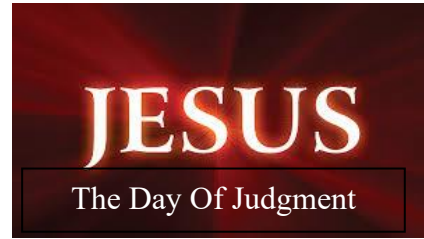


We have been talking about Jesus, the greatest topic in the world. We noted that He was the Lamb of God, who came to take away the sin of the world. He was the purchase price, the sacrifice, our substitute who took the wrath for sin, everyone's sin.



Yet, Why aren't all saved? Because they haven't accepted His death in their place. They didn't cash the check.

Next, We noted He is not only a friend but the Best Friend. He was a friend for our need and a friend by His deed.

Today, We will see the judgment that is coming on the world that Jesus will bring.

Acts 17:30 *Therefore having overlooked the times of ignorance, God is now declaring to men that all people everywhere should repent, "repent" Pres. tense – for all generations*

Ie. God overlooked the previous idolatry of man but now that Christ has come, all should repent of that idolatry.

v.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."*

"fixed" appointed – indicative mood (certainty)

(Not) Subjunctive mood – maybe

Ind. "I'm going to the beach today"

Subj. "Maybe I'll go to the beach today"

Now

The Gospel has come and it reveals sin. And where sin is, there is judgment.

Jesus, the Lamb of God, has taken care of the sin of those who believe. but for those who have not yet believed, their judgment stands.

Some people respond the way this man did.

Acts 24:25 Paul was speaking to Felix, a Roman Governor:

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But as he was discussing righteousness, self-control and the judgment to come, Felix became frightened and said, "Go away for the present, and when I find time I will summon you."

I want to give you 6 aspects of this Day of Judgment

1. This day is a reality

Heb 9:27 *And inasmuch as it is appointed for men to die once and after this comes judgment, (of the wicked)*

"judgment" *krisis* – infers justice, condemnation, a sentencing

This takes place at the moment of death.

v.28 Judgment of the Godly;

so Christ also, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time for salvation without reference to sin, to those who eagerly await Him.

2. Why must there be a Day of Judgment

Because God is a just God and must execute justice on the wicked.

Many people will doubt this day will come.

II Pe 3:3 *Know this first of all, that in the last days mockers will come with their mocking, following after their own lusts,*

v.4 *and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all continues just as it was from the beginning of creation."*

The world doesn't believe its judgment is coming, but God has appointed a day in which it will come.

I heard one man say recently;

"The world will believe anything that is not in the Bible."

The wicked will know that God's patience is not forgiveness.

3. In that day, God will exercise mercy toward the Godly

The faithful will be rewarded at their own judgment.

As Paul said in;

Rom 8:36 *FOR YOUR SAKE WE ARE BEING PUT*

TO DEATH ALL DAY LONG; WE WERE CONSIDERED AS SHEEP TO BE SLAUGHTERED."

You may feel like that sometime.

Jeremiah asked the Lord:

Jer 12:1 *Why has the way of the wicked prospered? Why are all those who deal in treachery at ease?*

Job looked at his life and then looked around and said;

Job 12:6 *The tents of the destroyers prosper, And those who provoke God are secure, whom God brings into their power.*

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But David said;

Ps 37:1 Do not fret because of evildoers, Be not envious toward wrongdoers.

v.2 For they will wither quickly like the grass And fade like the green herb.

Be patient faithful one, God has not forgotten your labor of love.

4. Who will be the judge

Jn 5:22 For not even the Father judges anyone, but He has given all judgment to the Son,

Imagine bullying someone all through high school and when you finally get a job, whose office do you walk into!!

Jesus will judge the world and those in it.

The Romans gave Him a reed, the Father gives Him a scepter

The Romans gave Him a purple robe, the Father gives Him a white robe of righteousness

The Romans gave Him a thorny crown, the Father gives Him a crown of gold.

The Romans nailed Him to a cross, the Father seats Him on a throne.

Jesus will bring the final judgment.

5. When will be the Day of Judgment

There are somethings of God that are better left unknown.

When the disciples asked Jesus when He was going to restore His kingdom He said to them

It is not for you to know times or epochs which the Father has fixed by His own authority; Acts 1:7

One man called it

"Sacrilege to break into the Holy of Holies and enter into God's secrets."

Yet;

Not knowing keeps us from being "careless."

Ie. To care less (or do you even care at all?)

Jesus said;

Mt 24:42 "Therefore be on the alert, for you do not know which day your Lord is coming.

v.43 "But be sure of this, that if the head of the house had known at what time of the night the thief was coming, he would have been on the alert and would not have allowed his house to be broken into.

V.44 "For this reason you also must be ready; for the Son of Man is coming at an hour when you do not think He will.

5. The trial

Those that refused to come to the Throne of Grace will be brought to the Bench of Justice.

Rev 20:11-15 *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 the dead do not escape!

v.12 *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.*

Book of Life – believers in Christ

Book of Works – deeds of people

V.13 *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.*

Not judged from the Book of Life because they were not in it but the Books of deeds.

And all of their deeds fell short of salvation.

V.14 *Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire.*

Remember,

The good works and the sins of the unconverted are the same to God.

v.15 *And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.*

But wait!

Those will be there who said they prophesied, cast out demons, even performed miracles.

But Jesus will turn to them and say;

Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven will enter.

'I never knew you; DEPART FROM ME, YOU WHO PRACTICE LAWLESSNESS.'

This is the Day of Judgment of the world:

1. It is certainly coming
2. It will bring justice to the wicked
3. It will bring mercy to the faithful
4. Jesus will be the Judge

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5. No one knows the day or the hour

6. The Trial

If this reality doesn't light a fire in your soul, I'm afraid there might not be much hope for you.

You are too anchored to this world.