

Job Reviews

*It is written: " 'As surely as I live,' says the Lord,
'every knee will bow before me; every tongue will acknowledge God.'
So then, each of us will give an account of ourselves to God."*

Romans 14:11-12 (NIV)

Many of us are familiar with the concept of job reviews. This is the process where our immediate boss in the company sits down with us — for perhaps a half hour or so once a year — and reviews our job performance. Sometimes the boss will make certain suggestions about how we can improve, or tell us of courses the firm wants us to take in the coming year. We learn of salary increases — if any — we can expect in the next twelve months.

This way of dealing with employees is generally recognized as a good way for the firm to run things. Hardly a soul complains about having their work assessed because most people seek to put in a full day's work for their salary.

Scripture tells us of a day in the future when all creation shall be assembled before God and everyone shall

give an account to the Lord concerning our life here and what we have done about Jesus' invitation in the Gospel. It will be our final review.

For those who die before Jesus comes, the immediate moments after death will cause the person to have the most profound and moving experience of their entire existence.

A wonderful Puritan called Thomas Manton (1620-1677) wrote the following words, "After death follows eternity, the great amazement of the soul. Now, if death finds you at peace with God, eternity will be comfortable and death sweet. Body and soul part, but God and the soul meet."

The reference to meeting God, referred to in our verses today, speak of the end of the age. Then all people who have died will be resurrected, some to eternal life

and others to eternal separation from God (John 5:29) according to the teaching of Jesus.

It is enormously important for us to be prepared for the review before our Creator. He shall judge us fairly and according to the Gospel of Christ. Read the following words of Jesus and ask yourself if you are prepared to give an account to the Lord.

"Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him. For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

John 3:14-16 (NIV)

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