

“but after this the judgment”
Heb.9:27,28

I. DISCUSSION

1. The fact that there will be a day of judgment is obvious from a reading of the scriptures.
 - a. It is just as certain as death, Heb.9:27.
 - b. All men will be judged at that time, 2Cor.5:10.
 - c. God has appointed a day in which he will judge the world, Ac.17:30,31.
2. The Bible is very clear in regard to this day of judgment which God has appointed, an appointment which all men will keep – ready or not!
 - a. This day is an unalterable, inevitable day.
 - b. There will be no way to escape it, change it, or deny it.
 - c. All who have ever lived and all who are living when that day comes will – “must” – “appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in the body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad,” 2Cor.5:10; Cf. Eccl.12:13,14.
3. In view of these passages, we shall take note of and emphasize some of the Bible truths concerning the judgment day.

II. DISCUSSION

A. THE JUDGMENT WILL BE UNIVERSAL, A JUDGMENT OF ALL MEN, AS THE FOLLOWING PASSAGES ATTEST.

1. Jno.5:22,27-29; Ac.17:30,31; Rom.2:16; 14:10; 2Cor.5:10; Mt.25:31,32.

B. THIS JUDGMENT WILL BE OF INDIVIDUALS.

1. This judgment will not be of nations or families or churches.
2. Each person will stand before the Judge as an individual to give a personal account, Eccl.12:13,14; 2Cor.5:10; Rom.14:12; 2:16.
3. Each one of us will be on our own. We will be unable to blame society, family, hypocritical church members, or any unfavorable circumstances, for our failures to obey Christ and seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness.
4. No excuses of whatever kind will avail! Only our own record of faith and obedience or lack of it will be considered! Cf. Ezek.18:20-32.

C. GOD WILL JUDGE ALL BY HIS SON JESUS ON THE BASIS OF THE WRITTEN WORD AS THE STANDARD.

1. Jno.5:22,27; Ac.10:40-42; Rom.2:16; Jno.12:48; Jas.2:12; Rev.20:12.

D. THIS JUDGMENT WILL BE FULL, COMPLETE, IMPARTIAL, RIGHTEOUS, AND ACCORDING TO THE TRUE FACTS IN EACH CASE.

1. Full and complete because “God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing whether it be good or whether it be evil,” Eccl.12:13,14.
2. It will be impartial and unbiased (free from partiality; equitable; fair; just; unprejudiced) because God is no respecter of persons, Ac.10:34,35; Rom.2:11; Col.3:23-25.
3. It will be righteous and according to the true facts in each case:
 - a. Because “all things are naked and laid open before his eyes,” Heb.4:11-13.
 - b. Because as Paul says, “But we are sure that the judgment of God is according to the truth...,” Rom.2:2; cf. vv.6,16.
 - c. Because according to Ac.17:31, God “will judge the world in righteousness.”
4. This being true, your family history, your wealth, regardless of how vast, your intelligence, fame, and or human accomplishments, mean nothing to him in deciding your eternal destiny.
5. All that will matter in that day is whether your sins have been washed away by the blood of Jesus Christ through your obedience to the gospel, and if you have remained faithful to him till death, 2Th.1:6-10; Rev.2:10.

E. THIS JUDGMENT WILL BE EXECUTED AFTER DEATH, AT THE 2ND COMING OF JESUS CHRIST, AND THE END OF THIS PHYSICAL WORLD, THUS FINAL.

1. Heb.9:27,28.
2. 2Tim.4:1.
3. 1Cor.15:21-26.
4. Jno.5:22,27-29.
5. Mt.25:31-46.
6. 2Pet.3:9-12.

III. CONCLUSION

1. Without a doubt the N.T. teaches there will be a day of judgment.
 - a. It will be universal in scope, a judgment of all men.
 - b. It will be a judgment of individuals, not nations, families, etc.
 - c. It will a judgment of God by his Son Jesus Christ on the basis of the written word as the standard.
 - d. It will be a judgment that will be full, complete, impartial, righteous and according to the true facts in each case.
 - e. It will a judgment executed after death, at the 2nd coming of Jesus Christ, and the end of this physical world, thus final.
2. We do not know when that day will be, Mt.24:35,36; Mk.13:32,32.
3. We are taught of the necessity to be ready for it whenever it may come, Mt.24:42-44; Mk.13:32-37.
4. Question: Are you ready for that day? If not, will you:
 - a. Obey the gospel now and get ready?
 - b. As an erring child of God repent and get ready now?