

God's Plan For Man: The Judgment Sunday AM 01/30/22

Introduction:

We have been studying God's Plan for Man in this series of lessons. We started with obedience, redemption in Christ, in the Kingdom, in the preaching of the Gospel and establishment of the Church, and in the home. But for what purpose, or what awaits man after he dies? Throughout the Bible there is the theme that there will be a judgment to come.

I) Passages Speaking of God's Judgment

A) God judges sin

1. Adam and Eve were cast out of the Garden of Eden because they had sinned, disobeyed His law.
2. All the world was destroyed by flood because, ***"The Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually" Genesis 6.5.***
3. In the book of Acts we see God's judgment upon Ananias and Sapphires when they lied. ***Acts 5.5-10***
 - a. Some judgments in the Bible were immediate (Uzzah reaching out and touching the ark was struck dead immediately, ***2 Sam. 6***)
 - b. Some were delayed for a while, Israel was given time to repent)

B) More importantly, there is a future judgment

1. The Day of Judgment -
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. 2 Peter 3:7.
2. It will come

- a. Solomon tells us that our soul will return back to God,
7 Then the dust will return to the earth as it was, And the spirit will return to God who gave it. Ecclesiastes 12:7
- b. Jesus tells us that we will give account for our sins, what we have done on the Day of Judgment
 - i. When He sent out the 12 and told them what to do when some would not receive them,
And whoever will not receive you nor hear your words, when you depart from that house or city, shake off the dust from your feet. 15 Assuredly. I say to you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment than for that city! Matthew 10:14-15
 - ii. Jesus rebuked the cities in which He had done mighty works and yet they did not believe Him,
But I say to you. it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon in the day of judgment than for you But I say to you that it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment than for you." Matthew 11:22, 24
 - iii. When they accused Jesus of casting out demons by the power of Beelzebub,
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. Matthew 12:36
- c. Jesus spoke of heaven and hell on numerous occasions:
 - i. Parable of the "Foolish Virgins" and Talents, ***Matthew 25.***
 - ii. Sermon on the Mount,

29 *If your right eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and cast it from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell. 30* *And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and cast it from you: for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell. Matthew 5:29-30*

d. Paul warns us of the day in which we will appear before the judgment seat of God, **2 Corinthians 5.10**

e. The Hebrew writer tell us of the fear appearing before God, **Hebrews 9.27: 10.31**

3. We will be judged.

II) How will we be judged?

A) By God

1. God will judge us without prejudice or partiality,

For there is no partiality with God. Romans 2:11

a. Whoever does His will, will be saved,

34 *Then Peter opened his mouth and said: "In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality. 35* *But in every nation whoever fears Him and works righteousness is accepted by Him. Acts 10:34-35*

b. Whoever does not obey His will be lost

2. God will judge us by His word.

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. John 12:48*

a. The word of God is pure and righteous because God is

pure and righteous.

b. The word of God is just because God is just.

B) Those in sin will be condemned, *Romans 6.23a*

1. The unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God, ***1 Corinthians 6.9***

a. How can they?

b. Can a righteous God allow the unrighteous to not be punished?

2. Those that never obeyed the Gospel will be lost because they have sinned against God and must pay the price. ***1 Kings 8.46***

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. 2 Thessalonians 1:8

3. Those that fell away,

20 For if, after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. they are again entangled in them and overcome. the latter end is worse for them than the beginning. 21 For it would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than having known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered to them. 2 Peter 2:20-22

C) The obedient will be rewarded with heaven,

17 Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as He is, so are we in this world. 1 John 4:17

1. Those that love God will go to heaven

a. Not just lip service but heartfelt real service, not outward appearance but true reverence.

- b. Those in the Old Testament will be saved because of their obedience and the sacrifice of Jesus, **Hebrews 10.10-14** the blood of Jesus flows both ways.
- c. Those living today will go to heaven if they obey the Son of God, **John 2.**

Heaven is a prepared place for God's Holy People.

III) Jesus' Description of the Day of Judgment In **Matthew 25.31-46**

A) When the Son of Man comes.

31 *"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. **Matthew 25:31***

1. We know Jesus will return in the clouds,

16 *For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout. with the voice of an archangel. and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. **17** Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. **1 Thessalonians 4:16-17***

- a. It will be immediate
 - b. All will know it when it comes (AD. 70 doctrine says they missed it. such will be impossible.
2. It will come without future warning. No one knows when Jesus will return.

B) All the nations will be gathered,

32 *All the nations will be gathered before Him, **Matthew 25:32a***

1. It will be world wide
2. Those in the graves will be raised.

28 *Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all*

***who are in the graves will hear His voice 29 and come forth-
John 5:28-29***

and those living will be there.

C) There will a separation

32 All the nations will be gathered before Him. and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats. Matthew 25:32b00

1. Lazarus and rich man in ***Luke 16.22-23*** tells us of the separation at death.
2. Here Jesus speaks of a separation that will be for eternity.

D) Heaven has been prepared,

34 Then the King will say to those on His right hand. 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: Matthew 25:34

1. God's intention is for man to go to heaven
2. He wants us to go to heaven and even paid the price for us by sending His Son to die for us, ***John 3.16***

E) Hell has been prepared for the devil and his angels.

41 "Then He will also say to those on the left hand, Depart from Me. you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels: Matthew 25:41

F) We will be judged individually

1. No lawyers. no preacher, mother or father to plead our case.
2. God will see what we have or have not done.
 - a. Good is not the absence of evil: but evil is the absence of good.
 - b. It is not enough to say what we have not done but what we

have done.

G) For eternity,

46 And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life." Matthew 25:46

1. Eternity is a concept beyond most of our imaginations.
2. What will eternity be like?
 - a. What will it be like to be in hell for eternity?
 - b. What will it be like to be in heaven for eternity?

Conclusion:

There are some that anxiously await the day of Judgment for it to be the end of this world and the beginning of eternity; ***10 And they cried with a loud voice, saying, "How long, O Lord, holy and true, until You judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?" Revelation 6:10*** - - those that want justice to be served, those who have died in Christ, those who are ready now to see Jesus' return. Are you one of those people? Are you prepared for eternity? If not why not?