

JUDGMENT AND THE TERROR OF THE LORD

Paul wrote to the Corinthians, “For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that everyone may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad. Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men” (2 Cor. 5:10-11).

Judgment is coming! This judgment is for all. “So then everyone of us shall give account of himself to God” (Rom. 14:12). It will include the “small and great” (Rev. 20:12), the “living and dead” (2 Tim. 4:1), “the world” (Acts 17:30-31), and “all nations” (Matt.25:32). Christ will be our judge (Jn. 5:22, 27; Acts 10:42; 17:30-31). Today He is our Saviour; then He will be our judge. Each will be judged by his own individual actions compared with the Word of God (Jn. 12:48; Rev. 20:11-15). There will be two destinies which will be determined by “whether it be good or bad.” Read and carefully study these passages: 2 John 5:28-29; Matthew 7:21; 25:46; Romans 11:22; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-8; Revelation 21:8; 22:14.

The apostles knew God’s terrors for the wicked on the Judgment Day.

Romans 11:22 “Behold the goodness and severity of God.” **2 Thessalonians 1:7** “punished with everlasting punishment.” **Matthew 25:46** “everlasting punishment.” **Mark 9:44, 46, 48** “worm dieth not and the fire is not quenched.” **Matthew 8:12** “outer darkness” “weeping and gnashing of teeth.” **Revelation 14:11** “smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever...no rest day nor night” and **Luke 16:24** “I am tormented in this flame.”

Those who picture God as a white-headed, kindly old grandfather who overlooks the mistakes of his children have missed the point completely! God is not a tyrant; He has offered us His favor and love while we were yet sinners (Rom. 5:8). But His righteousness requires Him to exact punishment for those who refuse His Gospel.

Should we preach lessons on hell or on God’s impending judgment? I have heard of some saying, “I wouldn’t give anything for a car load of hell-scared religion.” Personally, I wouldn’t give anything for anyone’s religion who is not afraid of being lost eternally in a devil’s hell. And if you will examine the Scriptures, you will find that Jesus preached on hell more than any other New Testament preacher.

Paul said, “We persuade men.” Paul tried to move men to obedience. He sought to please God, not men (Gal. 1:10). Knowing of the wrath of God which was promised to those who refused the Gospel, Paul sought diligently with all of his might to “persuade men” to flee from sin and come to the blessings all can enjoy in Christ Jesus (Rom. 8:1-2; Eph. 1:3). To know for sure what Paul persuaded men to become, we only have to read the words of the king in Acts 26:28: “Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian.” When we today realize, as Paul did, the terror of the Lord, we will be urgent in our work of turning men to the Gospel. Only by this means can men be prepared to give their personal account to the Lord in judgment. No plan which men substitute for God’s plan will work (Jer. 10:23; Prov. 14:12; 1 Cor. 2:9). Only through obedience to the Gospel plan can anyone be redeemed and righteous in God’s sight (Phil. 3:9; Rom. 10:3; 1:16-17). We must urgently “persuade men”, encourage men to give up the plans of men, and to obey the one Gospel plan before it is too late. Persuading men must be our work; urgency our password, and pleasing God our aim.

I have heard of some saying, “I don’t believe we should overly persuade men.” How can we “overly persuade” men to leave sin and its consequences behind? “Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: fear God and keep his commandment: for this is the whole of man” (Eccl. 12:13). And Peter says, “Fear God” (1 Pet. 2:17).

Let each of us determine to be urgent in our appeal to men to forsake sin and obey God’s plan. Judgment awaits and the terror of the Lord awaits those who refuse it.

Paul M. Wilmoth from *Eastside Edifier*

AWAKE AND ARISE!

The Congressional Record of January 10, 1963, contained a list of “Current Communist Goals.” These goals were taken from the book, *The Naked Communist*, written by Cleon Skousen. This information was based on his experience with the FBI for sixteen years.

We present here six of those announced goals. One may really observe just how nearly those goals have come to being fulfilled during the last forty years.

1. “Eliminate all laws governing obscenity by calling them censorship and a violation of free speech and free press.”

2. “Break down cultural standards of morality by promoting pornography and obscenity in books, magazines, motion pictures, radio, and television.

3. “Present homosexuality, degeneracy, and promiscuity as normal, natural and healthy.”

4. “Infiltrate the churches and replace revealed religion with social religion. Discredit the Bible and emphasize the need for intellectual maturity which does not need a religious crutch.”

5. “Eliminate prayer or any phase of religious expression in the schools on the ground that it violates the principle of separation of church and state.”

6. “Discredit the family as an institution. Encourage promiscuity and easy divorce.”

What we as Americans are doing (or allowing to be done) to ourselves is shameful and tragic. The extent of the moral and spiritual deterioration is frightening to the thoughtful person. What are we doing to our children? What kind of heritage shall we leave them? Parents Awake! And Arise!

The pure and unadulterated gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ is the only answer to the spiritual revival that is needed both in the individual, in the community, and throughout the land. The need is urgent!

Waymarks from *Eastside Edifier*

BIRTHDAYS

Wilba Hopkins, 08-16; Nicole Parish, 08-16.

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Sunday: Millie Robertson (PM).

Wednesday: Janice Carter.

Kathleen Camp was released from the Hoeger House last week and is staying with her family. Dee Adams will have surgery on her shoulder on August 14.

Those battling cancer: David Cole, Ledgia Campbell, Betty James and Cleo Stone. Remember these in your prayers along with: Millie Robertson and Allen Scott.

HOME BOUND

Bob Adams resides at Room D-4 of the Johnson County Nursing Center in Olathe. Marion Stone is at home. Please remember these in your prayers and visitation.

OUT OF TOWN

The Hanson's are in Canada for the summer. Steven Schleif will be working in Nashville for a few months. Trent Thrasher and Leah Hempelmann were in Owensville, MO last weekend. Chris Edwards is in Chicago on business this week. Ted and Julia Thrasher are planning to be in Colorado this week.

MEN'S BUSINESS MEETING

Our monthly Men's Business Meeting will be held this Sunday, August 10, following our AM worship. All men of the congregation are encouraged to attend.

ATTENDANCE

Sunday AM, 43; Sunday PM, 30; Wednesday PM, 33.

Words of Wisdom On Christians and Taxes

"A government big enough to give you everything you want, is strong enough to take everything you have."

Thomas Jefferson

"A liberal is someone who feels a great debt to his fellow man, which debt he proposes to pay off with your money."

Gordon Liddy

Those To Serve

August 10, 2008

BUILDING AND COMMUNION.....Cole

MORNING WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS..... Joel Nelson

SONG LEADER..... George Thomas

OPENING PRAYER Chris Edwards

PRESIDE.....Steve Brown

ASSIST.....Jared Nelson

ASSIST..... Dave Parish

CLOSING PRAYER..... Jeff Nemechek

EVENING WORSHIP

OPENING PRAYER John Cody Carter

CLOSING PRAYER..... Trent Thrasher

LORD'S SUPPER.....Steve Brown

WEDNESDAY 13th

SONG LEADER.....Ted Thrasher

INVITATION George Thomas

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday

Bible Study 9:30 AM

Morning Worship 10:30 AM

Evening Worship 6:00 PM

Wednesday

Ladies Bible Study 10:00 AM

Bible Study 7:00 PM

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