Meaning and background
• Wrestling
• Boxing
• Racing
• Bema – a reward bench

D
God’s three-fold dealing with us
Past: Sinners
Present: Sons and daughters
Future: Stewards

Areas:

“For we are God’s fellow workers; you are God’s field, you are God’s building. According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it. For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, each one’s work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one’s work, of what sort it is. If anyone’s work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward. If anyone’s work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire” (1 Cor. 3:9-15).

- Separate the six into two piles

God as a benevolent Heavenly Father—Questions on the Final Test:

1. How we treat other believers (Heb. 6:10)

2. How we exercise our authority over others (Heb. 13:17). Two ways to respond to authority—to swell, to grow.

3. How we employ our God-given abilities (2 Tim. 1:6)
   - Spiritual gifts

4. How we use our money . . . (1 Cor. 16:2)
5. How we spend our time . . . (Eph. 5:16)

“So teach us to number our days” (Psa. 90:12)

6. How effectively we control the old nature (1 Cor. 9:25-27)
   o Samson

7. How we use our tongue (Mt. 12:36, 37)
   o Want to be a perfect person? James tells us how:
     “For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body” (James 3:2).

8. How much we suffer for Jesus
   o “That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death” (Phil. 3:10).