

Judgement Day

In this lesson hopefully we can establish that the Bible does teach that there will be a judgement day. What does that mean? In this lesson it is my goal to try and explain what judgement day is and how one can be ready for it.

Scriptures

Matthew 12:36 “But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment” Here we quite clearly have Jesus telling us both that there will be a day of judgement and that mankind will have to give an account of themselves. So, we know both that Jesus warns us there will be a judgment day in which we will have to account for ourselves. That sounds like something we had better be informed about and be prepared for.

Matthew 24:36-51 “But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only. But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left. Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left. Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come. But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up. Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh. Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season? Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing. Verily I say unto you, That he shall make him ruler over all his goods. But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming; And shall begin to smite his fellow servants, and to eat and drink with the drunken; The lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for him, and in an hour that he is not aware of, And shall cut him asunder, and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” We learn a lot here about judgement day, again from Jesus. We learn that no one knows when judgment day will happen. In other words, it could be at any time. If any person predicts when they believe it will happen, don't listen to them because they have no idea. So, we must be ready for something that could happen at any moment. We are told the world will be going on with people doing their everyday normal life activities when judgement day happens. There will be a division of the people, so that everyone is not going to the same place. We are told to watch and be ready for judgement day, don't let it happen and be unprepared for it. Finally, we are told that those who prepared will be blessed and those that are not will be punished. Can we understand now that judgement day is a very serious matter?

Matthew 25:31-46 “When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats:

And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me. Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels: For I was an hungred, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not. Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee? Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me. And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal. “Whenever judgement day happens everyone will be placed into only two groups. One group are the people God will reward with eternal life in Heaven. Sadly, a second group will be cast forever in Hell. Notice there is no third group of any kind, there are only saved and unsaved. Friends, judgement day is as serious as anything can get. Judgement day is something that will happen and we must get ready for it unless we are willing to face the eternal consequences of being unprepared.

John 12:48 “He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day” Jesus is telling us the words he has given us, or the Bible, is vital to our salvation. To reject Jesus’ words, or the Bible, means we reject Him. How can we expect to get into Heaven if we reject Jesus? We cannot!

Romans 14:10-12 “But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God. So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.” According to the Word of God we shall stand before God and give an account of ourselves. No exceptions, everyone shall stand before God. On judgement day there will be no atheists, all shall confess to God, every knee shall bow. Sounds like this is a day we had better be ready for. I can not with my human brain imagine what it will be like to be before God in this manner, but I had better be ready for it!

1 Corinthians 4:5 “Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts: and then shall every man have praise of God” Jesus will be coming again, that is judgement day. Nothing will be hidden from God. God cannot be fooled; He knows our hearts.

Hebrews 9:27 “And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment” We shall all face judgement day none shall escape it.

2 Peter 3:10-13 “But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness” The day of judgement is coming at any moment we don’t know when. When Christ returns that is judgement day, the beginning of eternal life in Heaven or Hell.

Revelation 20:11-15 “And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire” We can either be found in the book of life on judgement day and enter into Heaven or be cast forever into the lake of fire. Those are the only options.

Revelation 21:4 “And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away” Heaven is too wonderful for my human mind to imagine, but there will be no more hurt there. Doesn’t that sound like somewhere you want to be? Fortunately, God has told us, through His Word, how to have an eternal home in Heaven.

What must I do to be saved, (or prepared for judgement day)?

Fortunately, God through his Bible tells us what we must do to be saved. The following are the steps God has laid out for us to take if we want eternal salvation. We must obey if we want salvation **Hebrews 5:9** “And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him” If you decide you want salvation it is your choice but the disobedient need not expect salvation. So, what are the steps we must take if we want to be saved?

You must hear the word of God. **Romans 10:17** “So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God” It would be impossible to come to understand something you have never heard of and don’t know anything about so hearing is the place to start.

You must believe Jesus is the son of God and died for our sins on the cross as well as that He has risen from the dead. **John 8:24** “I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins” If you don’t believe in something why follow it? You must have faith in God or there is simply no point in going any further down this road. **Hebrews 11:6** “But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him”

You must repent of your sins and turn from them to start a new life following after Christ. **Acts 2:38** “Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost” To repent means realizing that something is wrong and doing one’s best to not repeat the same errors. It means to stop living a worldly sinful life and turn to live a life pleasing to God. It does not mean you will be perfect and never stumble but it does mean you are putting great effort into changing.

You must confess that Jesus is the son of God. **Romans 10:9** “That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved” This is a wonderful start after you have completed these steps but you are not finished. Some will teach that the next step, baptism, is not necessary but the Bible says it is.

You must be baptized. **Mark 16:16** “He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned” Don’t forget the words “and is” because you must do both, falling short leads to condemnation. Not following through with baptism leads to condemnation not salvation. **Romans 6: 3-4** “Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life” These are the steps of salvation to become a Christian and walking in a new life.

Once you become a Christian you have only just started your new life. This is the start of a lifetime of growing in knowledge about Jesus and becoming a stronger Christian **Galatians 5:22-24** “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.”

Conclusion

In this lesson we have discussed what judgement day is and how one can be prepared for it whenever it happens. We will all die someday unless the Lord comes first there is no question about that. The question is are you ready for the judgement day? If not please become ready before it is too late.