"The Books"

Altar Invitation

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The Bible speaks of two books being opened at the end of life when everyone appears before God. One set of books is succinctly called "The Books," and everyone's name is recorded there. It's a comprehensive second-by-second, minute-by-minute biography of your life. It narrates not only everything you do but every thought that has passed through your mind. Even your intentions are written therein. Imagine it. Your whole life, public and private, will be on-record and exposed without error. That's because long ago God assigned a transcribing angel to chronicle your life with flawless precision. This will occur at the Bema, the Judgment Seat, and every Christian has an appointment at the Bema.

Fortunately, if you appear at the Bema, you'll gain entrance to Heaven because another book is opened called the "Book of Life." And on its pages are the names of every person who accepts Jesus Christ as Savior. And their names will be there even though they sinned and transgressed God's commandments. You see, the Book of Life doesn't record the names of *perfect* people; it records the names of *forgiven* people. While "The Books" have kept an accurate account of your life, no sin will be able to accuse you because the Blood of Jesus has blotted them out! That's the grand miracle of Calvary: Christ's Blood destroys the record of your sins. And you will spend eternity with God in Heaven because your name was recorded in the "Book of Life" and Jesus "blotted out" your sins.

Then there's another place of judgment that's reserved for sinners, and it's called the "Great White Throne Judgment." It, too, has the same sets of books there — "The Books," which records the deeds, thoughts, and intentions of your life, and the "Book of Life." And the Bible says in Revelation 20:15, "Anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the lake of fire." There's only one difference between the Bema and the Great White Throne Judgment: it's the Blood! At the Bema, the Blood was applied, and at the Great White Throne Judgment it was denied!

Is your name written in the "Book of Life"? Don't let this opportunity escape if you have any doubts. Make sure your sins are forgiven. But 1 John 1:9 says, "If we confess our sins, [God] is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." Invite him into your heart today as I pray.