



Is Judgment Day Coming THIS Week?

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Remember this past May 21st - according to Harold Camping the day that the rapture was supposed to happen? Since that "no show" all the air has gone out of Harold Camping's "prophecies" and attention is no longer focused in that direction. The fact is that the "other half" of his "prophecy" was that the earth would burn up on this coming Friday, October 21st. While we won't focus on Mr. Camping this morning, we will focus our time on God's Day of Judgment upon this earth. Exactly what is the Day of Judgment, how does it work, what does it accomplish and when it might come to pass?

What is the purpose of the Day of Judgment?

 **Camping on October 21 Judgment, CBS Early Show**

- Apparently there is a new Judgment Day. Harold Camping apologized and says that May 21st was a spiritual and invisible judgment. It will actually take five months for the fireball to come and consume earth.



To follow-up the sentence of death upon all men:

Hebrews 9:27-28: (NASB) ²⁷*And inasmuch as it is appointed for men to die once and after this comes judgment,* ²⁸*so Christ also, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time for salvation without reference to sin, to those who eagerly await him.*

Judgment therefore happens *after* death.



To give an accounting for idle words:

Matthew 12:35-37: (NASB) ³⁵*The good man brings out of his good treasure what is good; and the evil man brings out of his evil treasure what is evil.* ³⁶*But I tell you that every careless word that people speak, they shall give an accounting for it in the day of judgment.* ³⁷*For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.*

Jesus compares those that are "good" and those that are "evil." There is accountability for your words and your treasure.



To "punish" (prune - more on this later) the unjust and ungodly men:

2 Peter 2:5-10: (NASB) ⁵*and did not spare the ancient world, but preserved Noah, a preacher of righteousness, with seven others, when He brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly; (sin has consequence)* ⁶*and if He condemned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah to destruction by reducing them to ashes, having made them an example to those who would live ungodly lives hereafter;* ⁷*and if He rescued righteous Lot, oppressed by the sensual conduct of unprincipled...* ⁸*(sin has consequence)* ⁹*then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from temptation, and to keep the unrighteous under punishment for the day of judgment,* ¹⁰*and especially those who indulge the flesh in its corrupt desires and despise authority...*

...But could the Day of Judgment have any positive end to it?

2 Peter 3:7: (NASB) *But by His word the present heavens and earth are being reserved for fire, kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men.*



To judge the angels who sinned:

2 Peter 2:4: For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;

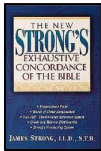


Jude 1:6: And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.

Angels are going to be judged as well as humankind.

What kind of judgment is executed on that Day of Judgment?

Now, let's define the details of the above texts: First of all, what does "judgment" really mean?



Judgment: Strong's #2920 krisis (kree'-sis); decision (subjectively or objectively, for or against); by extension, a tribunal; by implication, justice (especially, divine law):
1) a separating, sundering, separation 1a) a trial, contest

So, is this "judgment" a process of discovery just like in a trial and not a time of slamming the hammer of punishment down?

Matthew 12:16-18: (KJV) ¹⁶And charged them that they should not make him known: ¹⁷That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, ¹⁸Behold my servant, whom I have chosen; my beloved, in whom my soul is well pleased: I will put my spirit upon him, and he shall show **judgment <2920>** to the Gentiles.

Jesus was quoting Isaiah 42:1-4 (below), that he did this in fulfillment of the Isaiah prophecy. Does the following sound like a hammer or a process?

Isaiah 42:1-4: (NASB) ¹Behold, My Servant, whom I uphold; My chosen one in whom My soul delights. I have put My Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. ²He will not cry out or raise his voice, nor make his voice heard in the street. ³A bruised reed he will not break and a dimly burning wick he will not extinguish; he will faithfully bring forth justice. ⁴he will not be disheartened or crushed until he has established justice in the earth; And the coastlands will wait expectantly for his law.

This is God speaking about Jesus. Jesus will bring forth justice to the nations in a compassionate way. Gentleness and justice are working together! This is the description of how justice to the Gentiles will operate.

According to this, it looks like judgment is a process of uncovering and of accountability.

John 5:30: (KJV) I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my **judgment <2920>** is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me.

Judgment is not too harsh and not too gentle. It is just because it is according to the will of the Father.

John 7:24: (KJV) Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous **judgment.<2920>**



Camping explains lack of rapture on May 21st, 2011, APNews

- We know from the Bible that on May 21st, 2011, God brought Judgment Day to bear on the whole world. The whole world is under Judgment Day and it will continue right up until October 21, 2011, and at that time the whole world will be destroyed.



But we already found out that judgment happens after death and resurrection. Having Judgment Day five months long is not scriptural either.

Matthew 12:41: (NASB) *The men of Nineveh will stand up with this generation at the judgment <2920>, and will condemn <2632> it because they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and behold, something greater than Jonah is here.*

Jesus says that at the Judgment, the men of Nineveh will be resurrected and will be looking at Jesus' audience and will condemn *them*. This shows a tribunal, a process.

It is very important to understand the difference between the "judgment" (a process of discovery) and the use of "judgment/condemning" regarding a final sentencing.

First there is a judgment (process of discovery, gathering information about the life you led, as in a courtroom), then there is a condemning, a final sentencing.

The latter is a different word:

Condemn: Strongs #2632 katakrino (kat-ak-ree'-no); to judge against, i.e. sentence:

A final sentencing:

Matthew 20:18: *Behold, we go up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man shall be betrayed unto the chief priests and unto the scribes, and they shall condemn <2632> him to death,*

Hebrews 11:7: *By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned <2632> the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.*

How long is this Day of Judgment?

Day: Strongs #2250 hemera (hay-mer'-ah); day, i.e. (literally) the time space between dawn and dark, or the whole 24 hours (but several days were usually reckoned by the Jews as inclusive of the parts of both extremes); figuratively, a period (always defined more or less clearly by the context):

A day isn't necessarily a 24-hour time period.

"...Back in my grandfather's day..."

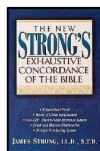
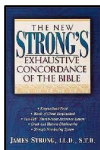
"...In the day of the Pharaohs..."

Matthew 23:30: *And say, If we had been in the days <2250> of our fathers, we would not have been partakers with them in the blood of the prophets.*

Matthew 28:20: *Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway <2250>, even unto the end of the world. Amen.*

The Apostle Peter himself tells us that Judgment Day is NOT 24 hours:

2 Peter 3:5-9: (NASB) ⁵For when they maintain this, it escapes their notice that by the word of God the heavens existed long ago and the earth was formed out of water and by water, ⁶through which the world at that time was destroyed, being flooded with water. (sin has consequence) ⁷But by His word the present heavens and earth are being reserved for fire, kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men. (sin has consequence) ⁸But do not let this one fact escape your notice, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years like one day. ⁹The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is





patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance. (God's plan has grace!)

A day as 1,000 years! Now this next text makes much more sense! *All to come to repentance* - again this sounds like a process, a time to prove ourselves worthy.

Genesis 2:16-17: (NRSV) ¹⁶And the LORD God commanded the man, You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; ¹⁷but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for *in the day that you eat of it you shall die.*

Did Adam and Eve die that day?

Genesis 5:5: (NASB) *So all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years, and he died.*

Nope - Adam lived 930 years! Adam was sentenced to death after eating the fruit and died within a 1,000 year time frame. He died "in that day" in the Lord's timing.

Is the Day of Judgment the same thing as Armageddon, the Great Time of Trouble?



Doomsday "Preppers" Intro, National Geographic

- *Four families prepare for a time when they believe water, food and fuel will be scarce. They fear a world where money is worthless and there is no rule of law. Each expects an impending disaster that will destroy the world as we know it and have gone to extreme lengths so that when the end of days arrive, they will be prepared to survive.*

Are they preparing for the Day of Judgment or for Armageddon?

Matthew 24:21: (KJV) *For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.*

Zephaniah 1:14-18: (NRSV) ¹⁴The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. ¹⁵That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness,...¹⁷I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind;...¹⁸Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the LORD'S wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

As we have seen, the Day of Judgment's events do not match the events above. The day of the Lord's wrath happens to the nations being judged. This is different from the Day of Judgment of mankind and even the angels. The day of God's wrath *precedes* the Day of Judgment.

John 5:28-29: (NASB) ²⁸Do not marvel at this; for an hour is coming, in which all who are in the tombs will hear His voice, ²⁹and will come forth; those who did the good deeds to a resurrection of life, those who committed the evil deeds to a resurrection of **judgment** <2920>.



Is anyone exempt from the Day of Judgment?

Camping explains lack of rapture, world now under judgment, APNews

- *God had not opened our eyes yet to the fact yet that May 21st was a spiritual coming; we had thought it would be a physical coming. But he has come - he has come in the sense that he now has the world under judgment.*

Matthew 16:27: (NASB) *For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and will then repay every man according to his deeds.*

Jesus' angels here are his true followers, so they are part of the Day of Judgment process.

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The Day of Judgment can be defined by the difference in the relationship of Jesus to his true followers now vs. his relationship with the world later.

...they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life: Their judgment is already complete.

1 Timothy 5:24: *Some men's sins are open beforehand, going before to **judgment <2920>**; and some men they follow after.*

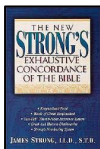
No one escapes accountability, but Christians "take on the merit of Jesus" now, and are therefore under judgment now.

John 5:24: (NASB) *Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears my word, and believes Him who sent me, has eternal life, and does not come into **judgment <2920>**, but has passed out of death into life.*

But didn't we see earlier that judgment happened after death? Here are believers in Christ who pass from death to life without that future judgment. Those believers are "on trial" now. The trial for the "everybody else" comes later.

As a result of this, these have a unique relationship with Jesus:

1 John 2:1-2: (ASV) ¹*My little children, these things write I unto you that ye may not sin. And if any man sin, we have an **Advocate <3875>** with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: ²and he is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for the whole world.*



Advocate: Strongs #3875 parakletos (par-ak'-lay-tos); an intercessor, consoler:

- 1) summoned, called to one's side, especially called to one's aid, one who pleads another's cause with one, an intercessor

2 Corinthians 5:17-18: (NASB) ¹⁷*Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come. ¹⁸Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation.*

God gave us (the followers of Jesus) the ministry of reconciling others back to God, through the Day of Judgment.

1 John 4:17: (KJV) *Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world.*



Having boldness in the day of judgment - These are with Jesus doing the work of putting the world back in order. Their judgment is before that of the world's.

Who gets judged during the Day of Judgment and what is that judgment based on?

Acts 17:29-31: (NASB) ²⁹Being then the children of God, we ought not to think that the Divine Nature is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and thought of man. ³⁰Therefore having overlooked the times of ignorance, God is now declaring to men that all people everywhere should repent, ³¹because He has fixed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness through a man whom He has appointed, having furnished proof to all men by raising him from the dead.

The Apostle Paul states that God has declared all people should repent. God's judgment comes through Jesus in righteousness. It is a process with a trial, not the "final stamp."



Doomsday Preppers - Coronal Mass Ejections, *National Geographic*

- You could say that I am obsessed with studying and preparing for the end of the world. In 2012, the earth will be bombarded by a "coronal mass ejection." This bombardment will knock the world's electrical grid down - in 30 days our neighborhood will be pure pandemonium.
- Coronal mass ejections are powerful eruptions on the sun that break free of the solar atmosphere. If these masses of plasma reach the earth, it could destroy our electrical grid which touches every facet of modern life.

Remember, Armageddon comes *before* the Day of Judgment.

God through Jesus judges the world in righteousness - and what else? Love!

2 Peter 3:9: The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

The attitude of the Day of Judgment is brought out - it is just but merciful. Justice and mercy work together with accountability.

1 Timothy 2:3-6: (NRSV) ³This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the **knowledge <1922>** of the truth. ⁵For there is one God; there is also one **mediator <3316>** between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, ⁶who gave himself a ransom for all --this was attested at the right time.



Knowledge: Strong's #1922 recognition, i.e. (by implication) full discernment, acknowledgement: Lexicon: 1) precise and correct knowledge 1a) used in the New Testament of the knowledge of things ethical and divine

Mediator: Strong's #3316 1) one who intervenes between two, either in order to make or restore peace and friendship, or form a compact, or for ratifying a covenant
2) a medium of communication, arbitrator

Part of what the Day of Judgment involves is laying out truth. Truth will be completely understood during this time of "crisis," judgment. An advocate sits along side of you, but a mediator brings the two sides at odds together.



The true followers have their Day of Judgment now with Jesus Christ at their side, as their *advocate*. The world has their Day of Judgment in the resurrection and they need a *mediator* - someone to sit between them and God. So there really is an "us" vs. "them" with a different relationship with Jesus.

Hebrews 12:24: And to Jesus the **mediator** <3316> of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel.

What is the New Covenant? Let's look at some of the Old Testament prophecies:

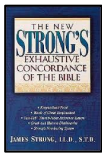
Jeremiah 31:29-34: (ASV) ²⁹In those days (some time in the future) they shall say no more, The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge. ³⁰But every one shall die for his own iniquity: every man that eateth the sour grapes, his teeth shall be set on edge. ³¹Behold, the days come, saith Jehovah, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah:...I will put my law in their inward parts, and in their heart will I write it; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people: ³⁴and they shall teach no more every man his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, Know Jehovah; for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith Jehovah: for I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin will I remember no more.

These days it is easy to make excuses for why we do what we do - we were born this way, our family situation was poor, etc. In the future, there will be a full discernment of truth. The sin that besets mankind now will no longer be there. They will be accountable for their own actions. There will be no more excuses.

The New Covenant is in place at this time, according to the Hebrews scripture above. The knowledge of God will be widespread throughout the world. It is a good time to have fair judgment because all the excuses are taken away. Individuals can make right for what they did in the past.

The Day of Judgment will be easier for some, harder for others:

2 Peter 2:9: (KJV) The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be **punished** <2849>:



Punished: Strongs #2849 1) to lop or prune, as trees and wings, 2) to curb, check, restrain, 3) to chastise, correct, punishment, 4) to cause to be punished

Pruning allows something valuable to be produced. The Day of Judgment involves a pruning work for the whole world.

What will be the results of the Day of Judgment?

The fallen angels know there is an appointed time for their own judgment:

Matthew 8:29: And, behold, they cried out, saying, What have we to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God? art thou come hither to torment (meaning "to test") us before the time?

before the time: Before judgment time. Clearly they were still subject under the power of Jesus.

Jude 1:6: (KJV) And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.



On The Day of Judgment, *OperationReapSouls*, youtube.com

- *Ten out of ten people die on this earth. On the Day of Judgment, Jesus will say to most people, including the majority who say that they are Christians, "Go away, I never knew you." What will he say to you?*

We agree that everyone is accountable to God. We need to focus on righteousness in order to get our lives right before God.

Despite all of the advantage given to each, every individual will not succeed:

Acts 3:22-23: (ASV) ²²Moses indeed said, A prophet shall the Lord God raise up unto you from among your brethren, like unto me. To him shall ye hearken in all things whatsoever he shall speak unto you. ²³And it shall be, that every soul that shall not hearken to that prophet, shall be utterly destroyed from among the people.

Isaiah 65:17-20: (ASV) ¹⁷For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; and the former things shall not be remembered, nor come into mind. ¹⁸But be ye glad and rejoice for ever in that which I create; for, behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy. ¹⁹And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in my people; and there shall be heard in her no more the voice of weeping and the voice of crying. ²⁰There shall be no more thence an infant of days, nor an old man that hath not filled his days; for the child shall die a hundred years old, and the sinner being a hundred years old shall be accursed.

There is accountability. God forces no one.

Yet, for those who comply with the righteousness and rule of God, the rest of this verse applies:

Isaiah 65:21-25: (ASV) ²¹And they shall build houses, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them. ²²They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat: for as the days of a tree shall be the days of my people, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. ²³They shall not labor in vain, nor bring forth for calamity; for they are the seed of the blessed of Jehovah, and their offspring with them. ²⁴And it shall come to pass that, before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear. ²⁵The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the ox; and dust shall be the serpent's food. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith Jehovah.

Daniel 2:44: (NRSV) And in the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that shall never be destroyed, nor shall this kingdom be left to another people. It shall crush all these kingdoms and bring them to an end, and it shall stand forever;

God takes back the earth and sets up His kingdom. You would need a thorough judgment to weed out anyone in opposition to the will of God so that everyone can live in harmony under God and Christ.

Habakkuk 2:14: (KJV) For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.

Psalms 22:27: All the ends of the world shall remember and turn unto the LORD: and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before thee.

*So, is Judgment Day coming this week?
For Jonathan and Rick and Christian Questions...
Think about it...!*





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All uses of the phrase "Day of Judgment" in the Bible:

Matthew 11:22: (KJV) *But I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the day of judgment, than for you.*

Theme Text: Matthew 12:36: (KJV) *But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment.*

Mark 6:11: (KJV) *And whosoever shall not receive you, nor hear you, when ye depart thence, shake off the dust under your feet for a testimony against them. Verily I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment, than for that city.*

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1 John 4:17: (KJV) *Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world.*

More verification on the meaning of the word for judgment:

Source: Vine's Expository Dictionary of Biblical Words

JUDGMENT (from) 1. krisis 2920 primarily denotes "a separating," then, "a decision, judgment," most frequently in a forensic sense, and especially of divine "judgment."

Source: Thayer's Greek Lexicon, Electronic Database

JUDGMENT #2920 krisis, kriseoos, hee

1. a separating, sundering, separation; a trial, contest
2. selection
3. judgment; i. e., opinion or decision given concerning anything,

More on the true followers of Christ participating with Christ in the Judgment Day:

John 3:17-18: ¹⁷For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. ¹⁸He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

Many Christians may look at verse 18 as a final judgment on those who reject Jesus, yet the word translated "condemn" really means something slightly different - this verse defines the two aspects of salvation...



Strong's #2919 krino (kree'-no); properly, to distinguish, i.e. decide (mentally or judicially); by implication, to try, condemn, punish:

AV-judge 88, determine 7, condemn 5, go to law 2, call in question 2, esteem 2, misc 8; 114

1) to separate, put asunder, to pick out, select, choose 2) to approve, esteem, to prefer

3) to be of opinion, deem, think, to be of opinion 4) to determine, resolve, decree 5) to judge

Jude 1:14-16: (NRSV) ¹⁴It was also about these that Enoch, in the seventh generation from Adam, prophesied, saying, See, the Lord is coming with ten thousands of his holy ones, ¹⁵to execute judgment on all, and to convict everyone of all the deeds of ungodliness that they have committed in such an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things that ungodly sinners have spoken against him. ¹⁶These are grumblers and malcontents; they indulge their own lusts; they are bombastic in speech, flattering people to their own advantage.

So, the Day of Judgment will be upon those who were not true followers of Christ and will be carried out by Jesus and his true "church."

More on the potential difficulty that some will face in the Day of Judgment:

Isaiah 26:9: With my soul have I desired thee in the night; yea, with my spirit within me will I seek thee early: for when thy judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness.

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Matthew 12:41-42: ⁴¹The men of Nineveh shall rise in **judgment <2920>** with this generation, and shall condemn it: because they repented at the preaching of Jonas; and, behold, a greater than Jonas is here. ⁴²The queen of the south shall rise up in the **judgment <2920>** with this generation, and shall condemn it: for she came from the uttermost parts of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and, behold, a greater than Solomon is here.