

The Revival That Judgment Brings

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God's holy justice will always bring judgment upon sin, to the believer and the unbeliever alike.

The Great White Throne Judgment of the Lost

Revelation 20:11-15 ESV

11 Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. From his presence earth and sky fled away, and no place was found for them.

12 And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Then another book was opened, which is the book of life. And the dead were judged by what was written in the books, according to what they had done.

13 And the sea gave up the dead who were in it, Death and Hades gave up the dead who were in them, and they were judged, each one of them, according to what they had done.

14 Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire.

15 And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

The Judgment Seat [Bema] of Christ

2 Corinthians 5:9-10 ESV

9 So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him.

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.

To the unrepentant, God's temporal judgment brings punishment unto destruction.

Isaiah 2:11-12 ESV

11 The haughty looks of man shall be brought low, and the lofty pride of men shall be humbled, and the LORD alone will be exalted in that day.

12 For the LORD of hosts has a day against all that is proud and lofty, against all that is lifted up--and it shall be brought low.

Isaiah 13:6 ESV

6 Wail, for the day of the LORD is near; as destruction from the Almighty it will come!

Isaiah 13:11 ESV

11 I will punish the world for its evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; I will put an end to the pomp of the arrogant, and lay low the pompous pride of the ruthless.

2 Thessalonians 1:6-10 ESV

6 ...God considers it just to repay with affliction those who afflict you,

7 and to grant relief to you who are afflicted as well as to us, when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his mighty angels

8 in flaming fire, inflicting vengeance on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus.

9 They will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might,

10 when He comes on that day to be glorified in his saints, and to be marveled at among all who have believed, because our testimony to you was believed.

To the repentant, God's judgment brings chastisement unto holiness and eternal life.

Isaiah 26:3-6 ESV

3 You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you.

4 Trust in the LORD forever, for the LORD GOD is an everlasting rock.

5 For he has humbled the inhabitants of the height, the lofty city. He lays it low, lays it low to the ground, casts it to the dust.

6 The foot tramples it, the feet of the poor, the steps of the needy."

Isaiah 26:20-21 ESV

20 Come, my people, enter your chambers, and shut your doors behind you; hide yourselves for a little while until the fury has passed by.

21 For behold, the LORD is coming out from his place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity, and the earth will disclose the blood shed on it, and will no more cover its slain.

Psalms 91:7-10 ESV

7 A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you.

8 You will only look with your eyes and see the recompense of the wicked.

9 Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place-- the Most High, who is my refuge--

10 no evil shall be allowed to befall you, no plague come near your tent.

Psalms 119:75 ESV

75 I know, O LORD, that your rules are righteous, and that in faithfulness you have afflicted me.

Psalms 119:67 ESV

67 Before I was afflicted I went astray, but now I keep your word.

Psalms 119:71 ESV

71 It is good for me that I was afflicted, that I might learn your statutes.

John 15:1-2 ESV

1 I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser.

2 Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit.

Hebrews 12:6-10 ESV

6 For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives.

7 It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline?

8 If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons.

9 Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live?

10 For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness.

Job 23:10 ESV

10 But He knows the way that I take; when He has tried me, I shall come out as gold.

Job Under Judgment (*Chastisement Unto Holiness and Life*)

Job 1:20-21 ESV

20 Then Job arose and tore his robe and shaved his head and fell on the ground and worshiped.

21 And he said, "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked shall I return. The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD."

Job 13:3 ESV

3 But I would speak to the Almighty, and I desire to argue my case with God.

Job 13:15 ESV

15 Though he slay me, I will hope in him; yet I will argue my ways to his face.

Job 13:18 ESV

18 Behold, I have prepared my case; I know that I shall be in the right.

Job 23:1-6 ESV

1 Then Job answered and said:

2 Today also my complaint is bitter; my hand is heavy on account of my groaning.

3 Oh, that I knew where I might find him, that I might come even to his seat!

4 I would lay my case before him and fill my mouth with arguments.

5 I would know what he would answer me and understand what he would say to me.

6 Would he contend with me in the greatness of his power? No; he would pay attention to me.

Job 42:1-6 ESV

1 Then Job answered the LORD and said:

2 I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted.

3 Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge? Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know.

4 Hear, and I will speak; I will question you, and you make it known to me.

5 I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you;

6 therefore I despise myself, and repent in dust and ashes."

Nebuchadnezzar Under Judgment (*Chastisement Unto Holiness and Life*)

Daniel 4:28-37 ESV

28 All this came upon King Nebuchadnezzar.

29 At the end of twelve months he was walking on the roof of the royal palace of Babylon,

30 and the king answered and said, "Is not this great Babylon, which I have built by my mighty power as a royal residence and for the glory of my majesty?"

31 While the words were still in the king's mouth, there fell a voice from heaven, "O King Nebuchadnezzar, to you it is spoken: The kingdom has departed from you,

32 and you shall be driven from among men, and your dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field. And you shall be made to eat grass like an ox, and seven periods of time shall pass over you, until you know that the Most High rules the kingdom of men and gives it to whom he will."

33 Immediately the word was fulfilled against Nebuchadnezzar. He was driven from among men and ate grass like an ox, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven till his hair grew as long as eagles' feathers, and his nails were like birds' claws.

34 At the end of the days I, Nebuchadnezzar, lifted my eyes to heaven, and my reason returned to me, and I blessed the Most High, and praised and honored him who lives forever, for his dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom endures from generation to generation;

35 all the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing, and he does according to his will among the host of heaven and among the inhabitants of the earth; and none can stay his hand or say to him, "What have you done?"

36 At the same time my reason returned to me, and for the glory of my kingdom, my majesty and splendor returned to me. My counselors and my lords sought me, and I was established in my kingdom, and still more greatness was added to me.

37 Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and extol and honor the King of heaven, for all his works are right and his ways are just; and those who walk in pride he is able to humble.

Paul Under Judgment (*Chastisement Unto Holiness and Life*)

2 Corinthians 12:7-10 ESV

7 So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited.

8 Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me.

9 But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

10 For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.