Hope: The Anchor of God’s Promises

“Justice Will Prevail, I Promise!”

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Acts 17:29-31

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A. Have you noticed in life that __________ can be _________ to come by?

B. One of the great promises of God is that __________ will _________.

C. When did you first hear the words or learn the lesson that _______ isn’t _______?

D. God’s answer to the question: “How ______?” Is “not ______!”

E. “For [God] has set a _______ when he will _______ the world…” (Acts 17:31).

F. It is ironic that many long for __________, but have disdain for __________; you can’t have one without the other.

G. The Bible makes clear the fact of God’s ________ (2 Cor. 5:10; Rev. 20:11-12).

H. From His throne, Jesus will forever __________ the _________ of fairness.

I. First, at the time of God’s judgment, God will publicly _________ his people.
   1. God will judge people’s _________ through Jesus (Rom. 2:16).
   2. God must do it for the sake of __________, to declare each sin _________.
   3. This display of forgiven sins will prompt eternal _________ for our Savior.

J. Second, at the time of God’s judgment, God will _________ the _________ of his servants (2 Cor. 4:5; Heb. 6:10; Mt. 25:21).
   1. Hebrews 12:1 tells us that since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, we should run the race with _____________, keeping our eyes on _________.

K. Third, at the time of God’s judgment, God will honor the wishes of the ________.
   1. Here’s one description of the wicked (Rom. 1:21-23).
   2. A just God must honor the wishes of the __________.
   3. Here is C.S. Lewis’ famous quote on this subject: “There are only two kinds of people in the end: those who say to God, ‘Thy will be done,’ and those to whom God says, in the end, ‘Thy will be done.’ All that are in Hell, choose it. Without that self-choice there could be no Hell.” (The Great Divorce, C.S. Lewis)
   4. God is ________, and God is ________, and no one will accuse God of ____________ when He announces, “Depart from me…” (Mt. 25:41, 46).

L. Until the day when God will judge and when God’s justice will prevail, we need to follow the example of the women of a _________ village in _________.
   1. They gathered _________ and made _________, not as memorials to their __________, but as declarations of their ________.

M. We need to do the same with our _________ - we need to place them in the shadow of the _________.

N. God has prepared a place where life will be finally and forever ________.