

The Final Judgment

by Tim Dooley

The prophet Jeremiah, in warning the Southern Kingdom of Judah of the impending wrath of God, told the people that the evil that Israel and Judah had done in provoking the Lord to wrath they had “done against themselves” (Jeremiah 11:17). When we consider the various stories of sin and judgment throughout the Bible we can only conclude that those upon whom the wrath of God fell got exactly what they deserved. Adam and Eve, Cain, the men of Sodom and Gomorrah, Pharaoh, Israel and Judah, they all acted in such a way that only hurt themselves.

The natures of mankind and God have not changed and it is important for you and I to never forget that sin only hurts us and never benefits us. And while we all sin and continue to fall short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23) we need to remember that God has provided a way in which we can be saved from ourselves (Titus 2:11–12). And there is an intimate relationship between the grace of God, faith, and works (James 2:26). We respond to Lord and His sacrifice by what we do versus what we did. This is brought about by the act of repentance and is the difference between the old man/life and the new man/life.

So when we stand before God in the Day of Judgment we will not do so to stand trial for we are living the trial now. Once we die, or if they Lord returns first, the judgment of guilt or exoneration will be sealed. So what happens at that Last Day?

The first consideration is the fact of separation: While here on earth the saved and the lost are mingled

together (Matthew 13:30, 47–49). Physical death only separates us temporarily, but when Jesus returns all will be raised and a complete and final separation will take place (Matthew 25:31–46).

The second concern is that of proclamation. Judgment Day is about sentencing. Punishment or reward will be passed upon every person. When we die and enter the intermediate state it is primarily a private matter. But on that day Jesus will publicly proclaim, “come” or “depart,” and everyone will here and know. You may fool others while you are alive and they may continue to be deceived after your death. But you are only fooling and hurting yourself.

While these two purposes are certain, they would not necessarily be essential. So there must be a deeper meaning to the judgment of mankind. The third, final, and most important intent is that of vindication. Not our vindication, but God’s. The final judgment will demonstrate the righteousness and impartiality of God and no one will be able to honestly say, “That’s not fair!” They may beg, plead, and cry, but God is just and righteous. Everyone will be “without excuse” (Romans 1:20; 2:1), they will “have their mouths closed” (Romans 3:19), and everyone will glorify God!

You can live in disobedience and rebellion but you are only hurting yourself. The wise man hears and obeys (Matthew 7:24–25) and lives to hear God say, “Well done, good and faithful servant” (Matt. 25:23)



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Prayer List

Mary Beamon had a procedure Wednesday to remove a defibrillator and put in a pace maker. She is home and doing well.

Florence Dickey has been diagnosed with cancer. It has spread too much for surgery and she will not be taking chemo treatments.

Mildred Wooten will have an outpatient procedure to block her headaches this Friday in Frisco.

Continue to Remember: Yvonne Ainsworth, Robert Bess, Don Bowen, Mary Butler, Ellene French, Velma McDougald, Polly Miller, Eula Parrish, Ran Ross, Rita Compton, Sue Dosser, Meagan Gould, Dalton McCullough, Carl Schmidt, Jayme Shafer.

Our Benevolence Program is providing school supplies to underprivileged children at Navarro Elementary this fall. (No donations needed.) This has opened the door for more volunteer opportunities at Navarro Elementary this year. If you'd be interested in volunteering, please sign up in the foyer.

Birthdays This Week

- July 20 - Shery Bayes, Cate Harris
- July 21 - Wesley Hall
- July 22 - Bobby Barham, Ethan Drain
- July 23 - Bill Abercrombie
- July 24 - Don Bowen, Laura Briceno, Vicki Ivy, Railan McCombs, Shirley Wardlaw

Next Week's Class Daniel & Friends are Faithful Daniel 1

Service Men: Clay Bayes, Jason Book, Alston Compton, Robert Johnson, Josh Moehring, Ryan Payne, Douglas Ramsey, Ryan Stewart, Morgan Weaver, Payton Weaver

Announcements

Congratulations to Joseph & Michelle (Chennault) McWhorter on their marriage last Tuesday afternoon. Joseph has recently graduated from Southwest School of Bible Studies and will be working with the Canyon Lake Church of Christ. Pray for them as they begin their life together.

"Vicki and I would like to thank all of those who were so kind and loving to mention their concern for us after the death of my mother. We appreciated all the cards and calls as well. The family of Christians at Westhill truly are a caring and loving people." Don and Vicki Ivy

"Thank you, Westhill family, for the prayers, cards, and phone calls. The wound on my foot is closed up after three years and I don't have to go to Tyler anymore." Thank you so much, Eula Parrish

*****Online Registration for our Leadership Initiative, "Radical,"** is now open. All young men, aged 13-20, are encouraged to join us July 31 - Aug. 2. **Register online now** at www.westhillchurchofchrist.org.***

Discipleship University at Dripping Springs Church of Christ will be August 7-9. We will leave here at 9:00 AM Friday morning. Register online at dschurchofchrist.com.

Records for July 12, 2015

Bible Class	170
AM Worship.....	252
PM Worship	167
Wednesday	n/a
Contribution	\$9,286.63

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