

**THE SCALES OF JUDGEMENT**

**It is not popular in our day to talk about judgement. Not too many people, it seems, are concerned about judgement and all that it implies. The Scriptures, however, deal with this subject in no uncertain terms. The Gospel of Matthew contains this graphic description: “When the Son on Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne. Before Him will be gathered all the nations, and He will separate them one from another . . .” Then our Lord goes on to describe the judgement based on love, identifying Himself with “the least of these My brethren.”**

**Ancient Christian writing and art forms became very graphic in their depictions of judgement. It was not unusual to see the angel of judgement carefully handling a scale. Into one end of th escale are placed the record of good deeds, and into the other end the record of vices. Great consternation is shown by the evil spirits as the scale tips in favor of the goodness of the person being judged.**

**The Creed also testifies to our belief in the judgement, saying that Christ “shall come again with glory to judge the living and the dead.” But there is also judgement in this life, indeed, every day of our lives. It’s just another way of saying: you don’t get away with anything. We know that everything we do marks us. Everything we say, leaves an impression. This is judgement taking place day by day.**

**To cite some instances of how this works, consider the person who drinks heavily. Well, it won’t be long before there are problems in the family and sickness in the person. Or, say a person takes drugs. Soon there is deterioration of health; again judgement is taking place. Sometime this judgement even involves others, such as a child of a mother or drugs.**

**So let us not scorn the idea of judgement or accountability. People reap in life pretty much what they sow. Life has a way of dealing with us to even things out. We can’t really get away with anything. We get back in life what we put into it.**

**As for those case that seem like exceptions to all this, as when the just suffer and the wicked prosper, let us remember that the final tallyis not yet in. On Judgement Day, the Lord will take care of all these situations.**

