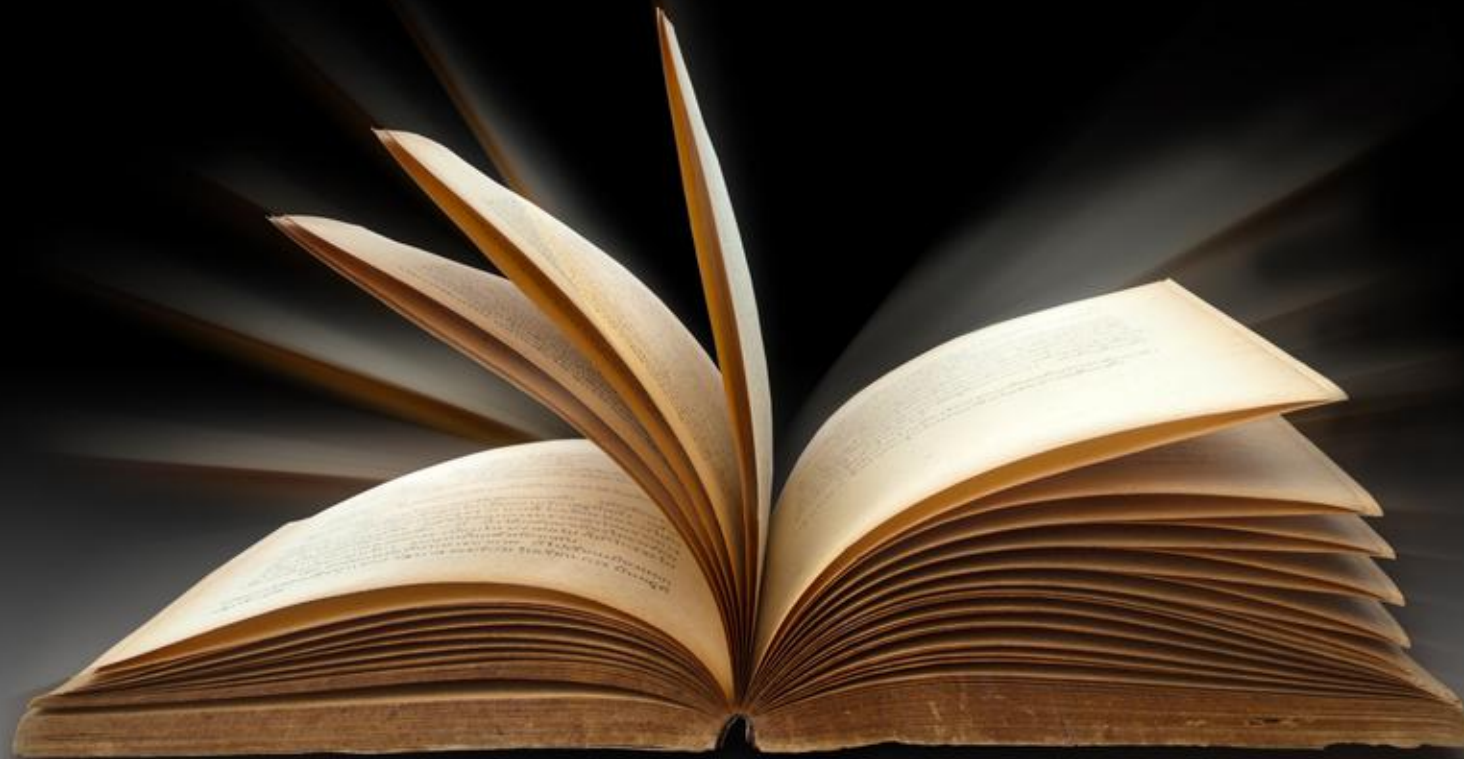


# *Pages In The Book*



**My life and the Day of Judgment**

# *According To Their Deeds*

- Revelation 20:11-15
- Such imagery compels us to examine ourselves (2 Cor. 13:5) — It is easy, though, to become fixated on the contents of the book.
- What will be written on my page? Will I face a laundry list of my bad deeds? Does it make sense for me to hear a list of my good deeds?
- How do we reconcile the “deeds” in this book with God’s promise in Jeremiah 31:34?

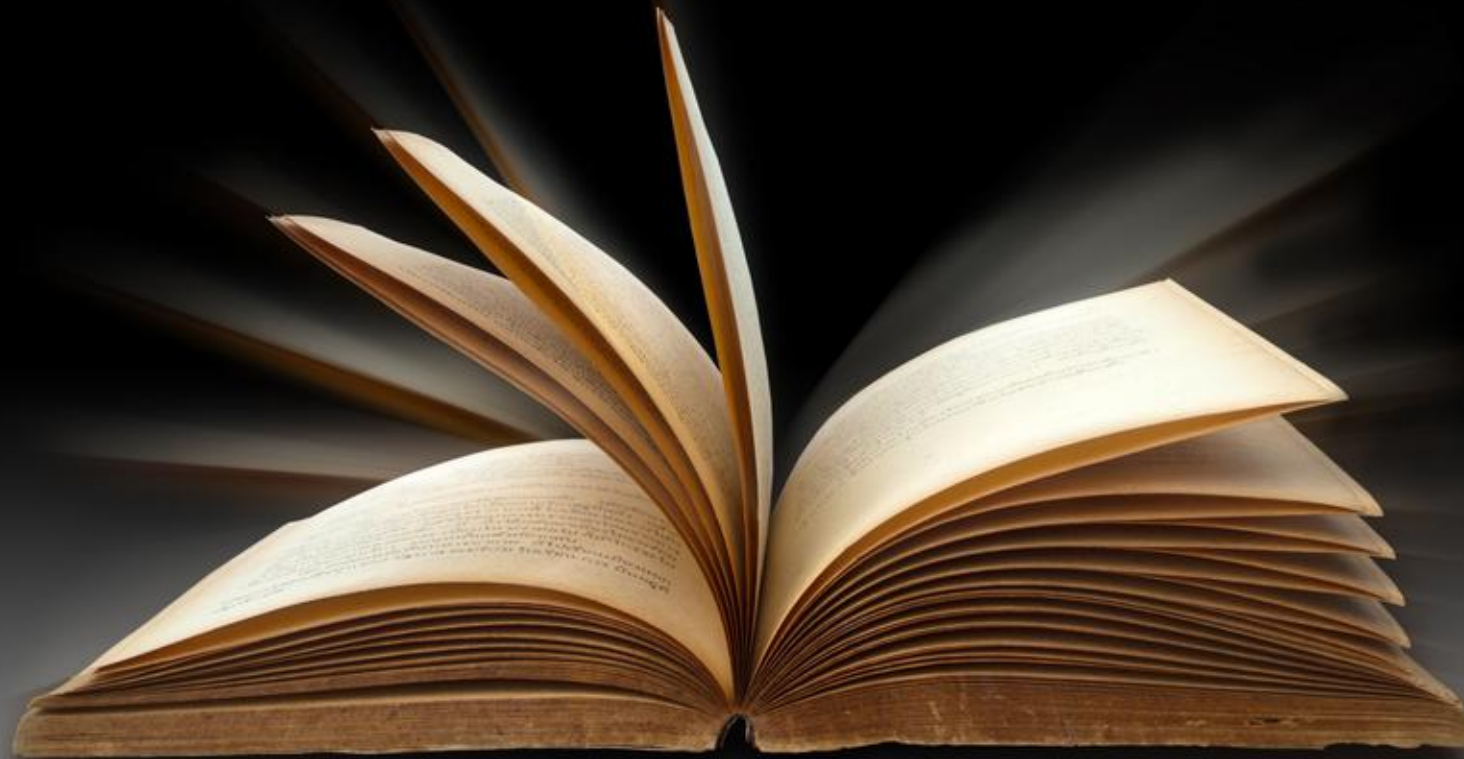
- We cannot avoid the conclusion that our lives will be remembered, and judgment will be based upon our deeds (John 5:28-29, 2 Cor. 5:10).
- Our salvation, by grace, is linked with our response (Heb. 5:9, Matt. 7:13ff).
- Jesus does not forget (Matthew 25:31ff).



*My Deeds Remembered*



But for the cowardly and unbelieving and abominable and murderers and immoral persons and sorcerers and idolaters and all liars, their part *will be* in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.



*Revelation 21:8*

# *Sin and Grace*

- Will my *occasional* sins be held against me, or are only “chronic” sinners condemned?
- When we try to rationalize certain activities, we should consider a few scriptures: Hebrews 2:1, 3:12-14, Galatians 2:11, 5:4, Colossians 1:19-23.
- Grace is deep, its limits unknowable. But does that warrant a casual approach to our conduct? Consider Romans 6:1-2, 12-15.

# *Is Judgment Even Possible?*

- How can God judge any of us? We are all sinners (Rom. 3:23), there is nobody 'good' (Ps. 53:1-13). A failure to distinguish plays right into the enemy's hand, however! Whatever happened to the "new creature"?
- We need to remember that our judge has precision beyond human comprehension (Heb. 4:12-13). We must leave judgment up to the only One qualified (Romans 2:1-16).

# *Balance*

- Like so many things in life, balance is the key to grasping such a difficult concept.
- Some facts pertaining to judgment:
  - I will not be judged by specific deeds, but the totality of my life. What did I produce? (Matt. 12:33ff)
  - I always have a safety valve (1 John 1:9) that will never be exhausted (Matthew 18:21ff)
  - I have only one Advocate, there will be only one voice coming to my defense (Matthew 10:32-33)
  - It is not where I start that matters, but where I end (1 Timothy 1:12-17)



