## **January 9 Adult Spiritual Growth Class Synopsis**

**Unshakable Hope: Chapter 13: Justice Will Prevail** 

Does the idea of judgement bring you peace or concern?

How can having a right view of God's justice affect the way that you approach each day?

What do you hope Jesus will commend you for? What do you hope to have been faithful with?

We know that justice will prevail for God will judge the world, i.e., each of us, through His Son Jesus Christ: "Because He has set a day in which He is to judge the world in righteous by the man whom He has designated, having furnished proof to all by raising Him from the dead." (Acts 17:31) "The Father judges no one, but has given all judgement to the Son." (John 5:22)

The hymn Holy, Holy, Holy gives praise to God as being perfect in power, perfect in love and perfect in purity. It is in His Holiness, perfect in purity, that judgement is necessary; it is in His Holiness, perfect in love through Jesus, that we are saved and judged. It is in His Holiness, perfect in power through His Holy Spirit, that His saving and perfect love and purity are made known to us.

Justice will prevail but only after judgement is made. "For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil." (2 Corinthians 5:10) Jesus will publicly pardon His people of their sins. For the sake of justice, all secrets, deeds, and desires that were sins will be spoken and forgiven (Romans 2:16). "Therefore, judge nothing before the appointed time; wait until the Lord comes. He will bring to light what is hidden in darkness and will expose the motives of the heart. At that time each will receive their praise from God." (1 Corinthians 4:5)

As Christians, we give praise that "the Lord is our judge, the Lord is our lawgiver, the Lord is our king; it is He who will save us." (Isaiah 33:22) We know that Christ will be waiting for us. Thus, we wait for that day, and until then, we will live to hear Him say, 'Well done, well done my good and faithful one, welcome to the place you belong, my beloved child. You have run the race and now you are home' as all of heaven's angels sing "Holy, Holy, Holy are you Lord"!

A song to reflect and pray on:

The Afters - Well Done (Official Lyric Video) - YouTube

## **Looking ahead - Sunday January 16**

Chapter 14 – Unbreakable Promises, Unshakable Hope God's Promise

Hebrews 6:19

We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure.