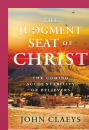


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Registration is open for Fall Conference 2026!

The Kansas Navigators annual Fall Conference is designed for men and women of all ages, from teens on up. It is a one-day event meant to encourage us in our growth in the Lord Jesus and also help us walk with others.

Dr. Jerry White, International President Emeritus and Board Chair Emeritus of The Navigators (c) is our guest speaker on Saturday, September 26, at Eastminster Presbyterian Church in Wichita. His topic is *Making Disciples for a Lifetime*.



General White was born in Iowa and raised in Spokane, Washington. He received a B.S. in Electrical Engineering in 1959 (U. of Washington). His master's degree is in Astronautics (The Air Force Institute of Technology) and his Ph.D. is in Astronautics (Purdue University).

His three messages will be *Work as a Holy Calling*, *Approaching the Fourth Quarter* and *Influencing our Fragmented World*.

To get a taste of Dr. White's personality and message, tune in to Episodes 344, 345 and 346 of our podcast *Making Disciples Naturally*. These would be great to forward to others to encourage them to join you at the conference.

Registration information is found at <https://kansasnavs.org/conferences>

The Judgment Seat of Christ

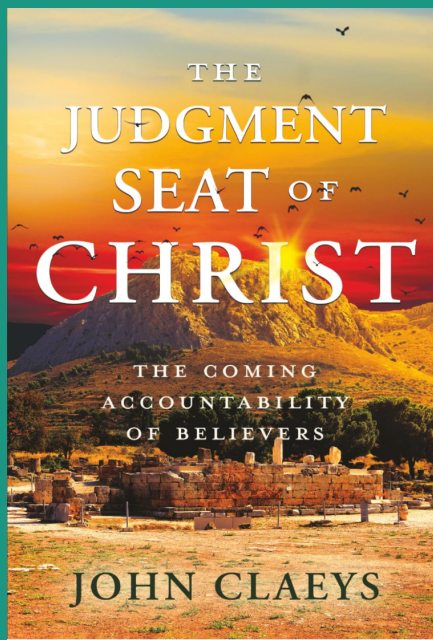
The coming accountability of believers

by John Claeys

The Bible describes several judgments in both the Old and New Testaments. In the New Testament we read of the Judgment of the Sheep and Goats (Matthew 25:31ff), the Judgment Seat of Christ (2 Cor. 5:10) and the Great White Throne Judgment (Rev. 20:11-15).

Some view the Judgment Seat of Christ (JSC) as the same event as the Great White Throne (GWT) Judgment. But there are differences, leading many (including the author of this book) to believe that the JSC is where only believers will appear at the end of the age, while the GWT judgment is for unbelievers only.

Claeys does a fantastic job of researching and documenting what Scripture says about these judgments. According to 2 Cor. 5:10, we all (believers)



must appear before the JSC, “that each one may receive the things done in the body according to what he has done, whether good or bad.”

There are many references to a judgment for believers where we will receive reward or loss of reward based on our works throughout the pages of our New Testament, all the way from the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 6:1-4 and others speaking of reward), to 1 Cor. 3:10-15, to Romans 14:10 and a plethora of other references to reward or loss thereof. The outcome of this judgment does not determine our eternal destiny (“heaven or hell”) as that was decided when we placed

our faith in Jesus alone for eternal life. We are secure in His hand if we believe in Jesus alone for eternal life.

The doctrine of the JSC being a time of assessment of our lives is a great motivation for holy living. After all, even Moses (Hebrews 11:26) looked to the reward as a motivation for holy living. This is a very enlightening and encouraging book!

Goads and Nails

(excerpt)

By Richard Spann

Do you love me more than these?

— John 21:15

(Excerpt from Vol. 4, pages 23-25)

The above question, posed by our Lord to Simon Peter, was one of the more significant questions to mankind ... The occasion was after the Lord had served seven of His disciples breakfast following an overnight fishing trip. It was only successful because the Lord had instructed them to fish on the other side of the boat! ... Following their breakfast, the Lord singled out Simon Peter and asked him the above question. Opinion varies as to what the Lord meant by “these.” Was He referring to the fish or to the other disciples, or something else? ... Some suggest that perhaps the Lord was referring to Peter’s relationship with others. What is clear, however, is that the Lord desired to know if anything stood between Peter and his complete devotion to His Lord...

Leroy Eims used the following illustration... Suppose that I were to take a trip across the country for a meeting and call back to my wife with the following story. “The meeting is going well here. By the way, I met a really nice gal today at the meeting and we are having dinner tonight ... But don’t worry, Virginia, you are still number one.” He then asked, “How do you think Virginia would feel?” Leroy remarked that sometimes we treat the Lord similarly by regarding our relationship with Him like that of a horse race. “The Lord is ahead by a length, but ‘hobbies’ is coming up fast on the rail, and ‘work’ is only two lengths behind.” ...

What are the “these” in your life? Are there competitors for your devotion to the Lord? Based on the affirmation of Peter’s loyalty and devotion, the Lord gave the following commands to his disciple. “Feed my lambs.” “Take care of my sheep.” “Feed my sheep.” Only those who are fully loyal are able to walk closely enough with the Lord that His presence, His power, and His purpose are available through Him to shepherd others. Only in abandonment to Him are we able to realize and rely on Him to shepherd others through us... In Christ, Richard Spann

The Need is Not the Call by Richard Spann

We live in a needy world. Every day we are exposed to newspapers, mailings, and other stories of those with physical and spiritual needs. In our workplaces, our neighborhoods and our churches we continually come into relationships with those who have needs in their lives. I have seen a number of individuals who have seemingly responded to every need of which they heard. Some have done so with the result of failed relationships in their own family. Those with whom the Lord



had given the most responsibility were neglected and in some cases, lost to the Kingdom of God. How do we discern what the Lord would have us to do? Even the Lord Himself did not heal every sick person in Israel during His time physically on Earth; injustice still reigned in the land and wrongs were not righted, yet He always perfectly did the Father's will. He had a clear sense always of what His Father would have Him to do. Fortunately for us, the scriptures are not silent regarding the reason for this in His life. It is found in the following passage in Mark 1:29-39.

“As soon as they left the synagogue, they went with James and John to the home of Simon and Andrew. Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told Jesus about her. So he went to her, took her hand and helped her up. The fever left her and she began to wait on them. That evening after sunset the people brought to Jesus all the sick and demon-possessed. The whole town gathered at the door, and Jesus healed many who had various diseases. He also drove out many demons, but he would not let the demons speak because they knew who he was.

“Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed. Simon and his companions went to look for him, and when they found him, they exclaimed: ‘Everyone is looking for you!’ Jesus replied, ‘Let us go somewhere else—to the nearby villages—so I can preach there also. That is why I have come.’ So he traveled throughout Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and driving out demons.”

In this scripture passage we see that to have a priority of knowing the Father's will, we must make time with the Father a priority. It will require a costly time, not a convenient time. It will not be the leftovers of our day, but the best of our day. It is in the unhurried time, where we have left all our concerns to Him, that we can listen to Him impress upon our hearts what He would have us to do. We can see His will for us most clearly in the prolonged light of His presence. Our failure to do this subjects us to being controlled by the needs of others rather than controlled by His call for our lives.

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“It's all about God. May He forgive us for every time we start to think it's actually all about us.” ~ Alistair Begg, Pastor, author, speaker. Quote found at https://www.azquotes.com/author/19264-Alistair_Begg

Need is Not the Call (Continued)

We can see from the example of the Lord's life in Mark that there are three things that threatened to prevent His retreat from the world to allow time with the Father. They are the same three things that threaten our lives as well. The first of these is fatigue. Jesus had spent the previous morning in the synagogue, driven out an evil spirit and went home to have lunch with his friends, only to find out that the cook was sick! After healing her, He was soon deluged by the whole town bringing all the sick and demon-possessed to his door for healing. I have had many busy days in medical practice from early in the morning until late in the evening, but I have never been required to treat the whole town! (Admittedly, Jesus had an advantage here in that He was not required to fill out Medicare forms!) This was one of the busiest days recorded in His ministry. If He were ever tempted to sleep in the next day, this would have been the day.

The second threat He experienced to time with the Father was unfinished business. There were, no doubt, other needs in the town and community that were not addressed by Jesus the night before. This was, no doubt, part of the reason for Simon's comment, "Everyone is looking for you." The third threat, also expressed in Simon's statement, was the expectations of others. Simon and the other disciples were no doubt encouraged by the response of the town to Jesus and wanted Him to return to help others and perhaps receive more acclaim in the town. I have found in my own life that these same three things: fatigue, unfinished work, and the expectations of others may threaten my time with the Lord.

In His time with the Father, Jesus clearly distinguished the need from the call. As a result of that time, He related: "Let us go somewhere else—to the nearby villages—so I can preach there also. That is why I have come." In this statement, He revealed three questions that were answered by the Father.

"Where am I to go?"

"What am I to do?"

"Why?"

"To the nearby villages."

"Preach there also."

"That is why I have come."

Have you ever asked yourself, "Where am I to go?", "What am I to do?", and "Why?" I submit for your consideration that all of these questions will be answered by the Father as you spend time in His presence. As we bring these questions to Him, He will make clear to us what is His call for our lives and direct us to the needs to which he would have us respond.



"The great antidote to anxiety is to come to God in prayer. We are to pray about everything. Nothing is too big for Him to handle, and nothing is too small to escape His attention." — Jerry Bridges, Navigator, Author, Speaker. Quote found at https://www.azquotes.com/author/1899-Jerry_Bridges#google_vignette.