

# Judgment Day is Real and it's Coming

One of the most basic truths given to us in the Bible is that there is a day of judgment at the end of this age that all must face and that none can escape. The Day of Judgment will be the ultimate courtroom where the Almighty God will settle accounts with every single person. It is the great climax of human history that will lead into eternity, where everyone's place in eternity will be decided.

Now people live for today and take virtually no care that God will hold them accountable for how they live. Many seem to get away with their careless attitude towards God and His commandments. Yet nobody is getting away with anything at all. The Bible speaks of people storing up wrath for "the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God" (Romans 2:5b). Some even dare to shake their fist towards heaven and challenge God to strike them dead. Yet nobody has the right to tell God even when and/or how He should punish them. Nevertheless He has testified that He WILL punish those who rebel against Him and do evil in His eyes. Though some rebels may escape judgment in this life, none will escape the ultimate judgment.

"For, behold, the Lord cometh out of his place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity: the earth also shall disclose her blood, and shall no more cover her slain." (Isaiah 26:21)

"And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt." (Daniel 12:2)

Jesus Christ even said the following things in the gospels, as well as many other similar things. "For there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; neither hid, that shall not be known." (Luke 12:2) "But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment." (Matthew 12:36) "When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats" (Matthew 25:31-32)

The Book of Revelation then gives us terrifying previews of the terror of judgment day: "And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire." (Revelation 20:11-15)

"And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?" (Revelation 6:15-17)

Many like to think of God as not seeing and/or caring how we live; or like to think of Him as overlooking mankind's sins because He is too loving and kind to punish. But those are lies! His love does not provide us a license to mold Him as we wish He'd be and to continue to live as we want to!

The lie from Satan from the beginning is the false hope that we can disobey God's commandment and yet "not surely die" (Genesis 3:4)- even though God has said to the disobedient "thou shalt surely die." (Genesis 2:17) We must obey the true gospel that can actually save us and prepare us for judgment day. Jesus is Lord as well as Savior. He died for us so that we can repent and come under His reign- and *therein* be freed from the power and guilt of sin (John 8:31-36). His love and mercy NEVER give us the right to continue in disobedience to God and be pardoned anyways. "And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters." (Revelation 14:6-7) "Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, saith the Lord God. Repent, and turn yourselves from all your transgressions; so iniquity shall not be your ruin. Cast away from you all your transgressions, whereby ye have transgressed; and make you a new heart and a new spirit: for why will ye die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of him that dieth, saith the Lord God: wherefore turn yourselves, and live ye." (Ezekiel 18:30-32) "Thus it is written, and thus it behooved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem." (Luke 24:46-47)

None are too important to be exempt from judgment day; nobody is too unimportant. Rich and poor, male and female, all races, all nations- none are excused. We are mercifully given warning to diligently prepare and get ready for that awesome and dreadful day! "It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment" (Hebrews 9:27b)