

# The Final Court

" . . . a man and a mouth that spoke boastfully.

The Ancient of Days took his seat. . .His throne was flaming with fire. . . .

Ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him.

***The court was seated,*** and the books were opened. . ." (Dan. 7:8-10)

Who is this "court" that will be a part of the final judgment of all men, with the Ancient of Days?

Do we feel content that we are in "agreement" with everyone at our "church" and 80% of the mass's beliefs? But are any of these going to be in that heavenly court that will be seated, and then evaluate the books that are opened about you and me?

I believe that Scripture clearly teaches who will be in that court that will help be the judge of every man and woman that ever lived.

*They are the righteous men and women who suffered for their stand for truth and overcame the popular deception of their day, being willing to even die "for the faith that was once for all entrusted to the saints." Jude 3*

*Here are some words from Jesus on the final court, " . . . by whom do your followers drive them out? So then, **they** will be your judges." (Men **driving out demons** by the Spirit will be judges) Luke 11:19.*

*"The Queen of the South will rise **at the judgment** with the men of this generation and condemn them; for she came from the ends of the earth to listen. . ." Luke 11:31. The queen of Sheba, who came with honest questions, who then listened to the words of God (thru Solomon), being great in her day, was honored because she **listened and honored the words of God**, and then praised the God of Solomon.*

*She will be in that court, with the men of Jesus' generation (probably the apostles, [Rev. 21:14] and other loyal followers of Christ).*

*Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (and possibly their wives by correlation) are going to be in that court. Abraham is already shown to be in that position of giving judgment, by Jesus' words, in Luke 16:24-31. By inference, Isaac and Jacob as well, (Luke 13:28).*

And who else?

There are two accounts in Revelation, 20:4, and 3:21, of what seems to be the rest of this court. I believe these seem to be revealing the same class of people/judges that will one day make up this heavenly court.

*"I saw thrones on which were seated those who had been given authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony for Jesus and **because of the Word of God.**" Rev. 20:4*

*According to this verse, these are those who refused, at the cost of their lives, to give up the clear teaching/decrees of God's timeless Word for what was traditional and popular; and they kept the testimony of Jesus, and refused to receive the mark of the beast in their foreheads or their hands. They not only suffered for their truth stand, some were even beheaded.*

*This court would be made up of those that had suffered severely for His name. They were the true overcomers.*

*What exactly did they overcome? That's where Rev. 3:21 carefully clues us in. Just as Jesus, here said, that He overcame and got the privilege to sit with His Father on His Father's throne, but then was give his own throne, ("my throne") so would these overcomers get to sit with Jesus on his throne, (and then be given their own).*

*"To him who overcomes, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I overcame and sat down with my Father on his throne. He who has an ear. . . ." Rev. 3:21.*

What did they overcome that gave them this right to sit with Jesus on his throne, and then eventually become members of Heaven's ruling council?

Here is what God's Word says put them in the Final Court.

*They overcame being "cold" (their love not waxing cold), vs. 15.*

*They overcame being "lukewarm" (which truly is the mixture of some "hot", and some "cold"). vs. 15*

*They overcame the deception that wealth/money could buy them acceptance, or a favorable place with Christ.*

*They overcame the natural state of man devoid of the Spirit--the state of being "wretched, pitiful, poor, blind, and naked." (vs. 17) without the Spirit.*

*They overcame the desire to strive for natural gold, and instead worked for "gold refined in the fire", vs. 18.*

*They overcame spiritual nakedness (by **wearing the armor of God**) and spiritual blindness (by getting the humble mind of Christ--includes the eyes) vs. 18.*

*They overcame their flesh to receive His disciplines, vs. 19.*

*They overcame the loud roars of the world, telling them to "live a little", in order to hear the Master's voice every time He knocked on a deeper more sacrificial door of their heart.*

*Since these are overcomers, then they also overcame him (the devil) "by the blood of the Lamb and the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death." Rev. 12:11.*

*Since these overcomers overcame the lukewarm spirit, the lusts of the flesh, the desires of wealth, and endured scorn, mockery, for holding to the **Word of God**, what might likely be the pervasive theme by which this heavenly court judges "the dead, great and small"?*

***It will be by the very sacrifices that brought them their suffering, the very unswerving hold they had to the Word of God, that will move them on every judgment they make on every man and woman to the Ancient of Days. Just as the same Judge will listen to the souls of those slain under the altar calling out to him for vindication, so He will listen to this court represent them.***

*When someone dares to rise and accuse the "Ancient of Days", He will not rise to defend Himself. When someone says, "I didn't overcome the devil or the flesh because of all the sexual abuse you allowed in my life. . . ." Or, "I didn't overcome fear because of all the good people you let die young in my life. . . ." (outside the heavenly gates are the "fearful" Rev. 21:8). Or, "I didn't overcome my unbelief in your promises because of all the times you let me down. . . ." (outside the heavenly gates are the "unbelieving" Rev. 21:8). Or "I didn't overcome my lusts of the flesh because you allowed my father and mother to be taken from me. . . ." Or, "I didn't overcome my resentment because you kept letting it happen. . . ."*

*No matter what is railed against the Judge, I believe He will never have to say a word to defend Himself, for someone in the Final Court will quickly rise with the loyalty of a bride to a groom and say, "Yes, but I too had that happen; nevertheless, I could not turn back from his call to let me suffer for His great name."*

*Are you ready for the Heavenly Groom's intimate call to blessing to come and suffer, as he said, "because of me"?*

*"The apostles left the Sanhedrin, rejoicing because they had been counted worth of suffering disgrace for the Name." Acts 5:41. Have you joined in the joy of suffering for the Name of our eternally honored groom?*

*"Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. **Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven. . . .**" Matt. 5: 11,12. Are you blessed by this beautiful groom?*

*"All men will hate you because of me. . . When you are persecuted in one place, flee to another." Matt. 10:22,23. Are you hated for this beautiful groom?*

*"In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted." II Tim. 3:12. Are you living a godly life according to this lovely groom?*

*"To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps." I Pet. 2:21. Have you followed this lovely groom's example of suffering?*

*"And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm, and steadfast." I Pet. 5:10.*

*Have you known the intimate "joy set before you", as the beautiful groom knew, to faithfully stand on the unchanging **Word of God**, and the testimony of Jesus; and to endure "such opposition" for the loyalty of love to the lovely groom?*

*The Final Court will. . . . And did.*