



Doctrine of Judgment Day

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Parts 1 & 2

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"I've thought about many things, but the most awesome, the most terrifying, the most shattering thought I've ever had, is my personal accountability to God one day." – Daniel Webster –

Romans 2:5-11 ⁵But in accordance with your hardness and your impenitent heart you are treasuring up for yourself wrath in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God, ⁶who "will render to each one according to his deeds": ⁷eternal life to those who by patient continuance in doing good seek for glory, honor, and immortality; ⁸but to those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness—indignation and wrath, ⁹tribulation and anguish, on every soul of man who does evil, of the Jew first and also of the Greek; ¹⁰but glory, honor, and peace to everyone who works what is good, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. ¹¹For there is no partiality with God.

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1.) The Fact of Judgment: *Christ is the Judge*

2 Cor. 5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

Rom. 14:9-12 ⁹ For to this end Christ died and rose and lived again, that He might be Lord of both the dead and the living. ¹⁰ But why do you judge your brother? Or why do you show contempt for your brother? For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. ¹¹ For it is written: "As I live, says the LORD, Every knee shall bow to Me, And every tongue shall confess to God." ¹² So then each of us shall give account of himself to God.

John 5:22-23 ²² For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son, ²³ that all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him.

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 Judge of the living and the dead.

Acts 17:31 because He 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.

1 Cor. 4:2-5 ² Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful. ³ But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by a human court. In fact, I do not even judge myself. ⁴ For I know nothing against myself, yet I am not justified by this; but He who judges me is the Lord. ⁵ Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord comes, who will both bring to light the hidden things of darkness and reveal the counsels of the hearts. Then each one's praise will come from God.

Rev. 20:12 And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books.

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*For God will bring every work into judgment, Including every secret thing, Whether good or evil.
Ecclesiastes 12:14*

2.) When is Judgment Day:

Clearly Scripture tells us that the day of the Lord's second coming, the day of the resurrection of all the dead, and the Day of Judgment, all take place on the same day, revealed in Scripture as the last day. Just as certainly as there was a first day for mankind (being the 6th day of creation) so there will be a last day.

2 Timothy 4:1 I charge you therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom:

John 12:48 **He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him—the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day.**

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Jude 1:14-15 ¹⁴ Now Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men also, saying, "Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints, ¹⁵ to execute judgment on all, to convict all who are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have committed in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him."

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2 Peter 3:4-10

⁴ and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation." ⁵ For this they willfully forget: that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water, ⁶ by which the world that then existed perished, being flooded with water. ⁷ But the heavens and the earth which are now preserved by the same word, are reserved for fire until the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men. ⁸ But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. ⁹ The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. ¹⁰ But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up.

Scripture reveals that on the last day, we have the coming of the Lord, the resurrection of the dead, the passing away of the present heavens and earth with a great noise, the Day of Judgment, and the rewarding of the righteous and the wicked according to their works:¹

¹I have given a number of plain texts revealing these things. Some may think it is unnecessary to give so many, but I think it is right to plainly point out these things. For there are many who want to divide up these things as if they can be separated by many, many years (1007 years to be precise). I am not questioning their love for Jesus, but their understanding of last things is against what is plainly revealed in Scripture: That the coming of the Lord; the resurrection of the dead (*both of the just and unjust being at the same time, when all who are in their graves will hear His voice and come forth either to the resurrection of life, or the resurrection of condemnation*); the Day of Judgment (*in the last day*); and that such is the time that the wicked are punished and the righteous rewarded, — is plain from an abundance of text. Lord willing, we will consider "last things" again when we cover eschatology.

2 Thess. 1:6-10 ⁶ since it is a righteous thing with God to repay with tribulation those who trouble you, ⁷and to give you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, ⁸ in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power, ¹⁰ when He comes, in that Day, to be glorified in His saints and to be admired among all those who believe, because our testimony among you was believed.

3.) The Reasonableness of Judgment Day:

Acts 24:25 Now as he reasoned about righteousness, self-control, and the judgment to come, Felix was afraid and answered, "Go away for now; when I have a convenient time I will call for you."

Eccl. 8:14 There is a vanity which occurs on earth, that there are just men to whom it happens according to the work of the wicked; again, there are wicked men to whom it happens according to the work of the righteous. I said that this also is vanity.

WHO BUT A HARDENED SINNER WHO WILL NOT ACKNOWLEDGE THE REASONABLENESS OF THE COMING JUDGMENT?

Psalms 10:5-11 ⁵ His ways are always prospering; Your judgments are far above, out of his sight; as for all his enemies, he sneers at them. ⁶ He has said in his heart, "I shall not be moved; I shall never be in adversity." ⁷ His mouth is full of cursing and deceit and oppression; under his tongue is trouble and iniquity. ⁸ He sits in the lurking places of the villages; in the secret places he murders the innocent; his eyes are secretly fixed on the helpless. ⁹ He lies in wait secretly, as a lion in his den; he lies in wait to catch the poor; he catches the poor when he draws him into his net. ¹⁰ So he crouches, he lies low, that the helpless may fall by his strength. ¹¹ He has said in his heart, "God has forgotten; He hides His face; He will never see."

Ezek. 8:12 ¹² Then He said to me, "Son of man, have you seen what the elders of the house of Israel do in the dark, every man in the room of his idols? For they say, 'The Lord does not see us, the Lord has forsaken the land.'"

Ps. 94:1-11 ¹ O Lord God, to whom vengeance belongs— O God, to whom vengeance belongs, shine forth! ² Rise up, O Judge of the earth; render punishment to the proud. ³ Lord, how long will the wicked, how long will the wicked triumph? ⁴ They utter speech, and speak insolent things; all the workers of iniquity boast in themselves. ⁵ They break in pieces Your people, O Lord, and afflict Your heritage. ⁶ They slay the widow and the stranger, and murder the fatherless. ⁷ Yet they say, "The Lord does not see, nor does the God of Jacob understand." ⁸ Understand, you senseless among the people; And you fools, when will you be wise? ⁹ He who planted the ear, shall He not hear? He who formed the eye, shall He not see? ¹⁰ He who instructs the nations, shall He not correct, He who teaches man knowledge? ¹¹ The Lord knows the thoughts of man, that they are futile.

Zeph. 1:12 ¹² "And it shall come to pass at that time that I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and punish the men who are settled in complacency, who say in their heart, 'The Lord will not do good, nor will He do evil.'"

Eccl. 3:16-17 ¹⁶ Moreover I saw under the sun: In the place of judgment, wickedness was there; and in the place of righteousness, iniquity was there. ¹⁷ I said in my heart, "God shall judge the righteous and the wicked, for there is a time there for every purpose and for every work."

Eccl. 12:14 For God will bring every work into judgment, including every secret thing, whether good or evil.

*Judgment is reasonable,
and a man's heart knows this.*

5.) The Extent of Judgment Day:

Matthew 10:26 Therefore do not fear them. For there is nothing covered that will not be revealed, and hidden that will not be known.

Luke 12:2-3 For there is nothing covered that will not be revealed, nor hidden that will not be known. ³ Therefore whatever you have spoken in the dark will be heard in the light, and what you have spoken in the ear in inner rooms will be proclaimed on the housetops.

1 Cor. 4:5 Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord comes, who will both bring to light the hidden things of darkness and reveal the counsels of the hearts. Then each one's praise will come from God.

Heb. 4:12-13 ¹² For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. ¹³ And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.

Eccl. 12:13-14 ¹³ Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is man's all. ¹⁴ For God will bring every work into judgment, including every secret thing, whether good or evil.

Rom. 2:16 in the day when God will judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ, according to my gospel.

Heb. 6:10 For God is not unjust to forget your work and labor of love which you have shown toward His name, in that you have ministered to the saints, and do minister.

Matt. 12:36-37 ³⁶ But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment. ³⁷ For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.

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Book of Life, and Other Books

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Whether Written Against Or Whether Written For

Isa. 30:8-11 ⁸ Now go, write it before them on a tablet, and note it on a scroll, that it may be for time to come, forever and ever: ⁹ That this is a rebellious people, lying children, children who will not hear the law of the Lord; ¹⁰ who say to the seers, "Do not see," and to the prophets, "Do not prophesy to us right things; speak to us smooth things, prophesy deceits. ¹¹ Get out of the way, turn aside from the path, cause the Holy One of Israel to cease from before us."

Isa. 65:6 Behold, it is written before Me: I will not keep silence, but will repay— even repay into their bosom—

*²⁴ Some men's sins are clearly evident, preceding them to judgment, but those of some men follow later.
²⁵ Likewise, the good works of some are clearly evident, and those that are otherwise cannot be hidden.
1 Tim. 5:24-25*

Ps. 56:8 You number my wanderings; put my tears into Your bottle; are they not in Your book?

Mal. 3:16-18 ¹⁶ Then those who feared the Lord spoke to one another, and the Lord listened and heard them; so a book of remembrance was written before Him for those who fear the Lord and who meditate on His name. ¹⁷ "They shall be Mine," says the Lord of hosts, "On the day that I make them My jewels. And I will spare them as a man spares his own son who serves him." ¹⁸ Then you shall again discern between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve Him.

²³ "Oh, that my words were written! Oh, that they were inscribed in a book! ²⁴ That they were engraved on a rock with an iron pen and lead, forever!" Job 19:23-24

²³ Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my anxieties; ²⁴ And see if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. Ps. 139:23-24

Though all of life is revealed in the Day of Judgment, sins forgiven will never be mentioned to the disadvantage of, nor to the condemnation of, the believer. Such shall never be remembered in a way so as to cause the Christian harm (as if they are held against him, or as if he must answer for them), but it will be manifested in the most wonderful way that in Christ there is no condemnation. It will be abundantly manifested on that Day, that God is Just in accepting us in the Beloved, through the precious Blood of Atonement.

Matthew 10:26 **Therefore do not fear them. For there is nothing covered that will not be revealed, and hidden that will not be known.**

Hebrews 4:13 **And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.**

Romans 8:31-34 ³¹ What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? ³³ Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us.

Isaiah 43:25 **"I, even I, am He who blots out your transgressions for My own sake; and I will not remember your sins.**

Hebrews 8:12 **For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more.**

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"Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You." John 21:17

It may be answered, It is apparently and absolutely necessary, for the full display of the glory of God; for the clear and perfect manifestation of his wisdom, justice, power, and mercy, toward the heirs of salvation; that all the circumstances of their life should be placed in open view, together with all their tempers, and all the desires, thoughts, and intents of their hearts: Otherwise, how would it appear out of what a depth of sin and misery the grace of God had delivered them: and, indeed, if the whole lives of all the children of men were not manifestly discovered, the whole amazing contexture of divine providence could not be manifested; nor should we yet be able, in a thousand instances, "to justify the ways of God to man." Unless our Lord's words were fulfilled in their utmost sense, without any restriction or limitation, — "where is nothing covered that shall not be revealed, or hid that shall not be known;" (Matthew 10:26;) abundance of God's dispensations under the sun would still appear without their reasons. And then only when God hath brought to light all the hidden things of darkness, whosoever were the actors therein, will it be seen that wise and good were all his ways; that he saw through the thick cloud, and governed all things by the wise counsel of his own will; that nothing was left to chance or the caprice of men, but God disposed all strongly and sweetly, and wrought all into one connected chain of justice, mercy, and truth. — John Wesley, *The Great Assize*, sermon in 1758

Had all men a deep sense of this, how effectually would it secure the interests of society! For what more forcible motive can be conceived to the practice of genuine morality? to a steady pursuit of solid virtue? an uniform walking in justice, mercy, and truth? What could strengthen our hands in all that is good, and deter us from all evil, like a strong conviction of this, "The Judge standeth at the door;" and we are shortly to stand before him? — John Wesley, *The Great Assize*, 1758.

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1 Corinthians 3:10-15 ¹⁰ According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it. ¹¹ For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. ¹² Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, ¹³ each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. ¹⁴ If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward. ¹⁵ If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.

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“Will our life’s work stand the test of the fire when we come before the Lord? Will it have lasting eternal value – or will it end up in ashes? There’s an interesting difference between wood, hay, and straw — and gold, silver, and costly stones. Wood, hay, and stubble are found above the ground. They catch the eye, just like many people’s ministries do. They are quite plentiful and easy to find. On the other hand, silver, gold, and precious stones are found below the ground. Nobody sees them – again, like many people’s ministries. They’re not just lying around in a field somewhere for anyone to pick up. They are much harder to come by, in fact it takes a lot of hard work to get them. That’s why they are so expensive. They are of much higher quality than many other things, and much more rare too. Again, it’s the quality, not the quantity that sets their value. Many things are difficult in the Christian life, but we should desire to acquire those things which will hold their value, not only on earth, but in heaven as well. . . . There’s a lot of public ministry that’s going to go down in flames on that day, my brothers.”— Leonard Ravenhill, Your Day in Court , Sermon, sermonindex.net

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2 John 1:8 Look to yourselves, that we do not lose those things we worked for, but that we may receive a full reward.

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And in the discovery of the divine perfections, the righteous will rejoice with joy unspeakable; far from feeling any painful sorrow or shame, for any of these past transgressions which were long since blotted out as a cloud, washed away by the blood of the Lamb, it will be abundantly sufficient for them, that all the transgressions, and iniquities shall be remembered no more to their condemnation. This is the plain meaning of the promise; and this all the children of God shall find true, to their everlasting comfort. – John Wesley, *The Great Assize*, 1758.