

I BELIEVE IN THE JUDGMENT

Hebrews 9:27.

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INTRODUCTION

- A. A question that is often asked is, "Why doesn't God do something about all the evil in the world today?"
- B. The Bible says he will do something about it someday. Its called the "Judgment".
 - 1. The Apostle's Creed contains a statement declaring its belief in the judgment of God: **"He will come again to judge the living and the dead"**.
 - 2. The Bible contains more than one statement about God's judgment. What does it say?

I. FOR ONE THING, THE BIBLE SAYS JUDGMENT IS CERTAIN.

- A. The prophet Daniel had a vision of God's Judgment.

Daniel 7:9-10

⁹ **"As I looked, "thrones were set in place, and the Ancient of Days took his seat. His clothing was as white as snow; the hair of his head was white like wool. His throne was flaming with fire, and its wheels were all ablaze.**

¹⁰ **A river of fire was flowing, coming out from before him. Thousands upon thousands attended him; ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him. The court was seated, and the books were opened.**

- B. Paul talked about God's Judgment too.

Romans 14:9-11

⁹ **For this very reason, Christ died and returned to life so that he might be the Lord of both the dead and the living.**

¹⁰ **You, then, why do you judge your brother? Or why do you look down on your brother? For we will all stand before God's judgment seat.**

¹¹ **It is written: "'As surely as I live,' says the Lord, 'every knee will bow before me; every tongue will confess to God.'"**

- C. The writer of Hebrews likewise talked about God's Judgment.

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²⁷ **Just as man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment,**

1. Its been said there are only two things for certain in life: Death and Taxes.

2. The Bible adds a third, "Judgment".

II. FOR ANOTHER THING, THE BIBLE MENTIONS TWO JUDGMENTS.

- A. Who are the two judgments for?

1. One Judgment is for the lost, called "The Great White Throne of Judgment".

Revelation 20:11-12

¹¹ **Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. Earth and sky fled from his presence, and there was no place for them.**

¹² **And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books.**

2. Another judgment is for the saved, called "The Judgment Seat of Christ".

2 Corinthians 5:10

¹⁰ **For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.**

- a. This is more like an “Awards Banquet.”
- b. We will never be judged for sin, that took place on Calvary.

Romans 8:1

¹ Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus,¹

- B. For now, both judgments have been delayed because of God’s Grace.

2 Peter 3:9

⁹ The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

CONCLUSION

- A. Someday, God will do something about the evil in our world.
- B. He will judge it.
- C. Until then we must tell the lost how to avoid God’s Judgment.

I DREAMED OF THE GREAT JUDGMENT

Last night I dreamed of the Judgment.
The balance was set into place.
The time had come for every last one,
To meet God face to face!

I watched as He looked at the records.
And everyone got into cue.
Prepared to judge them with firmness,
And give each one their just due.

I watched as the souls started forward,
And gasped with awe at the sight.
As I saw how quickly He judged them.
Turning some left and some right.

My turn to weigh in was approaching.
And just then the great gavel fell.
The soul directly before me,
I saw fall, screaming to hell.

I stood on the scales there before Him.
About to be judged there and then.
Ashamed as I heard my life’s record
I could not out weigh my sin.

I stood there awaiting the outcome.
The great gavel began to descend.
When I heard a voice sweeter than music,
Saying, “Wait, this is my friend.”

I turned and there standing beside me,
Was the face I’d been longing to see.
Oh, praise God for my salvation.
Jesus weighed in with me!