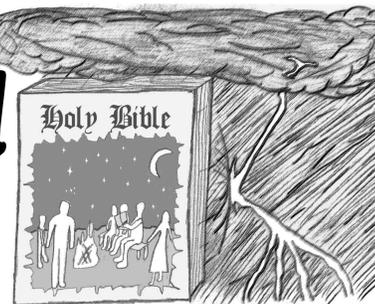


Shelter in the Word

*He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty
You are my refuge and shield: I have put my hope in your Word. —Psalm 91:1; 119:114*



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Why So Much Writing about Eternal Judgment?

by Norman Edwards



Our November/December 1999 issue contained 40 pages about eternal judgment. This issue contains another 39 pages (appendices) plus 4 pages of scripture index. Why so much for a subject that many people do not even consider a “church doctrine”? Two reasons.

1. **The Bible calls it a basic doctrine** (Heb 6:2).
2. **It should be considered in all that we do.**

Our physical lives eventually end in death (Gen 3:19). We do not take any physical things with us when we die. But we will be judged for the decisions we made, how we treated others and how we used the talents that were given to us. Notice the following verses:

2Cor 5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

Matt 6:19 Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal.

20 But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal.

Gathering a large amount of wealth, knowledge, friends or anything else in this life is only a temporary benefit. We certainly need to provide physical things for ourselves and others in order to live. But it is simply too

easy to be come entangled in them and end up serving them rather than having them serve us.

When we make the **big decisions** in our life, we need to think “what would God want me to do” and how will I be judged for that. These decisions include such things as: What classes will I take in school? Who will my friends be? What Job will I take? Who will I marry? How will I raise my children? Where will I live? What kind of car will I drive? What worship service will I attend? What will I do with my free time?

We should also think about eternal judgment when we make **little decisions**: Will I talk to that person? Will I return the money she dropped? Will I answer him the way I would want to be answered? Will I speak kindly even though they have wronged me? The list goes on.

I hope you have time to study this important doctrine from the Bible. It should change your life.

—Norman Edwards

Add Eternal Judgment Appendices to Main Paper

This issue of *Shelter in the Word* contains appendices and a new title/table of contents page for *What Does the Bible Say About Eternal Judgment?* Please throw away the old title/table of contents page, and replace it with the new one. Then add the new appendices after page 40. If you do not have a copy of *What Does the Bible Say About Eternal Judgment?*, please ask for one (see address on back page). —Norman Edwards

The New School Prayer

Now I sit me down in school
Where praying is against the rule
For this great nation under God
Finds mention of Him very odd.

If Scripture now the class recites,
It violates the Bill of Rights.
And anytime my head I bow
Becomes a Federal matter now.

Our hair can be purple, orange or green,
That's no offense; it's a freedom scene.
The law is specific, the law is precise.
Prayers spoken aloud are a serious vice.

For praying in a public hall
Might offend someone with no faith at all.
In silence alone we must meditate,
God's name is prohibited by the state.

We're allowed to cuss and dress like freaks,
And pierce our noses, tongues and cheeks.
They've outlawed guns, but **first** the Bible.
To quote the Good Book makes me liable.

We can elect a pregnant Senior Queen,
And the 'unwed daddy,' our Senior King.
It's "inappropriate" to teach right from wrong,
We're taught that such "judgments" do not belong.

We can get our condoms and birth controls,
Study witchcraft, vampires and totem poles.
But the Ten Commandments are not allowed,
No word of God must reach this crowd.

It's scary here I must confess,
When chaos reigns the school's a mess.
So, Lord, this silent plea I make:
Should I be shot; my soul please take!
Amen

Attributed to a teenager in Bagdad, Arizona.

[The "hippie" generation rebelled against the materialism and phony morality of the "establishment". They were right about the materialism, but it took years for them to learn that free sex and drugs produced a lot of heartache and suffering. Some of today's generation appears to be rebelling against the materialism, immorality and anti-God bias of the "establishment". There is hope for the future! —NSE]

You May Be Following the Rules, But Is God Happy?

A fellow watched a couple of men working along the roadside. One man would dig a hole two or three feet deep and then move on. The other man was about 25 feet behind filling in each hole that the first man dug.

This fellow's curiosity peaked, so he asked the men. "Can you tell me what's going on here with this digging?"

"We work for the government," one said.

"But one of you is digging a hole and the other is fill-

ing it up. You're not accomplishing anything. Aren't you wasting the people's money?"

"You don't understand, mister," one of the men said.

"Normally there's three of us—me, Rodney and Mike. I dig the hole, Rodney sticks in the tree and Mike here puts the dirt back. Now just because Rodney's sick, doesn't mean we can't work, does it?"

[People need to know about eternal judgment! —NSE.]

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