

Questions About the Judgment in the End of Times

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At the end of times, During Judgment Day, When Jesus is judging us, is it going to be one by one? Or are we all somehow going to get judged at once?

Answer:

This is a great and thoughtful question — one that many people wonder about! Let's break it down using **Bible truth** and **Jesus' own words**.

Will We Be Judged One by One?

Yes — in a personal sense, every individual will be judged.

The Bible is clear that **God's judgment is individual** and personal:

“So then each of us shall give account of himself to God.”

— *Romans 14:12*

“For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.”

— *2 Corinthians 5:10*

- God doesn't judge in groups or by association.
- **Your faith, your choices, your heart** — these are what matter.

When Does the Judgment Happen?

This is where timing matters. The Bible describes **three key phases** of judgment:

1. Investigative Judgment (Before Jesus Comes)

This happens **now**, before the Second Coming — based on Daniel 7:10 and Revelation 14:7 (“The hour of His judgment has come”).

God reviews the records **in heaven**, not because He doesn't know — but to **reveal His justice** to the universe.

“The court was seated, and the books were opened.”

— *Daniel 7:10*

“Behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work.”

— *Revelation 22:12*

This implies judgment has already taken place before He comes — so He knows who to reward!

2. Millennial Judgment (During the 1,000 Years in Heaven)

After Jesus returns, the **saved will be with Him in heaven** for 1,000 years (Revelation 20).

During this time, the **righteous will review the records** of the wicked:

“Do you not know that the saints will judge the world?”

— *1 Corinthians 6:2*

This is **not to decide salvation**, but to **understand God's justice** — why some are saved and others are not.

3. Executive Judgment (After the Millennium)

This is when the **wicked are resurrected** and face the final judgment — the **Great White Throne Judgment** (Revelation 20:11–15).

At this point:

- The **books are opened**
- Every knee will bow (Philippians 2:10)
- Even the lost will acknowledge that God was fair

But What About “All At Once”?

From a **heavenly perspective**, God is **outside of time**.

To us, time is **sequential**, but to God — who is eternal — **He can judge all people personally and perfectly** without needing years of courtroom time.

Think of it like this:

- The judgment is **individual** in nature
- But it will be **revealed globally**
- No one will be forgotten, overlooked, or misjudged

The Beautiful Truth

God's judgment is not about condemnation — it's about **restoration, vindication, and truth**:

“He will bring to light what is hidden in darkness and will expose the motives of the heart. At that time **each will receive their praise from God.**”

— *1 Corinthians 4:5*

- Jesus is **both Judge and Savior**
- He is not looking to destroy, but to **redeem all who choose Him**

Final Summary

Question	Bible Answer
Will I be judged personally?	Yes — individually, by Jesus Himself
Will it be one by one?	From our view: yes. To God: He can do all perfectly
When is judgment?	Already happening (investigative), then final judgment after the 1,000 years
Should I be afraid?	Not if you're in Christ — Jesus stands for you