

The Books Are Opened

Daniel 7:9-10

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Introduction: Arrested, guilty, and standing before a judge.

- I. We will stand before Jesus, the Ancient of Days, and we stand before him guilty of our sins.
- II. The Lord knows all our sins
 - A. Psalm 139:1-4
 - B. Jeremiah 23:24
- III. The books listing out our sins of thought, word, and deeds would fill volumes of books. What do some of those look like?
- IV. We do not stand before a group of peers, but before the Holy One of God.
- V. We cannot plead “Innocent” but plead “Guilty”
- VI. We plead for mercy.
- VII. Salvation by faith alone
 - A. Galatians 3:10-14
 - B. II Corinthians 5:21
 - C. Isaiah 43:25

Conclusion: Heaven is open to you because of Jesus. Let Jesus be the strength we need to live out our days in thanksgiving and to share the book of truth with others. God is with us in this life and as we enter the New Jerusalem.

Points to Ponder

1. If there were individual books listing your sins for each of the Ten Commandments, which book (which commandment) do you think would be the largest?
2. God knows all of our sins. Read Proverbs 5:21 and Proverbs 21:2. How well does God know us?
3. Do a search in your Bible or online at youversion for “Book of Life.” Where do you find Bible passages speaking about it. What does it add to our thoughts as think on “and books were opened.”
4. Read Hebrews 11:6. What is necessary to do a God-pleasing good work?
5. In Isaiah and Ezekiel it will talk about God on a throne. Find those references and read them. List several things that are the same. List several things that are different about these occurrences.
6. As Judgment Day is coming upon us (God tells us to always be ready, yet we do not know when it shall be), list several promises of God that he gives to us that comfort us and help us to be prepared that day with joy instead of fear.