

The God Of The Judgment

Acts 17:30-31

I. God's Judgment

You can run, but cannot hide, Am.5:18-19)

Universal

- All . . . Everywhere
- Judge the world (inhabitants, human-kind; v.6)

Certain

- Set, appoint (a day)
- Most do not hear approaching Judgment. Mt.24

Standard

- Righteousness – with justice, justly

He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him—the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day – Jn.12:48

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad – 2 Cor.5:10

Standard

- Righteousness – with justice, justly
 - Mt.12:36-37
 - Idiom: *pay him back in his own coin*
 - Pharaoh, Ex.2
 - Haman, Esther
 - Advisors to Darius, Dn.6
 - Jews against Christ, Jn.11

Judge

- Jn.3:17, Christ
 - Jesus came to earth
 - Warned people to repent
 - Judgment is coming
 - Jesus comes: will show saints and sinners what He can do. 2 Th.1:4-10

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Proof

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- His resurrection
- Lk.11:29-30
 - **Jonah**: three days in fish . . . **lived**
 - **Jesus**: three days in death . . . **lived**



Ninevites listened

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II. God's Tolerance?

Some Seek Solace for Sin in Scriptures

Lev.10, Aaron

- Assumption: Aaron disobeyed – did not eat sacrifice, yet no punishment
- Conclusion: me too!
 - At best: shows longsuffering of God (Ex.32)
 - No one can prove Aaron sinned

Lv.21:6, 9-11, family; body

Lv.22:4, unclean thing

Nu.19:14, death in tent

2 Sm.11-13, David

- Assumption: David sinned; God spared
- Conclusion: me too!
 - Did not read carefully . . . (Ps.51)
 - Proves too much . . .

Denominations: music...

Mormons: polygamy...

Mafia: murder...

- Hard hearts, Mt.19:8-9

2 Chron.30, Hezekiah's passover

- Assumption: God spared sinners
- Conclusion: me too!
 - 30:1-23, stress on obeying Scriptures
 - Not rebellion, but ignorance
 - Happened once; repeat next year...?
 - 30:17-20, prayed for their healing
 - Hope for sincere seekers, not rebels
 - Fellowship Muslims? ...Immoral?

Even if God condoned sin in past,
"not now" (Acts 17:30)

- Past: period of forbearance
- Present: privilege of grace
- Future: perpetual judgment

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III. Judgment Is Justice

Philosophers snub resurrection & reckoning

Ac.17: if no sin, no sentence

- 30: repentance – God’s offer of escape

Repentance has a double aspect; it looks upon things past with a weeping eye, and upon the future with a watchful eye

- 31: gave own Son to save us

“My greatest thought is my accountability to God” – D. Webster