

CrossRoads Baptist Church
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Eternity: Heaven or Hell #8

“The Revelation of God in Judgment”

As we talk about the judgments of God, we want with this message to turn to talk about the Judge. Who will be the judge? It’s so important in our day of judicial treatment that you get the right judge.

I. The Person of Judgment

The Scriptures clearly teach us it will be God through Jesus Christ who will judge.

Psalm 75:7 “But God is the Judge.”

John 5:22 “For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son.”

Matthew 16:27 “For the Son of Man will come in the glory of His Father with His angles, and then He will reward each according to His works.”

Acts 10: 42 “And He commanded us to preach to the people, and to testify that it is He who was ordained by God to be the Judge of the living and the dead.”

II. The Purpose of Judgment

The purpose of judgment is not first and foremost to reveal our bad, but to reveal God’s goodness. The primary purpose of judgment is to make a believer out of all man kind of the absolute righteous, just, holy, loving God that He is. It is to reveal His character.

Let me show you what we shall see at the judgment about God. We’ll discover that God is a God of:

1. Authority

I Chronicles 29: 11-12 “Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power and the glory, the victory and the majesty; For all that is in Heaven and in earth is Yours: Yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and You are exalted as head over all. Both riches and honor come from you, and You reign over all.”

Model Prayer: “For Yours is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever.”

Isaiah 45: 22-24 “There is no other God...thus every knee will bow to Him.”

How did He get this power? Was it given to Him on a silver-platter? Or did He obtain it through evil ways? Or is He just power hunger? No, he earned the old-fashion way.

Acts 17:31 “God has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained, He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead.”

2. Holiness

Psalm 99: 9 “Exalt the Lord for He is holy.”

I John 1:5 “God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.”

No sin, no malice, no anger, no impartiality

Deuteronomy 1:17 “You shall not show partiality in judgment; you shall hear the small as well as the great.”

There will be no one making deals on the side, no one giving brides. What could you give God that He doesn’t already have or could have by speaking.

3. Justice

The Constitution of the United States reads in its opening paragraph: “We the People of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice....”

But we are far from that today. There is not much justice in our world today. But you can be sure the judgment will reveal the justice of God.

No one will have a reason to blame God –

Psalm 51:4 “You are blameless when you judge.”

Psalm 145: 17 “The Lord is righteous in all His ways...”

He knows all and will judge the hidden and the open. There will never be a word of injustice of his punishment.

4. Righteousness

He will do what is right.

Genesis 18:25 Abraham was interceding for Sodom and he appealed to the righteousness of God’s judgments – “Far be it from You do such a thing as this, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous should be as the wicked: far be it from You! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?”

God alone will be able to judge between the sheep and the goats, the wheat and the tares, the righteous and the unrighteous servant, the faithful and the unfaithful steward.

Psalm 9:8 “He will judge the world in righteousness, and He shall administer judgment for the peoples in uprightness.”

5. Wrath

You ask, “Who can God be a God of righteousness and holiness and be a God of wrath?” His wrath is not like our anger. His wrath is a constant fixed displeasure against evil.

His wrath never turns into uncontrollable anger. He has set a certain judgment against all sin and when He executes that judgment of wrath, he doesn't do it in an attitude of hate, rage or temper.

Look at Romans 2:5 – those who are unsaved and this world is heaping for them a time when the wrath of God will be poured out at one time.

Zephaniah 1: 14-15 describes the day of wrath as one of bitterness, mighty men crying out, trouble, distress, devastation, desolation, darkness, gloominess, cloudy and thick darkness.

Joel 2: 31 describes it as the sun being darkened and the moon turning to blood. It will be a terrible day.

6. Love

You will also see the love of God.

Romans 11: 22 “Therefore consider the goodness and severity of God: on those who fell, severity; but toward you, goodness.”

You will see a God of love who sent His Son into the world to die for you and make a way of escape. When you stand before Jesus, you will see His nail scarred hands and His pierced side. All of this will remind you of the cross and His love.

7. Glory

Matthew 25: 31-32 “When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. All nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats.”

His glory was revealed on the earth with majesty yet modesty.

III. The Perfect Judgment

The perfect picture of the revelation of God in judgment was seen at the cross:

1. His authority to kill His Son because the Son belongs to the Father.
2. His holiness because when Jesus became sin he would not tolerate sin.
3. His justice because he was impartial. A God that will execute the same judgment on His Son that He does on any one else is just.
4. His righteousness in that He did not spare His own Son but caused Him to experience death for His sin.
5. His wrath in that God was already predetermined of a penalty of hell against sin. The day of the crucifixion was a terrible day of bitterness, blackness, distress, trouble, and desolation.
6. His love for us so that we can escape hell and this awful judgment
7. His glory because it showed the very character and nature of God.

On that day of judgment for all, when we stand before Jesus the marks of the cross will be the final judgment. Believers will point to the marks in faith and rejoicing. Unbelievers will see the marks and weep.

Hebrews 2:3 “How shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation?”