

# AFTER

A Series of Messages on the Afterlife | April 5, 2020

**Week 2:** *Will We Be Held Accountable for the Things We Do and Say?*

## LIFE REVIEWS

What are “life reviews”?

If you died today, what do you think you would learn from your life review?

## JUDGMENT AND THE GOSPEL

How will believers be judged according to the gospel?

Why are our words so important according to Jesus and James?

## KARMA VERSUS GRACE

What is the difference between karmic justice and gospel grace?

What is the significance of “justice without judgment, conviction without condemnation”? How do we attain it?

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## Luke 12:2-3

There is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known. What you have said in the dark will be heard in the daylight, and what you have whispered in the ear in the inner rooms will be proclaimed from the roofs.

## Matthew 12:36-37

But I tell you that everyone will have to give account on the day of judgment for every empty word they have spoken. For by your words you will be acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned.

## James 3:3-10

When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal. Or take ships as an example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go. Likewise, the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole body, sets the whole course of one's life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell. All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and sea creatures are being tamed and have been tamed by mankind, but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God's likeness. Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be.