

JULY

JUDGMENT IS COMING

There are times in this life when we see events happen that we do not understand because of lack of knowledge. We would see swift judgment when the truth demands it. However, this is not certain in societies governed by people with different viewpoints concerning what is right or wrong. God's Word, the Bible has much to say about judgment. Almighty God has given to us in the Bible His word in matters concerning the choices that we all make, and how these decisions will affect our lives now and when we die. Let us seriously consider these verses from the Bible and understand what God expects of us. We must all consider what Almighty God says to us about judgment.

In Hebrews, chapter 9, verse 27 we read: ***“And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment.”*** Death is a reality we all must face someday. What happens after death is a mystery to many people. Because they have no knowledge of life after death, they ignore the subject, or say there is nothing after we die. God warns us that we will face judgment after we die. Judgment for what and with what consequences?

Some people believe that the Bible is not true, and they believe that God does not exist. Or, they are agnostics and say they are not certain about the reality of God and the truthfulness of the Bible. But what if the Bible is true? What if there is a real, living Almighty God of creation and the universe? And this true and living omnipotent, omnipresent and omniscient God has spoken to us through the pages of the Bible to prepare us for eternity. Isn't it worth your time to at least investigate this awesome possibility of life after death? The scripture verse in Hebrews, chapter 9, verse 27 says that there is a judgment to come after we die. The following Bible verses explain what this judgment is and how it will affect us for eternity.

In the Jewish Bible in Ecclesiastes 7:20 we read: ***“For there is not a just man upon earth that doeth good and sinneth not.”*** There are good people, but all have sinned before God. God has made it very clear that all people have sinned, and sin must be dealt with according to God's instructions.

The Jewish man of God, Paul, recorded the words of God in Romans, chapter 3, verse 23: ***“For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.”*** God is in Heaven where there is no sin. All human beings have sinned. Because of this, no one is fit for Heaven after death. Sin will send us to an eternal place of suffering, after we die. God's love has given to us the answer for our need to be forgiven of our sins. He has provided the way to be forgiven and to have the assurance of going to Heaven when we depart this human life.

Psalm 9, verse 17 reads: ***“The wicked (sinners) shall be turned into hell and all the nations that have forgotten God.”***

The Jewish man of God, Daniel, recorded God's word in chapter 11, verse 9: ***“Rejoice, O young man, in thy youth; and let thy heart cheer thee in the day of thy youth and walk in the ways of thine heart, and in the sight of thine eyes: but know thou, that for all these things God will bring thee into judgment.”***

Revelation, chapter 20, verses 11-12 and 14-15 as well as chapter 21, verse 8 give us further information on what sin does to the person after death: ***“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 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...But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake of fire and brimstone: which is the second death.”*** What we would call “great sins” are mentioned in this verse, but listed with them are the ***“fearful and unbelieving...and all liars.”*** The people who do not believe in God's plan for them to be forgiven of their sins, and ***“all liars,”*** shall face the judgment of God.

The first death that all people face is separation from this physical life. After death, men and women will go into eternity to live in either Hell or in Heaven. There is no sin in God and in heaven; therefore, our sins must be forgiven now while we are yet alive. For those who die with unforgiven sin in their lives, the verses in this chapter in Revelation call it the second death. Death is separation. The first death is separation from this earth; the second death is separation from God and Heaven with a life that will be lived in Hell for eternity. A detailed study of Hell is given in our “Bible Verses for October.” Be certain to read this study and also the one on Heaven in “Bible Verses for November.”

Do you know God's plan for us to be forgiven of our sins? Here is what God has said.

About 700 B.C. the Jewish man of God and prophet Isaiah wrote in Isaiah, chapter 53, verses 6, 8, 10 and 12: ***“All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all...He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? For he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgressions of my people was he stricken...Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin...he hath poured out his soul unto death...and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.”***

Almighty God foretold in the Holy Scriptures that He would send His Messiah to earth to take on human flesh in order that He might die and provide the blood of atonement for

us to be forgiven of our sins. This is the plan of God. We cannot make any substitution for God's Word and the way by which we can be forgiven of our sins. Isaiah, chapter 53 gives us a picture of the Messiah whom God would send to earth to provide the way for all people to be forgiven of their sins through faith in the blood of atonement. Many other Old Testament prophecies give conclusive proof that when Messiah would come we would know who he is. These detailed prophecies are found in our website on audio that can be downloaded, or in articles that can be printed for your study. The fulfillments to the prophecies are found in Messiah Jesus through God's Word recorded by Jewish men of God.

Romans, chapter 6, verse 23: ***“For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Messiah our Lord.”***

John, chapter 1, verse 29: ***“The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world.”***

Romans, chapter 5, verses 8-9 and 11: ***“But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Messiah died for us. Much more then, being now justified by his blood (read of the blood of atonement in Leviticus, chapter 16 and chapter 17, verse 11), we shall be saved from wrath through him...And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Messiah by whom we have now received the atonement.”***

Colossians, chapter 1, verses 2 and 14: ***“...Peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Messiah...in whom we have redemption through his blood even the forgiveness of sins.”***

In Romans, chapter 6, verse 23 we read: ***“For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”***

Romans, chapter 10, verses 9 and 13: ***“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...For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”***

1 John, chapter 1, verse 9: ***“If we confess our sins, he (God) is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”***

Do you desire to have a wonderful relationship with Almighty God that will assure you of an eternity in Heaven when you die? Messiah Jesus has provided the way. This is what the God of Abraham says we are to believe and it is Jewish. I believe in Messiah Jesus and am a Jewish bible-believer – born a Jew and will die a Jew. Pray to God, talk with Him, and ask God to forgive you of all sin. When you believe that God sent Messiah Jesus to die to provide the blood of atonement, be raised from the grave and is now at the right hand of God in Heaven to cleanse you of sin, God will forgive every sin

of your past. Jesus took the punishment that was due us for our sins. When we put our faith in Him we are forgiven. The peace of God will fill the life of the believer and God will give power and direction to live life in joy and happiness. There is no fear of the future for those who have accepted Jesus as their sin-bearer. The fear of death and judgment are gone!