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Revelation 20:10-15.

Text:- Revelation: 20:15. "And whosoever was not found, written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire."

Introduction:- These words are the words of the apostle John. He wrote the book of Revelation when he was a captive on the isle of Patmos. He says, "I saw a great white throne!" This is a prophetic utterance. He was looking into the future. A great white throne before which the all the lost world shall stand. Here is a white throne, standing for the beauty and the purity of Almighty God. Here is a throne which speaks of God's right to rule and reign.

As we look at verse 12 we read, "And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened; and another book was opened, which is the book of life; and the dead were judged out of the things which were written in the book according to their works." I think this is the word of God, and men will be judged out of the book. Man stands here as a lost sinner. He is lost because he has rejected Jesus Christ and refused salvation. He has turned from every overture of the love and grace of God. He said, "And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God. Who are the dead? They are the lost dead. The saved dead have already been judged in the first resurrection. This is the resurrection of the lost dead. John

said, "I saw the lost dead." The graves of the wicked of all ages will be opened. Soul and body will be reunited for this judgment. Big sinners, little sinners, vulgar sinners, old sinners, young sinners, learned sinners, unlearned sinners, all must stand before God without a single exception. The resurrection of the damned and doomed, they shall stand before God. Let me repeat, there are two resurrections, the first resurrection of the saved and the second the resurrection of the lost. This is the second resurrection. I saw the book of life there. No one was found in it. This is the judgment of the lost. They are not there, and the book of life is a record of their names, and their names are not found recorded. They are sinners and they are judged, how? According to their works. I

No one is saved by works. Salvation is not by works but every man is judged by works. The judgment of the saved at the judgment seat of Christ will be by works. We are saved by grace through faith in Jesus Christ and the judgment will be according to works. The dead were judged, according to their works. These people who refused the Son of God those who chose the way of wickedness, were judged according to their works.

Dear friends, make sure that you are saved. If there is some doubt in your mind, I would settle it before I left here this morning. If you should die without Jesus Christ you would be lost. And all of the lost will be there. The great man who had no time for Christ, the little man who passed him

He finally had no light. He knew that there were great caverns and holes and he fell down into the earth. He knew that any second he might fall into one. Again, the second death brings separation of the entire man from God, body and soul separated forever from God. The second death means that all peace, joy, love, happiness, and hope are gone. God out of the life and forever in the destitution and the loneliness and the misery of hell, separation from Christ and God forever and forever. The second death is a future certainty for all Christ rejecters; for all who refuse the Son of God.

The second death is a certainty. It is a certainty for the man who hears a sermon and rejects Jesus. It is a certainty for the man who is almost persuaded, but closes his ears to the call of Christ. It is a certainty for the good moral man, the good neighbor, the good friend, who rejects the Son of God. It is a certainty for everyone who turns his back upon Jesus Christ and rejects him and refuses Him. He is lost. The awfulness of Hell for ever and ever. Remember you are coming to this place, if you do not accept Jesus Christ. He is the light of the world. He is the Savior of lost mankind. He is our hope in the midst of all darkness. He is the one who casts out the lifeline for sinking sinners. He is the One who sends down the ray of hope into our lives when all hope is gone. Is he your Savior this morning? If he is not your Savior, then you are coming to the great white throne judgment, this time when all hope is gone.

There is a story that illustrates what I am saying. A man got lost in a mine that had been abandoned.

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great caverns and holes going down into the earth.

He knew that any second he might fall into one. A
MAN, DEEP INTO THE MINE, WITHOUT a light. He stopped
and called out, "Lost, Lost!" He kept it up until

a man living in a shack outside of the mine heard
him and came to his rescue with a lantern. When he
came to the man he found out that he was standing
within feet of the deepest shaft of the hillside. If
he had taken a few more steps he would have been lost

He was crying when the man came with the light.

Conclusion:- A great white throne. What a need there
is for you, you who are without Christ, to turn to
Jesus. He bids you come. He invites you to come. If
you have never been saved then you are greatly urged
he urges you to come. If you should die unconverted
you will stand at the great white throne judgment.

But if you accept Christ, and trust him for mercy and
salvation, you will not stand at the great white
throne. You will only go as God's forgiven witness
with all of your sins charged to Jesus Christ
and paid by him. You do not have to stand before
the second judgment, if you honestly repent of your
sins and take Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord.

Will you take him this morning? Will you come to
him this morning? If you will come to him, I will
not cast you out. Some while we sing, "The One who
lives when all hope is gone. Is he your Savior this
morning? If he is not your Savior, then you are com-
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