INTRODUCTION

1. The text I have read tells of the greatest assembly there ever will be -- THE JUDGMENT!

2. God, on a set day (Acts 17: 31; Matt. 24:36) will gather all men of all times to judge them according to their works -- Rev. 20:12; II Cor. 5:10.

3. Both saint and sinner should be preparing for this august occasion.

4. As we live, so shall we die; as we die, so shall we appear before Christ, the Judge.


6. So, there is and "HOUR" of hours to which all our lives leading.

7. All history flows to the final appointment at which the destiny of each person who has ever lived will be sealed forever with divine justice -- Heb. 6:2; Acts 24:25

   (1) Eternal judgment -- the sentence will be irreversible.

I. PLAIN FACTS ABOUT THE JUDGMENT

1. The Judgment is CERTAIN -- Heb. 9:27; Acts 17:31; John 5: 26 - 29

   (1) There is no way to escape it.

      1. Five ways a man could escape a crime on earth:

         (1) The offense never became known -- Heb. 4:13

         (2) Escape beyond the jurisdiction of law -- Rom. 14:12

         (3) The legal process fails -- Psa. 9: 7 -8

         (4) Defiance of the law prevents prosecution.

         (5) Bribe the Judge -- James 1:13

   (2) There is no way to change it.

2. The Judgment is UNIVERSAL -- Matt. 25: 31- 33; Rom. 14: 11 - 12; Rev. 20: 12

   (1) Every reprobate, every liar, every fornicator, every good moral man, every faithful Christian, and every unfaithful Christian -- Rev. 21:8

3. The Judgment is INDIVIDUAL -- Rom. 14: 12; II Cor. 5:10

   (1) None can stand before Christ in Judgment for us -- Phil. 2: 9 - 11; Rom. 14: 11, 12

   (2) The spotlight will be focused on YOU when your time comes to appear before the Great White Throne-- Rev. 20: 11, 12

   (3) You will be on your own then:

      1. No blaming society, your brethren, hypocritical church members or unfavorable circumstances for your failure to obey Christ.

      2. Your "excuse days" will be over -- Matt. 7: 21 - 23; Matt. 22:12
3. Just YOU and Christ and God and the Naked Truth with the whole universe watching-- Eccl. 12: 14; I Tim. 5:24

II. AT THE JUDGMENT THE BOOKS OF THE BIBLE WILL BE OPENED.
1. Rev. 20:12 -- we will be judged out of the Books.
2. The Judgment will be full and complete.
   (1) "God shall bring every work into judgment" --Eccl. 12:14
   (2) "All things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do" --Heb. 4: 13
3. The Judgment will have Jesus the Son of Man presiding -- John 5: 27; Acts 17:31; Rom. 2:16
   (1) He will be without respect of persons -- Rom. 2:11
   (2) The thing that will count is, "Have you done the will of God?" -- Matt. 7:21; II Thess. 1: 8 - 9; Mark. 16:16; I John 2:24; John 8:31; I Pet. 4:11; Heb. 5:12
4. The Judgment will be conducted by a PERFECT STANDARD
   (1) All who have lived since the death of Christ will be judged by the gospel -- Rom. 2:16; John 12:48
   (2) The New Testament will read the same in that day as it does today!!

III. THE JUDGMENT WILL BE A DAY OF SURPRISES
1. Jesus taught it would be a day of surprises -- Matt. 7: 21- 23
2. Some will be surprised that God accepts no excuses.
3. Some will be surprised that God will not accept human churches -- Matt. 15:14; Psa. 127:1
4. Some will be surprised that God will not judge by what others are doing or not doing -- II Cor. 10: 12; Gal. 6:4
5. Some will be surprised that God will not judge us by our good intentions.

IV. THE JUDGMENT IS A DAY OF REWARD AND SENTENCE
1. The Judgment is NOT a trial to determine guilt -- John 3:18; II Tim. 2: 19
2. The Judgment is to convince all the ungodly of the justice of their sentence -- Jude 15; Matt. 7: 22 - 23
3. The Verdicts:
   (1) Religious people -- Matt. 7:23
   (2) Brethren who fail in duty -- Matt. 25:41; Matt. 25:12
   (3) Those who obey not the gospel -- II Thess. 1:8
   (4) FAITHFUL CHRISTIANS -- Matt. 25:34

CONCLUSION
1. There will be no appeal; the sentence is FINAL -- Luke 16: 26; Heb. 6:2
2. For what will ALL be Judged?
   (1) For the SECRET THINGS -- Eccl. 12: 13 - 14; I Tim. 5:24
   (2) For our WORDS -- Matt. 12: 36 - 37
   (3) For our DEEDS -- II Cor. 5:10; Matt. 25: 31 - 40; Matt. 7:21
   (4) By what we FAILED TO DO -- James 4:17; II Thess. 1: 8 -9

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