

Message: ***"Final Judgment: A Day of Hope"***

Scripture: Revelation 20:7-15
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In Revelation 20, John informs us that the Lord Jesus will reign on earth for 1000 years, and the world would live in peace and prosperity with no outside evil influence. But this will come to an end and Satan who has been bound and sealed in the abyss will be released. Why? First, this shows that Satan's confinement will not have changed him, his hatred for God and for Jesus Christ and for all those who belong to Him. The second reason is it reveals the true character and intent of those who have rejected Christ as their Savior and as their king. God's judgment of them will be truly just.

During the Great White Throne Judgment, John saw the opening of the book of life. This book has recorded in it the names of all who have put their faith in Jesus Christ for salvation. All those who agreed with God that they were sinners in desperate need of Jesus Christ, believing that He died and took the punishment for their sin upon Himself, and died and was buried in their place, and rose three days later proving their sin had been paid for and guaranteeing their place in the first resurrection. Will your name be in the Lamb's book of life?

GROWING DEEPER (Reflection & Application)

1. Where do you look for true happiness in life: fantasy or reality?
2. Why do you think Satan will again try to deceive the nations? Why do you suppose God would release him and let him out?
3. Imagine a book made of your life with every thought and deed recorded, then read by all. How would you feel?
4. If Christ edited that book by substituting His works for yours, how would you feel? How would you live then live today?