

THE JUDGMENT

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INTRODUCTION:

1. In life all of us have appointments to keep.
2. *“And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment” (Heb. 9:27).*
3. There are good reasons for speaking about the Judgment:
 - 1) *“Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men...” (2 Cor. 5:11).*
 - 2) *“It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God” (Heb. 10:31).*

DISCUSSION:

I. THE CERTAINTY.

- A. Taught by Jesus.
 1. Disciples on the Limited Commission: *“Verily I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment, than for that city” (Matt. 10:15).*
 2. Even regarding our words: *“But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment” (Matt. 12:36).*
- B. Taught by Peter.
 1. Concerning rewards: *“The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished” (2 Pet. 2:9).*
 2. The destruction of the world & the ungodly: *“But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men” (2 Pet. 3:7).*
- C. Taught by Paul. The appointed time: *“And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent: 31 Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead” (Acts 17:30-31).*

II. THE JUDGE.

- A. His identity: *“For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son: 23 That all men should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him” (John 5:22-23).*
- B. Jesus is the Judge, according to His own teaching: *“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: 32 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” (Matt.*

25:31-32).

- C. The apostle Paul teaches that Christ will be the Judge: *“For we must all appear before **the judgment seat of Christ**; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad” (2 Cor. 5:10).*

III.THE SUBJECTS.

- A. All mankind:
1. *“And before him shall be gathered **all nations...**” (Matt. 25:32).*
 2. *“The living and the dead” (2 Tim. 4:1).*
 3. *“And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God...” (Rev. 20:12).*
 4. *“For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ...” (2 Cor. 5:10).*
- B. Angels who sinned: *“For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment” (2 Pet. 2:4; Jude 6).*

IV.THE TIME.

- A. After the great resurrection: *“Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, **29** And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation” (John 5:28-29).*
- B. It will coincide with the second coming of Christ: *“**When** the Son of man shall come in his glory...before him shall be gathered all nations” (Matt. 25:31-32).*
- C. Second coming proceeds Judgment: *“...Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints, To execute judgment upon all...” (Jude 14-15).*
- D. It will occur on the Last Day: *“He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day” (John 12:48).*

V. THE STANDARD.

- A. As we noted, Jesus said that men will be judged by the words that He has spoken (**John 12:48**).
- B. *“In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ **according to my gospel**” (Rom. 2:16).*
- C. The Book of Life will be opened: *“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” (Rev. 20:12).*
- D. We will be Judged by our account (**Rom. 14:12**), our works (**Eccl. 12:14**), our deeds (**Jude 15**), and our words (**Matt. 12:36**); all which will be measured by the Standard (the Bible)!

CONCLUSION:

1. It is not a question of "if you will face judgment," but actually a matter of *when*!
2. Are you ready?