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#### **12:57-59 Use Common Sense:**

A wise person settles their **case** before they're **judged**.

The point is that we all have a **bad case** that will go **against** us.

#### **13:1-5 Deal With Death:**

Everyone is **guilty**, will **die**, and needs to **repent**.

#### **13:6-9 Deal With God:**

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## **Food for Thought for the week of June 5, 2011**

(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

1. The topic of judgment can be uncomfortable or even confusing to many people and it's hardly politically correct these days. That's why it's important for us to take a look at what Jesus and the Bible actually say about it. How does the Bible describe the reality and consequences of judgment in each of the following verses?

Matthew 13:42

Matthew 25:41

Matthew 25:46

2 Thessalonians 1:9-10

Revelation 14:9-12

2. Because of the severity of the biblical descriptions of judgment and hell, it's no surprise that it causes some people to question how it fits in with a God of love. How do the following verses speak to God's desires and the extent of his love for all of us?

John 3:16-17

Romans 5:6-8

Ephesians 2:4-9

1 John 4:9

3. Biblical judgment will actually be a time of both reward and loss. The rewards Christians receive will be directly related to what we do here on earth – our actions and our motives. Read the following scriptures to discover what things will bring a promised reward.

Hebrews 11:6

Colossians 3:23-25

Luke 6:32-36

Matthew 5:11-12

How do these verses add, change or confirm your understanding of spiritual rewards and their pursuit?