



The King in Conflict Pt 10: The Day of Judgment

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TEXT: MATTHEW 12:36-37

A "Day of Judgement" IS Coming!

1. In verse 36, our LORD uses the phrase "the day of judgment." The word for judgment in Greek is **krisis**. Look familiar?
2. It means "a separation; a sundering." Used 48 times in the KJV NT, it is most often translated as "judgment," but also "damnation, accusation, and condemnation." Some examples can be found in John 5:22, Hebrews 10:24-27, John 5:26-29, Jude 1:9, John 3:19, and John 5:24.
3. Friends, for the **unredeemed**, that day will surely be a "krisis!" Several places in Scripture tell of the glory of our LORD's return and the coming judgment. (Acts 1:9-11; 1 Thess 4:13-18; 2 Thess 1:7-9; 1 Cor 15:51-53; 2 Cor 5:10; Rev 20:11-15).
4. There are several interpretations and views of these events among orthodox Christians. However, ALL true believers agree on this: **Jesus IS coming back again to judge the living and the dead (1 Pet 4:5) and separate the sheep from the goats...**

Matthew 25:31-34 (KJV) 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: 32 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: 33 And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. 34 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:

5. In the context of verse 37, our LORD explains that men are judged by their words (and actions) because those things come from their hearts. (vv34-35)

THE COMING JUDGMENT SHOULD ENCOURAGE US!

1. **His coming reminds us that our God is a God of Justice. Every wrong shall be righted; every injustice shall be judged! The battle is ultimately the LORD's (1 Sam 17:47; 2 Chr 20:15)!**
 - *Jeremiah 23:5-6 (KJV) Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth. 6 In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this is his name whereby he shall be called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.*
 - *2 Timothy 4:8 (KJV) Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.*
2. **The Judgment of God promotes repentance, self-examination, and subsequent humility!**
 - *Acts 17:30-31 (KJV) And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent: 31 Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in*

righteousness by *that* man whom he hath ordained; *whereof* he hath given assurance unto all *men*, in that he hath raised him from the dead.

- Revelation 3:2-3 (KJV) *Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God. 3 Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee.*

3. **The judgment of God encourages the fear of God and holy living!**

- Hebrews 10:30-31 (KJV) *For we know him that hath said, Vengeance belongeth unto me, I will recompense, saith the Lord. And again, The Lord shall judge his people. 31 It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.*
- Revelation 14:7 (KJV) *Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.*
- Ecclesiastes 12:13-14 (KJV) *Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. 14 For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.*

4. **These verses remind us that Jesus IS returning and to live with that earnest expectation! (2 Pet 3:8-12)**

Romans 8:18-19 (KJV) *For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. 19 For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God.*

5. **These verses point to that day where there will be no more sin, sorrow, and pain!**

Keep these beautiful verses near to your heart: Rev 7:9-17 and Rev 21:1-4!

FINAL WORD!

Saints of God, be strengthened and lifted up! No matter what we are called to endure in this earthly life, our LORD is due to return, and at any moment!

Therefore fight the good fight!

"Love not the world, neither the things *that are* in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that *is* in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever." 1 John 2:15-17 (KJV)

Preach the Gospel. Live holy and chaste lives! Carry your cross with humility and joy!

Remember, YOU are pilgrims passing through and strangers in a foreign land (Heb 11:13; 2 Pet 2:11). You are citizens of another country (Eph 2:19)!

Rejoice! YOUR name is written in His book (Lk 10:20) and your room prepared...

John 14:1-3 (KJV) Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. 2 In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

Amen!