

Disciples Church

Lesson 76: Wednesday, March 29, 2017

**HANDOUT**

**Q117. What is the final judgment?**

God has appointed a day in which He will righteously judge the world by Jesus Christ, in whom is all power and judgment. On that day, the fallen angels and all people who were conceived to life will appear before the judgment seat of Christ, to give an account of all their thoughts, words, and deeds, whether good or evil.

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Acts 17:30 “The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, 31 because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

Ignorance will not excuse anyone. God has appointed a day for judgment. On that day, Jesus will judge mankind just as sure as He has been resurrected.

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2 Corinthians 5:10 “For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.”

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John 5:27 “And he [the Father] has given him [Jesus] authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man.”

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Romans 14:10-12 “Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; for it is written, ‘As I live, says the Lord, **every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.**’ So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.”

Hebrews 13:17 “Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.”

Matthew 25:14-30 (ESV) The Parable of the Talents

Ecclesiastes 12:14 “For God will bring every deed into judgment, with every secret thing, whether good or evil.”

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Matthew 12:36 "I tell you, on the day of judgment people will give account for every careless word they speak"

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Jude 1:6 “And the angels who did not stay within their own position of authority, but left their proper dwelling, he has kept in eternal chains under gloomy darkness until the judgment of the great day.”

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Matthew 25:31-34; 41, 46 “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. And he will place **the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world’**...

41 Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.

46 And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

There are two people groups in this passage, one that is righteous and one that is not. One that is blessed and given grace, and one that is given the just penalty for their wickedness. When we look at these things we must remember apart from God **“No one is good no not one”**. No one deserves to be the sheep and given eternal life, *NO ONE*!

If God had not predestined any unto salvation through Jesus, no one would have received grace. Since no one was capable of earning God’s favor or having a perfect standing before God, God showed the world His grace to His glory through the planned death of His Son to save unworthy sinners! This is to the praise of His glorious grace!

Unfair or unjust only happened to Jesus who was perfect but was treated like, and died in, the place of sinners.

Why has God done this?

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Romans 9:22-24 “What if God, desiring to show his wrath and to make known his power, has endured with much patience vessels of wrath prepared for destruction, in order to make known the riches of his glory for vessels of mercy, which he has prepared beforehand for glory—even us whom he has called, not from the Jews only but also from the Gentiles?”

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We who are saved have a much clearer understanding of God's grace and love when we see what he saved us from. God's punishment on the reprobate makes known to us (the elect) the riches of His glory!

God, for His glory, displays his mercy in the elect whom he saves. In this design, God receives the most glory possible and we who are saved receive the most joy and understand in the clearest way what God has done for us.

Ephesians 1:3 “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, 4 even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love 5 he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, 6 to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.”

This work magnified the glorious grace of God!

Revelation 13:8 and 20:15 also confirm this plan of God.

Matthew 25:1-13 (ESV)

The Parable of the Ten Virgins

25 “Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. 2 Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. 3 For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, 4 but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. 5 As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. 6 But at midnight there was a cry, ‘Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ 7 Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. 8 And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’

9 But the wise answered, saying, ‘Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.’ 10 And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. 11 Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ 12 But he answered, ‘Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.’ 13 Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

There will not be a second chance. When Christ returns will He find you awake and in faith?

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