

A Different Scale

Intro Video:

Grace is not leniency - God is not lessening His standards
Grace is not help - God is not filling up what you lack
Grace is not a clean slate - God is not giving you a second chance to get it right
Grace is not stuff - It is Christ
Grace is not free - It cost Him everything

Problem:

Hosea 7:1-2 - He does not forget about your sin with time
matt 12:33-37 -every careless word -not just the ones we remember
Rev 18:4-5 -time does not separate you from your deeds (no expiration date)

But even if it did

1 Cor 15:50

If grace were merely a second chance, a clean slate,
Would that be good news? You would still be you. You would still ruin Heaven in time

Heb 8:8-12

a totally different scale

The tribes of Israel are blessed in different ways but nevertheless they are blessed. In the midst of this chapter we must keep in mind that they are judged on a standard decidedly different than the world...and this has everything to do with grace

Main Idea:

In the end you receive
What you deserve
Or what He does

Implication:

1 Cor 3:16-17

Corporate solidarity - all are Israel/all church regardless of specific reward

OT Blessed IN Israel - Rom 11:25-36 (only the cross could separate Israel...and us from our sin)

NT Blessed IN Christ - 1 Cor 15:20-23 (Eph 1-2)

Blessed by His merit - Phil 3:1-9 (grace is not against effort but earning)

Application:

Rev 20:11-15 - already written in one book -life or death

Grace is not about a second chance (you would blow it). It is not about a clean slate (you would tarnish it). It is not about a blessing suitable to you or based on your merit...Grace is about a blessing suitable to Christ and His merit...It is about a whole new scale that you never stand on yourself

Rom 6:23 - Choose your paradigm

Matt 11:28-30 - take off the weight - rest in Him

Articles for further studies:

<https://www.gotquestions.org/judgment-seat-Christ.html>

<https://www.desiringgod.org/articles/gods-grace-is-mind-blowing>

<http://www.barabbas.com/messages/the-other-side-of-a-comma/>

<http://www.barabbas.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/rev-20b.pdf>

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Text:

In the end you receive

Gen. 49:1 ¶ Then Jacob called his sons and said, "Gather yourselves together, that I may tell you **what shall happen to you in days to come.**

Gen. 49:2 ¶ "Assemble and listen, **O sons of Jacob**, listen to **Israel your father.**

Acts 17:30-31; Rev 22:12-13 (judgment)
2 Cor 5:10 (even for Christians?)

What you deserve

Gen. 49:3 ¶ "**Reuben**, you are my firstborn,
my might, and the firstfruits of my strength,
preeminent in dignity and preeminent in power.

Gen. 49:4 Unstable as water, you shall not have preeminence,

because you went up to your father's bed;
then you defiled it—he went up to my couch!

Gen. 49:5 ¶ "**Simeon and Levi** are brothers;
weapons of violence are their swords.

Gen. 49:6 Let my soul come not into their council;
O my glory, be not joined to their company.

For in their anger they killed men,
and in their willfulness they hamstrung oxen.

Gen. 49:7 Cursed be their anger, for it is fierce,
and their wrath, for it is cruel!

I will divide them in Jacob (Simeon swelled up by
Judah - Josh 19:1)(Levi no land of their own - cities
of refuge for violent criminals) and scatter them in
Israel. (united in anger no more)

Gen. 49:8 ¶ "**Judah (praise)**, your brothers shall praise you;
your hand shall be on the neck of your enemies;
your father's sons shall bow down before you.

Gen. 49:9 **Judah is a lion's cub**;
from the prey, my son, you have gone up.
He stooped down; he crouched as a lion
and as a lioness; who dares rouse him?

Gen. 49:10 The scepter shall not depart from Judah,
nor the ruler's staff from between his feet,
until tribute comes to him;
and to him shall be the obedience of the peoples.

Gen. 49:11 Binding his foal to the vine
and his donkey's colt (rode) to the choice vine,
he has washed his garments in wine (judgment Isa
63:2/wedding Jn 3)
and his vesture in the blood of grapes.

Gen. 49:12 His eyes are darker than wine,
and his teeth whiter than milk.

Gen. 49:13 ¶ "**Zebulun** shall dwell at the shore of the sea;
he shall become a haven for ships,
and his border shall be at Sidon. (matt 4:13)

Gen. 49:14 ¶ "**Issachar** is a strong donkey,
crouching between the sheepfolds.

Gen. 49:15 He saw that a resting place was good,
and that the land was pleasant,
so he bowed his shoulder to bear,
and became a servant at forced labor.

Gen. 49:16 ¶ "**Dan** shall judge his people
as one of the tribes of Israel.

Gen. 49:17 Dan shall be a serpent in the way,
a viper by the path,
that bites the horse's heels
so that his rider falls backward.

Gen. 49:18 I wait for your salvation, O LORD.(Judg
13:2, 24-25; 18:30-31 -1st major idolatry)

Gen. 49:19 ¶ "Raiders shall raid **Gad**,
but he shall raid at their heels. (1 chron 12:8 mighty
warriors)

Gen. 49:20 ¶ "**Asher's** food shall be rich,
and he shall yield royal delicacies. (josh 19:24-31 best
of land)

Gen. 49:21 ¶ "**Naphtali** is a doe let loose
that bears beautiful fawns.

Gen. 49:22 ¶ "**Joseph** is a fruitful bough,
a fruitful bough by a spring;
his branches run over the wall.

Gen. 49:23 The archers bitterly attacked him,
shot at him, and harassed him severely,

Gen. 49:24 yet his bow remained unmoved;
his arms were made agile
by the hands of the Mighty One of Jacob
(from there is the Shepherd, the Stone of Israel),

Gen. 49:25 by the God of your father who will help you,
by the Almighty who will bless you
with blessings of heaven above,
blessings of the deep that crouches beneath,
blessings of the breasts and of the womb.

Gen. 49:26 **The blessings of your father
are mighty beyond the blessings of my parents,**
up to the bounties of the everlasting hills.
May they be on the head of Joseph,
and on the brow of him who was set apart from his
brothers.

Gen. 49:27 ¶ "**Benjamin** is a ravenous wolf,
in the morning devouring the prey
and at evening dividing the spoil."(Judg 3:15-30;
20:14-21 weird judges)

Gen 35:22

Gen 34:25-28

Gen 44:33

rev 5:5 (Christ)

Gen 45:4-8

Or what He does

Gen. 49:28 ¶ All these are **the twelve tribes of Israel**. This is
what their father said to them as he blessed them, **blessing
each with the blessing suitable to him.**

Ps 1 (judgment = blessing)

1 Cor 3:10-15 (appropriate to them =character/
deeds)