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GOD, THE JUDGE

God is our judge. That is one of the basic themes of the Bible. Abraham called Him, "*The judge of all the earth.*" (Gen. 18:25) God revealed Himself to Moses as the lawgiver and the judge. (Exodus and Leviticus) He revealed Himself to David as "*A righteous judge, who is angry with the wicked every day.*" (Psalm 7:11) He revealed Himself to the prophets as the judge of nations and of individuals. (Isaiah, Jeremiah, Amos, etc.)

This revelation continued in the New Testament. Jesus said that God will judge the nations and separate them one from another as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats. (Matthew 25:31) And I could go on and on quoting scriptures.

THE BASIS OF GOD'S JUDGMENT

The New Testament teaches that all people will be judged on the basis of three things:

- Our actions
- Our words
- Our motives

- (1) Our actions or deeds - "*The Son of Man will come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then He will reward each man according to his works.*" (Mt.16:27) "...*the righteous judgment of God, who will render to each one according to his deeds.*" (Ro.2:7-9) "*We must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive according to the things done in the body, whether good or bad.*" (2 Cor.5:10) "*I will give to each one of you according to your works.*" (Rev.2:23) "*Behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every man according to his work.*" (Rev. 22:12) **NOTE: Nowhere does the Bible indicate that we will be judged according to our faith! Isn't that strange? The Bible says we are saved by faith in Christ, but it does not say we will be judged by our faith, but according to our works or deeds! Why? Because our profession of faith may be meaningless. Our works demonstrate the reality of our faith. "Faith without works is dead."** (James 2:20) **To "believe" in Christ is to "obey" Him.** (Mt. 7:21-27; John 3:36, AMP; Acts 5:32; Ro. 2:8, etc.)

- (2) Our words - "*But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it on the day of judgment. For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.*" (Mt.12:36-37) "*Whoever says to his brother, 'Idiot,' shall be in danger of the council, and whoever says, 'You fool!' shall be in danger of hell fire.*" (Mt. 5:22) **NOTE: The words we speak are also actions, but God deems our words to be so important that He puts them in a special category.**

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- (3) The motivations of our hearts - *"In the day when God will judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ."* (Ro.2:15-16) *"The word of God...is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart."* (Heb. 5:12) *"I am He who searches the minds and hearts. And I will give to each one of you according to your works."* (Rev. 2:23) *"And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing."* (1 Co. 13:3)

NOTE: We may do many good things: preach, give to the poor, serve our family, serve as a missionary, die as a martyr, etc., but God tells us if we do these things for self-glory, or to earn our way to heaven, or for any other prideful motive, and not out of love for God and men, we will be judged instead of rewarded.

WHO, SPECIFICALLY, WILL BE OUR JUDGE?

Jesus Christ will be the One who judges us. *"For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son."* (John 5:22) *"When the Son of Man comes in His glory...all the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them as sheep from goats."* (Mt. 25:31 ff) **NOTE: Jesus said that He did not come to judge the world but to save the world in John 12:47. But then He added, "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."** The difference is between His first coming (Jn. 12:47), and His second coming in the last day (Jn. 12:48).

TWO THRONES OF JUDGMENT

The great white throne is the place of judgment for condemnation for those who have rejected Christ and not repented of their sins. *"Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away... and the dead, small and great, standing before God,...and the dead were judged according to their works...and anyone not found in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire."* (Rev. 20:11-15) The judgment seat of Christ is the place of judgment for reward. 2 Cor. 5:10, quoted in (1) above. This judgment should not be taken lightly, and Paul said when he thought of that judgment it caused him to have "the terror of the Lord." (2 Cor. 5:11)

THE GOOD NEWS AND BAD NEWS

The good news is that we are not an accident of nature, without purpose, comfort, or destiny. We were created by and in the likeness of a majestic, awesome Creator. And our lives do not end in the grave but are eternal.

The bad news is that we have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God, and the coming judgment is too terrible to contemplate. That is why most people refuse to believe it or think about it.

The good news is the One who created us is calling us back home through His Son, and His desire, like the desire we have for our children, is to love us and bless us and reward us forever and ever. Yippee!

HOW AND WHY TO MEDITATE

Psalm 1 has a wonderful promise for the person who meditates on the word of God. It tells us that such a man will be like a tree planted by rivers of water, that brings forth its fruit in its season, whose leaf also shall not wither, and whatever he does shall prosper. Wow! Is that a great promise or what! But what does it mean to meditate? A definition I learned is that it is like a cow chewing its cud. A cow has four stomachs, and since grass and hay is hard to digest, it has to chew and swallow into stomach No. 1; regurgitate the ball of hay, chew and swallow into stomach No. 2, and so on. We are to read God's word, chew on it and swallow it; bring it back up and chew on it some more; until it gets digested into our heart and life. It takes time and concentration.

I love Strong's definition of the word meditate. "Meditate, *hagah*. To reflect, moan, mutter, ponder, make a quiet sound with sighing, to contemplate something as one repeats the words. *Hagah* represents something quite unlike the English 'meditation,' which may be a mental exercise only. In Hebrew thought, to meditate upon the Scriptures is to quietly repeat them in a soft, droning sound, while utterly abandoning outside distractions. From this tradition comes a specialized type of Jewish prayer called 'davening,' that is, reciting texts, praying intense prayers, or getting lost in communion with God while bowing or rocking back and forth. Evidently this dynamic form of meditation-prayer goes back to David's time." So that's what those Orthodox Jews are doing at the Wailing Wall!

My friend Lynne Cumming also has a great illustration. Someone asked her how you keep your mind from distractions while you are trying to pray and meditate. She has a longtime friend named Tibbett, her little doggy. She said when she was training him to heel, she would place him by her feet and say, "Stay!" He would promptly run off to smell the flowers. She would go get him, bring him back by her feet and say, "Stay!" She said she would do this 40 or 50 times or more until he finally got it. This, she says, is what you have to do to your mind when it runs off after idle thoughts again and again. You go and get it 40 or 50 or 100 times, bring it back into the presence of God, and say, "Stay!" Our minds are not quite as intelligent and obedient as Tibbett, but eventually they will catch on if we persevere. Ha!

THE RELIGION OF "O"

My daughter, Jeannine, sent me a long e-mail about "the fastest growing religion in the country." It is the religion of "O," Oprah Winfrey. It already has 2,000,000 members! In March, on her TV show, they held their first mass trance, led by a Buddhist named Eckhart Tolle. Thousands of people reported that during the trance they "felt the spirit!" (I'm sure they did. They are opening a door into the spiritual realm.) These are some of the wonderful truths this new religion is espousing:

- My savior is me.
- Salvation comes from your own self-will.
- Oprah says that she is a "free-thinking Christian."
- Yes, Jesus was divine, but we are all divine. He was simply a representative of all men.
- Jesus was the Light of the World, but that same light is in all of us.
- There are many, many ways to God, not just one way. That one-way business is narrow-minded and

contemptible.

Jeannine said, "Dad, thousands of Christians are being confused. Something has to be done about Oprah!" I told her that the people being confused are not born-again Christians, grounded in the word of God. They are vulnerable to this teaching (not a new teaching but a very old teaching) because their hearts are open to the ancient words of the serpent, "You shall be like God." We need to pray for them and preach the Gospel. *"If anyone preaches any other gospel to you than what you have received, let him be accursed!"* (Gal. 1:9) *"There is one God and one Mediator between God and man, the Man Christ Jesus."* (1 Tim. 2:5)

QUOTED FROM KRIS VALLOTIN

- The Bible can either kill you or give you life. *"For the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life."* (2 Cor. 3:6) Remember that the devil knows Scripture and quoted verses to Jesus.
 - In a church where a pastor won't confront people as friends, eventually he will be forced to confront them as enemies and destroy them.
 - "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God." (Mt. 4:4) Note: This is present tense! It is not what God said, but what He is saying that gives life. Fresh manna fell from heaven every day. On the next day, it was wormy and not edible.
 - The church is moving from the Pool of Bethesda to Ezekiel's river, from saying "Come to church," to going out and being the church.
 - The river flowed out from under the door of the sanctuary. The farther away from the sanctuary, the deeper the river! (Selah.)
- The theme song for many churches is "The Way We Were."

MINISTRY

I'm off the Peru on June 3rd. I spend the night in Bogota', Colombia, fly on a small plane to Leticia, get on a river boat, go up the Amazon to Caballo Cocha (Horse-Cart), Peru. There will be between 200 and 300 pastors and leaders gathered for two and a half days. I will teach on inner healing and deliverance. Please, will you fast (at least one or two meals) and pray for us? This is a serious business, and there is always serious spiritual opposition. Pray for the presence and anointing of the Holy Spirit, for protection for all who travel, for protection from sickness, protection from enemies of the Gospel, protection from witchcraft, for blessing and favor from government leaders, for help in crossing borders and customs, pray as the Lord leads you.

Sincere thanks to those who have been helping with offerings. This trip will cost about \$4,000 (Mucho!) and everything is paid. And my next trip, to Brazil and Bolivia in August, will cost more. There is no way I could do this without your help, and I am so grateful.

WEB-SITE

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www.glennbrownministries.com

If you have difficulty getting access, try:

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There will be a new video available soon.

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God Bless,

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