THE JUDGMENT

INTRODUCTION:

1. The Word of God teaches that God has appointed a day He will judge all men in righteousness by His Son, Jesus Christ. Acts 17:31; Matt. 24: 36; John 5: 27 – 29

2. On that day He will gather all men of all times to judge them according to their works. Rev. 20: 11 – 12; Matt. 25: 31 – 32

3. We all need to realize as we live, so shall we appear before Christ in the Judgment.

4. John said, “For the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear His voice…” John 5: 28

5. So, there is an “HOUR” of hours to which all our lives are leading.

6. 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. Acts 17: 31

I. FIRST LET US LOOK AT WHAT THE JUDGEMENT IS NOT:

1. The Judgment is NOT for the purpose of gathering evidence against anyone.

   (1) The period of collecting evidence is NOW.

   (2) Each one is now writing his record before God.

      a. II Tim. 2:19

      b. John 10:14

      c. John 3: 18

      d. I Pet. 3: 12

      f. Heb. 4: 13

2. The Judgment will not be a TRIAL for you.

   (1) All the evidence will be in. Rev. 20: 12, 15

   (2) It will be a day of “Eternal Judgment”. Heb. 6: 2
(3) Christ will reward the righteous. Matt. 25: 34

(4) Christ will sentence the wicked. Matt. 25:41; Rev. 20:15

(5) On the Judgment day God will show and prove He is just. Jude 15; Matt. 7: 21 – 23

3. The Judgment will NOT be an occasion for correcting wrongs.

   (1) Sins cannot be corrected in the Judgment.

   (2) Intercession time has passed. Heb. 4: 14 – 16; I John 1:9; I John 2: 1 – 2

   (3) Mercy period has ended. Tit. 2: 11 – 12; II Thess. 1: 7 – 9; John 3:17; 12: 47

   (4) Judgment Day has come and Christ is now our Judge. Acts 10:42; II Tim. 4:1

II. PLAIN FACTS ABOUT THE JUDGMENT

1. The Judgment is CERTAIN. Heb. 9:27; Acts 17: 31

   (1) There is no way to escape it.

2. The Judgment is UNIVERSAL. Matt. 25: 31 – 32

3. The Judgment is INDIVIDUAL. Rom. 14: 10 -12

   (1) We will stand before Christ and God and the Truth with the whole of mankind and give an account. Eccl. 12: 14; I Tim. 5:24

III. AT THE JUDGMENT THE BOOKS OF THE BIBLE WILL BE OPENED.

1. Rev. 20: 12; Rom. 2:16; John 12:48

2. The Judgment will be full and complete.

   (1) “God shall bring every work into Judgment.” Eccl. 12:14

   (2) Heb. 4:13; II Cor. 5:10

3. Jesus, the Son of Man, will be the Judge. John 5:27; Acts 17:31

   (1) He will be without respect of persons. Rom. 2:11
(2) The thing that will count is – Have you obeyed the will of God? Matt. 7: 21-23; II Thess. 1: 7 – 9

4. The Judgment will be conducted by a **perfect standard** – The Word of God.

   (1) All who have lived since the death of Christ will be judged by the gospel. Rom. 2: 16; John 12: 48

IV. THE BASIS OF THE JUDGMENT.

1. Our **THOUGHTS**. I Cor. 4:5; Matt. 5:28

2. Our **WORDS**. Matt. 12: 35 – 37

3. By what we **DO**. Matt. 7: 21 – 23

4. By what we **FAIL TO DO**. James 4:17; II Thess. 1: 7 – 9

V. NO MAN CAN ESCAPE THE JUDGMENT.

1. There are five ways a man can escape with respect to a crime committed:

   (1) The offense never becomes known.

   (2) Escape beyond the bounds of the jurisdiction of the law.

   (3) The legal process might fail.

   (4) The offender could defy the law and courts and prevent his prosecution.

   (5) Bribe the judge.

2. NO MAN can escape the Judgment in these five ways.

   (1) God knows our every sin. Heb. 4:12; Eccl. 12:14

   (2) No man can escape beyond the bounds of the jurisdiction of His Law. Mk. 16: 15 – 16; Rom. 14:12

   (3) The legal process will not fail. Ps. 9: 7 – 8; Matt. 25: 31 – 32

   (4) The sinner cannot defy the law and the Judge and prevent God’s Judgment. Ps. 2: 1 – 4; Matt. 13: 41 – 43

   (5) God and Christ cannot be bribed. James 1:13
CONCLUSION:

1. Friend, are you ready for the Judgment?

2. You are not ready if you are not a Christian. II Thess. 1:8 – 9

3. You are not ready if you are not faithful to the Lord…

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