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We're back now from our break and we're looking at this idea in Romans chapter 12 of What it means to present our bodies as a living Sacrifice and I hope that as we look at these scriptures one of the things that is becoming clear is that scripture emphasizes this presentation from the standpoint of What's going on in our soul We don't present ourselves as a good soldier ready to go out and do whatever action someone suggests We present ourselves before God God is Looking at the thoughts and intents of our heart Jesus said that on Judgment Day it is the secret things and the hidden things the things that went on in the closet the things that went on Out of sight and out of mind when the right hand didn't know what the left hand was doing Your father who sees in secret will reward you openly of course We know this principle by analogy. He was talking to Old Testament Saints about their judgment, but that principle applies as well. Paul says That on Judgment Day the secrets of men will be revealed according to my gospel According to my teaching about the Christian life.

There are secret things every thought every word Will be Accountable on that day and it's accountable now there are repercussions now in terms of blessing and discipline in terms of function and Being fruitful in God's plan now, and it will also have its final Impact on that day when we stand before the judgment seat of God So we've seen this idea that we present ourselves Christ is going to present us to the Father. We touched on this subject when we talked about confession If you confess me before men, I will confess you before my father Jesus told the disciples if you deny me before men, I will deny you before my father Now the very fact that Jesus is there Before the Father with a believer either confessing or denying them means that they are not in the category of an unbeliever Unbelievers don't get This opportunity to be confessed or denied. It's it's a different day.

It's a different judgment with different books But this is not dealing with or synonymous with salvation