

The Judgment Day

Heb 10:27-31

Hebrews 10:27-31 - but a terrifying expectation of judgment and THE FURY OF A FIRE WHICH WILL CONSUME THE ADVERSARIES. Anyone who has set aside the Law of Moses dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. How much severer punishment do you think he will deserve who has trampled under foot the Son of God, and has regarded as unclean the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and has insulted the Spirit of grace? For we know Him who said, "VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY." And again, "THE LORD WILL JUDGE HIS PEOPLE." It is a terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

Introduction:

- A. We all have certain days in our lives we consider more important than others. Perhaps it is a child's or spouse's birthday. Or maybe it is an anniversary of some sort. Whatever it is, we consider the day to be special.
- B. More important, however, than one's birthday or even the day of one's death, is the day of judgment. Repeatedly, the Bible talks about judgment, warns us about the coming judgment, and tells us to prepare for the judgment.
- B. Based just on what Hebrews 10:27-31 alone says, the day of judgment is simply too sober and too serious to be treated lightly or regarded as a joke.
- C. Therefore, we are urged to give all due consideration to what the Bible has to say about the judgment day.

I. The Certainty Of Judgment

[How can we know that there's going to be a day of judgment?]

- A. The Bible says so - Eccl. 12:14; Heb. 9:27

Ecclesiastes 12:14 - For God will bring every act to judgment, everything which is hidden, whether it is good or evil.

Hebrews 9:27 - And inasmuch as it is appointed for men to die once and after this comes judgment,

- B. Jesus taught it - Matt. 12:41-42

Matthew 12:41-42 - "The men of Nineveh will stand up with this generation at the judgment, and will condemn it because they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and behold, something greater than Jonah is here. The Queen of the South will rise up with this generation at the judgment and will condemn it, because she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and behold, something greater than Solomon is here.

- C. The resurrection of Christ assures it - Acts 17:30-31

Acts 17:30-31 - "Therefore having overlooked the times of ignorance, God is now declaring to men that all people everywhere should repent, 31 because He has fixed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness through a Man whom He has appointed, having furnished proof to all men by raising Him from the dead."

- 1. As sure as you and I were born
- 2. Just that certain is it that we're going to die
- 3. As certain as the day of our death is the day of judgment

II. *The Time Of Judgment*

A. It is yet in the future - Rom. 14:10-12

Romans 14:10-12 - But you, why do you judge your brother? Or you again, why do you regard your brother with contempt? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, "AS I LIVE, SAYS THE LORD, EVERY KNEE SHALL BOW TO ME, AND EVERY TONGUE SHALL GIVE PRAISE TO GOD." So then each one of us will give an account of himself to God.

B. It will be immediately after the second coming of Christ - Matt. 16:27

Matthew 16:27 - "For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and WILL THEN REPAY EVERY MAN ACCORDING TO HIS DEEDS."

C. However, no one knows when Christ will come - Matt. 25:13

Matthew 25:13 - "Be on the alert then, for you do not know the day nor the hour."

1. The fact is that the time of the final judgment is unknown
2. No one knows exactly when it will be

III. *The Standard Of Judgment*

[Even in earthly courts there must be some law to serve as the standard of judgment.]

A. The word of Jesus will be the standard of God's judgment - Jn. 12:48

John 12:48 - "He who rejects Me and does not receive My sayings, has one who judges him; the word I spoke is what will judge him at the last day.

B. God will judge according to the gospel - Rom. 2:16

Romans 2:16 - on the day when, according to my gospel, God will judge the secrets of men through Christ Jesus.

C. We shall be judged by the law of liberty - Jas. 2:12

James 2:12 - So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty.

1. Being the just God that He is
2. The Lord can fairly and logically judge us only by that which He has revealed to us in His written word

IV. *The Basis Of Judgment*

A. That which will be measured by the divine rule of God's law is our deeds - Rom. 2:5-6

Romans 2:5-6 - But because of your stubbornness and unrepentant heart you are storing up wrath for yourself in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God, who WILL RENDER TO EACH PERSON ACCORDING TO HIS DEEDS:

B. Thus, what we have done in this life will be the basis of God's judgment - 2 Cor 5:10

2 Corinthians 5:10 - For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

C. John pictures this is His account of the great judgment scene - Rev. 20:11-13

Revelation 20:11-13 - Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat upon it, from whose presence earth and heaven fled away, and no place was found for them. And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and books were opened; and another book was opened, which is the book of life; and the dead were judged from the things which were written in the books, according to their deeds. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead which were in them; and they were judged, every one of them according to their deeds.

1. All these passages rout and refute the commonly accepted idea that people don't need to "do" anything to be saved
2. We shall be judged on the basis of what we've DONE!

V. *The Quality Of Judgment*

- A. The judge of all the earth is one who is eminently fair, showing no respect of persons or partiality - Acts 10:34-35

Acts 10:34-35 - Opening his mouth, Peter said: "I most certainly understand now that God is not one to show partiality, but in every nation the man who fears Him and does what is right is welcome to Him.

- B. While there may be crooked judges on earth who pervert justice, God is described as a righteous judge - 2 Tim. 4:8

2 Timothy 4:8 - in the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing.

- C. Therefore, we can expect that impartiality will be the quality of God's judgment - 1 Pet. 1:17

1 Peter 1:17 - If you address as Father the One who impartially judges according to each one's work, conduct yourselves in fear during the time of your stay on earth;

1. No "under the table" dirty work and no perjury or lying will corrupt God's judgment
2. We can rest assured that no one will be in either heaven or hell who doesn't belong there because God's judgment will be perfect.

VI. *The Thoroughness Of Judgment*

- A. Unlike human judges of earth, God, our eternal judge, is omniscient and knows everything - Heb. 4:12-13

Hebrews 4:12-13 - For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are open and laid bare to the eyes of Him with whom we have to do.

- B. Therefore, He knows everything we have done, even our secret sins - Psa. 90:7-8

Psalms 90:7-8 - For we have been consumed by Your anger And by Your wrath we have been dismayed. You have placed our iniquities before You, Our secret sins in the light of Your presence.

- C. As a result, we can be assured that He will bring these secret items to light in judgment - 1 Cor. 4:5

1 Corinthians 4:5 - Therefore do not go on passing judgment before the time, but wait until the Lord comes who will both bring to light the things hidden in the darkness and disclose the motives of men's hearts; and then each man's praise will come to him from God.

1. Many people have thought they hid their deeds from God
2. But all the evidence will be presented on the final day and the judgment of Christ will be complete
3. This should make us think twice before giving into temptation.

Conclusion:

A. Jude vs. 14-15

Jude 1:14-15 - It was also about these men that Enoch, in the seventh generation from Adam, prophesied, saying, "Behold, the Lord came with many thousands of His holy ones, to execute judgment upon all, and to convict all the ungodly of all their ungodly deeds which they have done in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him."

B. There is no way to avoid the judgment day of God because all of us (including you and I) will be there.

C. Remember Acts 17:31; Rom. 14:12; 2 Cor. 5:10; Heb. 9:27. So, we can't escape judgment, but we CAN escape punishment by obtaining forgiveness of sins through the blood of Jesus Christ.

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“There’s a great day coming, A great day coming,
There’s a great day coming by and by,
When the saints and the sinners Shall be parted right and left.
Are you ready for that day to come?”