

## “WHAT ABOUT JUDGMENT”?

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The Bible teaches, *“And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:”* (Hebrews 9:27). Paul said, *“For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad”* (II Corinthians 5:10).

When we stand before the Judge of all, what will our sentence be? When we come to the end of life’s journey, will there be any regrets? Will the poor decisions we made cause us to be lost? Or will we rejoice because our sojourn was meaningful?

When eternity is ushered in, what will our destiny be? What kind of day will judgment disclose? First of all, it will be a day of reckoning. The question is, will it be a day of remorse or a day of reward?

Are we going to reap the whirlwind of shameful activity (Hosea 8:7) or the joy of salvation? When God’s books are opened, what will be found therein? Will we be able to say, *“Remember me, O my God, for good”* (Nehemiah 13:31)? Second, it will be a day of rest. We will have rest from a wicked world and a sinful environment if we are a faithful child of God. The Hebrews writer said, *“There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God”* (Hebrews 4:9). In Revelation 21:3-5 we see the fruition of godliness in a realm that knows no sickness, sadness or separation. It is a land of fadeless day and a city with everlasting foundations. There will be no earthly corruption, and all the toils of life will be gone. Even death will have been turned into victory.

Judgment day will also be a day of reunion. Our Lord and Savior will take us home to be with Him (John 14:3). Abraham, Isaac and Jacob will be there. Loved ones will be together again. What a joy it will be to see the redeemed of all ages. There will be a family reunion as has never been seen before.

*Finally*, judgment day will be a day of revelation. Our eternal destiny will be revealed by the One who knows us as we really are, and not as we pretend to be. The sins that have been forgiven will not be remembered (Hebrews 8:12). For this we should praise the Almighty God. However, the hypocrisies and insincerities we have tried to hide will be exposed, and those things we knew we should have done will haunt us. James wrote, *“Therefore to him who knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin”* (James 4:17).

We have been given this life to prepare for eternity. There are many who pervert this purpose and waste their moments while upon earth. On the Day of Judgment, the infidel will finally confess Christ (Philippians 2:9-11) and the disobedient will try to hide from the wrath of God (Revelation 6:12). Let us be wise enough to search our ways and return to the Lord before it is too late.

The Psalmist wrote, *“So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom”* (Psalm 90:12). Let us use our days on this earth wisely and be sure we never *“follow a multitude to do evil”* (Exodus 23:2). The joy of heaven is too precious to miss.