Bible Study Questions: The Millennial Judgment

Based on "Correcting the Infidel Views of The Millennial Judgment"

Section 1: The Nature of the Millennium

Question 1: According to Revelation 20:4, what did John see regarding the saints during the millennium? **Answer:** "I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them." This shows that the saints will participate in a judgment work during the millennium.

Question 2: What does 1 Corinthians 2:9-10 tell us about the things God has prepared for those who love Him? Answer: While "eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him," God has "revealed them unto us by his Spirit." This shows that God reveals spiritual truths through His Spirit.

Question 3: List the seven key facts about the millennium from Scripture: Answer: 1. It is the closing period of God's great week of time - a sabbath rest (Lev. 25:4; 26:34-35) 2. It follows the Second Advent and precedes the everlasting kingdom on earth 3. It comprehends "the day of the Lord" (Isa. 13:9; 2 Peter 3:8-12) 4. It is bounded by two resurrections (Rev. 20:4-5) 5. It begins with the seven last plagues, Second Coming, resurrection of righteous, binding of Satan 6. During this time the earth lies desolate and saints judge the wicked (Rev. 20:1-4) 7. It ends with the New Jerusalem's descent, resurrection of wicked, and final destruction

Section 2: The Judgment Work of the Saints

Question 4: What does Paul ask in 1 Corinthians 6:2-3 about the saints' role in judgment? Answer: "Do ye not know that the saints shall judge the world?" and "Know ye not that we shall judge angels?" This establishes that saints will participate in judging both the wicked world and fallen angels.

Question 5: According to the Spirit of Prophecy (RH, March 12, 1901), why will none question God's justice at the judgment? **Answer:** "He must be touched with the feelings of our infirmities, that at the judgment of the great day none might question the justice of the decisions made." Christ's human experience qualifies Him to judge righteously.

Question 6: What is the true purpose of the millennial judgment according to the Great Controversy, page 660? Answer: "In union with Christ they judge the wicked, comparing their acts with the statute book, the Bible, and deciding every case according to the deeds done in the body. Then the portion which the wicked must suffer is meted out, according to their works; and it is recorded against their names in the book of death."

Section 3: The Phases and Participants of Judgment

Question 7: Who presides over the investigative judgment according to the Great Controversy, page 479? **Answer:** "The Ancient of Days is God the Father... It is He, the source of all being, and the fountain of all law, that is to preside in the judgment."

Question 8: What does Daniel 7:9-10 tell us about the judgment scene? Answer: It shows the Ancient of Days (God the Father) sitting on His throne, with "thousand thousands" ministering to Him and "ten thousand times ten thousand" standing before Him. "The judgment was set, and the books were opened."

Question 9: According to John 5:22, what authority has the Father given to the Son? **Answer:** "The Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son." The Father has given Christ the authority to execute judgment.

Question 10: What does John 5:27 say about Christ's authority to execute judgment? Answer: "And hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man." Christ's human nature qualifies Him to execute the judgment decisions made by the Father.

Section 4: The Three-fold Office of Christ

Question 11: What are Christ's three successive offices according to A.T. Jones? Answer: Prophet, Priest, and King - and these are successive offices, not simultaneous. He was Prophet on earth, is now Priest in heaven, and will be King when He receives His own throne.

Question 12: What does Psalm 2:6-9 reveal about Christ's coronation? Answer: "Yet have I anointed my king upon my holy hill of Zion... Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance... Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron." This describes Christ's coronation and authority to rule with judgment.

Question 13: How do the saints participate in Christ's kingly work according to Revelation 2:26-27? **Answer:** "He that overcometh... to him will I give power over the nations: And he shall rule them with a rod of iron... even as I received of my Father." The saints share in Christ's authority to rule and judge.

Section 5: The First Angel's Message and Judgment

Question 14: What does the first angel's message in Revelation 14:7 proclaim about judgment? Answer: "Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters."

Question 15: Who is identified as the Creator in this message? **Answer:** The evidence points to God the Father as the Creator mentioned, as seen in Revelation 4:10-11 where the 24 elders worship "him that created all things." While God created through Christ, the Father is specifically referenced in the first angel's message.

Section 6: The Executive Judgment

Question 16: When does the executive judgment begin according to Jude 14-15? Answer: At the Second Advent. Jude states: "Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints, to execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them."

Question 17: What does Ellen White say about Christ's coming to execute judgment (GC 425)? Answer: She applies Jude's prophecy to "His second advent, His coming for the execution of the judgment," showing that the execution of judgment begins at the Second Coming.

Question 18: Who needs to be convinced of God's justice according to Jude 15? **Answer:** "All that are ungodly among them" - it is the wicked, not the righteous, who need to be convinced of their ungodly deeds and God's righteous judgments.

Section 7: Faith vs. Doubt

Question 19: What does the Spirit of Prophecy say about those who exercise little faith (GC 622)? Answer: "Those who exercise but little faith now, are in the greatest danger of falling under the power of satanic delusions and the decree to compel the conscience... they will be plunged into deeper distress and anguish in the time of trouble, because they have never made it a habit to trust in God."

Question 20: According to Steps to Christ page 105, what is the basis of our faith? Answer: "God never asks us to believe, without giving sufficient evidence upon which to base our faith... Our faith must rest

upon evidence, not demonstration. Those who wish to doubt will have opportunity; while those who really desire to know the truth will find plenty of evidence on which to rest their faith."

Question 21: What does Hebrews 3:18-19 teach about unbelief? Answer: "And to whom sware he that they should not enter into his rest, but to them that believed not? So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief." Unbelief prevents entrance into God's rest.

Section 8: God's Justice and Character

Question 22: What does Psalm 89:14 say about God's throne? Answer: "Justice and judgment are the habitation of thy throne: mercy and truth shall go before thy face." God's government is founded on justice and judgment.

Question 23: How does Romans 7:12 describe God's law? Answer: "Wherefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good." God's law, which is the foundation of His government, is completely righteous.

Question 24: What will the universe declare about God's judgments according to Revelation 16:5-7? Answer: "Thou art righteous, O Lord... because thou hast judged thus... true and righteous are thy judgments." The whole universe will vindicate God's justice.

Question 25: According to the Great Controversy page 492, what has been provided to demonstrate God's justice? Answer: "Enough may be understood concerning both the origin and the final disposition of sin to make fully manifest the justice and benevolence of God in all His dealings with evil."

Section 9: The Saints' Review Work

Question 26: What will the saints be reviewing according to Gospel Workers page 280? Answer: They will be "reviewing with him (Christ) their travail for souls, their self-denial and self-sacrifice, their giving up of ease, of worldly gain, and every earthly inducement, and choosing the reproach, the suffering, the self-abasement."

Question 27: What does the Spirit of Prophecy say about the saints' future experience of remembrance? Answer: They will be "calling to remembrance the chastening of their souls before God, their weeping between the porch and the altar, and their becoming a spectacle unto the world, to angels, and to men."

Section 10: Warning Against False Doctrine

Question 28: What warning does the Great Controversy give about the origin of sin? Answer: "It is impossible to explain the origin of sin so as to give a reason for its existence... Sin is an intruder, for whose presence no reason can be given... Could excuse for it be found, or cause be shown for its existence, it would cease to be sin." (GC 492)

Question 29: What does Nahum 1:9 promise about sin's future? **Answer:** "Affliction shall not rise up the second time." Sin will never arise again in the universe.

Question 30: How should we view loved ones who may be lost, according to Scripture? **Answer:** We should focus on helping them overcome sin now. "The blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin" (1 John 1:7). "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect" (Matthew 5:48). The solution is not questioning God later, but trusting His perfect love and justice now.

Section 11: Personal Application

Question 31: What attitude should characterize those entering heaven according to the study material? Answer: Perfect faith and trust in God's wisdom and justice. Heaven will not again be brought into jeopardy by doubt and questioning. The righteous will have settled all questions of God's character through faith before entering glory.

Question 32: What is the believer's proper response to questions about God's justice? Answer: To trust completely in God's revealed character and Word. As stated in RH March 12, 1901: "He will not close the door of heaven against any one unless, for the safety of heaven, it is necessary to do so."

Question 33: How should we prepare for eternity according to this study? Answer: By developing unwavering faith in God's character now, by studying His revealed Word, and by allowing the Holy Spirit to transform our hearts to reflect God's love and justice in our daily lives.

Study Note: This Bible study is designed to help believers understand the biblical teaching on the millennial judgment while strengthening faith in God's perfect justice and love. The questions focus on what Scripture and the Spirit of Prophecy clearly reveal, avoiding speculation about matters God has not revealed.

Memory Verse: "Do ye not know that the saints shall judge the world? and if the world shall be judged by you, are ye unworthy to judge the smallest matters? Know ye not that we shall judge angels?" - 1 Corinthians 6:2-3