The Judgement Day

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INTRODUCTION

- Therefore, having overlooked the times of ignorance, God is now declaring to men that all people everywhere should repent, because he has fixed a day in which he will judge the world in righteousness.
- The judgment day is the greatest day yet to come. It is the day when things will occur that have never occurred before.

1 The Judgment Day Is Going to Occur

Acts 17:31; Matthew 24:36

- God has fixed a day in which he will judge the world in righteousness.
- That language indicates that the judgment day is going to happen. It's going to occur, it's going to take place.
- Beginning in verse number 36 of this chapter, it is also my belief and my conviction that the Lord transitions from talking about his coming in judgment on the Jewish nation to talking about his second personal and literal coming.
- It's not going to be preceded by signs. Like when he came in judgment upon the nation of Israel. Instead, it's going to be like the days of Noah.

2 God Is Going to Judge the World in Righteousness

Romans 14:12; 2 Corinthians 5:10; 2 Timothy 4:1

- The world includes everyone. The world doesn't just include the Jews. No, it includes me. It includes you. It includes every person on planet earth and every person to have ever lived.
- For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ.
- It doesn't matter who you are or where you are or what your status may be, you, we, I, we have an appointment before the throne of God.
- There are not going to be any mistakes made because, unlike with people on this earth, there's nothing we can hide from God.

3 Through a Man He Has Appointed

Matthew 25:31–41; Acts 17:31; Romans 1:4

- Who is that man that God has appointed to judge the world? Well, there's no other, no person other than Jesus.
- We're either going to hear him say, Come. You who are blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom, or we're going to hear him say, Depart from me, accursed ones.
- Paul says that the resurrection of Jesus is proof given from heaven that the judgment day is going to occur.

- Through the resurrection, by being raised from the dead, Jesus was not just declared to be the Son of God, but he was declared to be the Son of God with power.

4 We Need to Get Ourselves Ready

Matthew 24:46; Acts 17:30

- The first thing we need to do in response to this is we need to get ourselves ready.
- Paul says that since God is going to judge the world through his son Jesus in righteousness, we need to respond a certain way. We need to repent.
- Repentance involves turning away from sin. It involves turning away from sin and turning to the Lord. It involves having a change of mind towards sin that leads to a change in your life.
- Since there is coming a day of judgment that is guaranteed by the resurrection of Jesus, it matters how we live.

5 We Gotta Be Focused

Matthew 24:42; Matthew 25:13

- We gotta be focused on what really matters in life.
- Therefore, be on the alert, for you do not know which day your Lord is coming.
- All these things can become tools that the devil uses to distract us.
- Football's not gonna matter, but Paul says repentance will matter. Spiritual growth will matter. Holy living will matter.

6 We Gotta Be Honest With Ourselves

Matthew 7:21–23

- If we're gonna prepare for the judgment day, we gotta be honest with ourselves.
- Not everyone who says to me, Lord, will enter the kingdom of heaven. But he who does the will of my Father who's in heaven will enter.
- That means they did not obey God. That means they did not respect God's authority, they did not submit fully to the will of God.
- We can deceive ourselves into thinking that we're right with God when we are not.

THE CHALLENGE

You can obey the gospel today if you're willing to believe in Jesus and confess him as Lord and repent, as Paul said, and Athens, repent of your sins, be baptized for the forgiveness of your sins.

MY NOTES