

## **What Should Believers Expect at the Final Judgment?**

### **I. Introduction: Giving the Bible Functional Authority (Piper's Two Questions<sup>1</sup>)**

Two Questions to Ask Before Making a Debatable Statement:

- 1) Is there any passage in the Bible that supports what I'm about to say?
- 2) Is there any passage in the Bible that *sounds* contrary to what I'm about to say?

### **II. We should expect to be \_\_\_\_\_, and that should fill us with confidence**

### **III. We should expect to be \_\_\_\_\_, and that should fill us with diligence.**

“When we arrive in glory, unbelief and fear will cease forever; our nearness to God, our communion with him, will be beyond what we can now conceive. Therefore the remembrance of our sins will be no abatement of our bliss, but rather the contrary. When Pharaoh and his host were alive and pursuing them, the Israelites were terrified; but afterwards, when they saw their enemies dead upon the shore, their joy and triumph were no abated, but strengthened by the consideration of their number.

With respect to our sins being made known to others, I acknowledge with you, that I could not now bear to have any of my fellow-creatures made acquainted with what passes in my heart for a single day; but I [see] it is a part a proof of my present depravity that I feel myself disposed to pay so great a regard for the judgment of men, while I am so little affected with what I am in the sight of a pure and holy God.

But I believe that hereafter, when self shall be entirely rooted out, and my will perfectly united to the divine will, I should feel no reluctance, supposing it for the manifestation of his glorious grace, that men, angels, and devils should know the very worst of me.

-**John Newton**, personal letter<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup><https://www.desiringgod.org/messages/how-to-give-the-bible-functional-authority-in-your-speech-and-writing> (accessed March 27, 2018)

<sup>2</sup>[https://books.google.com/books?id=BMM9AAAIAAJ&pg=PA82&lpg=PA82&dq=letters+of+john+newton+judgment+sin&source=bl&ots=bm8cB3Fj3Y&sig=3rH9dHi6vzw3UU3Ps\\_WBgFRigs8&hl=en&sa=X&ved=0ahUKEwimpaO7vbLZAUB2VMKHUOWCvQQ6AEINTAC#v=onepage&q=letters%20of%20john%20newton%20judgment%20sin&f=false](https://books.google.com/books?id=BMM9AAAIAAJ&pg=PA82&lpg=PA82&dq=letters+of+john+newton+judgment+sin&source=bl&ots=bm8cB3Fj3Y&sig=3rH9dHi6vzw3UU3Ps_WBgFRigs8&hl=en&sa=X&ved=0ahUKEwimpaO7vbLZAUB2VMKHUOWCvQQ6AEINTAC#v=onepage&q=letters%20of%20john%20newton%20judgment%20sin&f=false) (accessed March 27, 2018)