

## What Happens on Judgment Day?

**2 Peter 2:9: (NASB) *...then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from temptation, and to keep the unrighteous under punishment for the Day of Judgment...***



Judgment Day! The very sound of the phrase previews an ominous picture in the minds of most. Judgment day: a day of great regret, great wrath, great sorrow and great reward, both for the righteous and the unrighteous. All will receive what's coming to them on Judgment Day - the question is - how does it all work? Is Judgment Day really a day to be feared by the multitudes of sinners in our world or is it actually a day to look forward to? Stay with us!

Let's start by reviewing a few scriptures that describe the Day of Judgment:

**John 5:28-29: (ASV) <sup>28</sup>Marvel not at this: for the hour cometh, in which all that are in the tombs shall hear his voice, <sup>29</sup>and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of judgment.**

**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.***

**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.***

**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.***

Wait a minute - these are not describing the harsh and harrowing day that most think about!

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- *Jesus says on Judgment Day that “...many will say to me, Lord, Lord, we prophecy, cast out demons and perform many miracles in your name. But I will say to them, ‘I never knew you. Depart from me, you who break God’s laws. Those who indulge in sexual sin, worship idols, commit adultery, practice homosexuality, or are thieves, greedy people, drunkards, abusive, or cheat people. None of these will inherit the kingdom of God. Because of your stubbornness and unrepentant heart, you are storing up wrath against yourself in the day of God’s wrath. Righteous judgment will be revealed.’” (Based on Matthew 7:23-23)*

**To begin with, let's first take a look at our theme text:**

**2 Peter 2:9: (NASB) *then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from temptation, and to keep the unrighteous under punishment for the day of judgment...***

- Two distinct classes of people
  - ❖ First is “the godly,” and are therefore rescued;
  - ❖ Second is “the unrighteous,” therefore subject to Judgment Day.

### Does this mean the godly are NOT subject to Judgment Day? Correct...

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This shows two kinds of resurrections as a result of two different kinds of paths. Why do the righteous “get a pass” and not have to experience the Day of Judgment? Because they are judged in advance of the rest of the world. Their judgment is different, allowing them to experience a *resurrection of life*.



Is this text defining an eternal end result (a final stamp of disapproval), or is it defining a state of being at the time of resurrection? If it is a final stamp of disapproval, how do the Scriptures we read at the beginning of this program fit in? It would be too late to learn righteousness.

### So, does Jesus relate differently to these two distinct classes?

1 Peter 2:9-12: (NRSV) <sup>9</sup>But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. <sup>10</sup>Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. <sup>11</sup>Beloved, I urge you as aliens and exiles to abstain from the desires of the flesh that wage war against the soul. <sup>12</sup>Conduct yourselves honorably among the Gentiles, so that, though they malign you as evildoers, they may see your honorable deeds and glorify God when he comes to judge.

If you have been “called out,” it implies that others have not been. The godly are supposed to conduct themselves honorably. That example will be remembered and will eventually cause the ungodly to glorify God when He comes to judge. Could there be a positive result to this? Yes, if the ungodly glorify God! The relationship we have with Jesus is different than his relationship with the rest of the world right now and through the Day of Judgment.

### Let’s talk about Jesus and those who are really trying to walk with him:

1 John 2:1-2: (ASV) <sup>1</sup>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: <sup>2</sup>and he is the **propitiation** for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for the whole world.

An advocate is someone who sits by your side and pleads on your behalf as your representative.

**Advocate**: Strongs #3875 parakletos (par-ak'-lay-tos); an intercessor, consoler: summoned, called to one's side, especially called to one's aid, one who pleads another's cause with one, an intercessor

### Here is another use of #3875:

John 14:16: And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another **Comforter** <3875>, that he may abide with you forever;

God’s influence, the Holy Spirit, affects the way we live and think if we are following after the footsteps of Jesus.

**Propitiation:** Strongs #2434 ilamov hilasmos hil-as-mos'  
 1) an appeasing, propitiating 2) the means of appeasing, a propitiation  
 (in other words, taking care of)

**Only other use of 2434:**

1 John 4:10: *Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the **propitiation** <2434> for our sins.*

Jesus' role for the BELIEVER is as an **ADVOCATE**

1 John 2:1-2



**An **ADVOCATE** is someone who sits with you on your side, one who pleads another's cause before a judge.**

**ADVOCATE** = Greek word: Παράκλητος  
 Strongs #3875 *paraklētōs*

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- (Voice over) *All liars will be cast into the lake of fire!*
- (Girl's voice) *"Lord? What am I doing here? I thought I was safe. I felt safe. I thought you were a loving God! I'm supposed to be in heaven, not in hell...not forever! Can't you see how accepting and loving I was? I didn't judge anyone..."*
- (Voice over) *Don't you realize that friendship with the world makes you an enemy of God?*
- (Girl's voice) *"Give me another chance!"*
- (Voice over) *I never knew you. Depart from me, you who break God's laws.*

**Jesus' relationship with the "ungodly:"**

1 Timothy 2:1-6: (ASV) <sup>1</sup>I exhort therefore, first of all, that supplications, prayers, intercessions, thanksgivings, be made for all men; <sup>2</sup>for kings and all that are in high place; that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and gravity. <sup>3</sup>This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior; <sup>4</sup>who would have all men to be saved, and come to the knowledge of the truth. <sup>5</sup>For there is one God, one **mediator** <3316> also between God and men, himself man, Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who gave himself a ransom for all; the testimony to be borne in its own times;

**Mediator:** Strong's #3316 *mesitēs* 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

**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.*

A mediator sits between two opposing parties in order to bring them together - this assumes both parties have grounds for mediation, meaning there is still time to come together. It is Jesus' work to bring the world to God.

### Jesus' role for the Non-BELIEVER is as a MEDIATOR

**1 Timothy 2:5-6**



**A MEDIATOR is a translator, someone who intervenes between two sides at odds to bring them together.**

**MEDIATOR** = Greek word: μεσίτης  
 Strong's #3316 *mesitēs*

There are distinct differences between Jesus as Advocate vs. Mediator:

### TWO DIFFERENT ROLES OF JESUS

To the GODLY	To the UNGODLY
True followers of Christ	“Everybody else”
Jesus as an “advocate” sits side-by-side, next to you, speaking to God on your behalf	Jesus as a “mediator” sits between two parties in order to bring God and the ungodly together
When? During your lifetime, being judged in advance of the world	When? During the world’s Judgment Day
The result? A reward of “glory, honor and immortality”	The result? “Tribulation and distress,” then the opportunity to make a choice to glorify God with full knowledge of sin and personal accountability



## So, is the Day of Judgment for the **BENEFIT** of the sinful world?

Quick sidebar to look at a Muslim perspective...

 **Resurrected, What Happens on Judgment Day, whyislam.org**

- *As believers we believe that once we have gone into the graves, once we have stepped into that realm between this world and between the hereafter, Allah will then resurrect us to a place that's known as The Gathering, the Place of Assembly. It's a place where the Prophet Mohammed, peace be upon him, said is flat and there is no sin on the ground. There is nothing on the ground or on the face of the earth except for the creation of Allah, and God would cause all of the creation to come to this one place where every creation would stand in his place. He would only be able to occupy the place that he is standing in and he would be completely stripped of all titles, completely stripped of even all clothes.*

One gets the sense of equality from these statements.

### The Day of Judgment as a tool to fulfill God's promise:

**Galatians 3:19-22:** (NASB) <sup>19</sup>Why the Law then? It was added because of transgressions, having been ordained through angels by the agency of a mediator, until the seed would come to whom the promise had been made. <sup>20</sup>Now a **mediator** is not for one party only; whereas **God is only one**. <sup>21</sup>Is the Law then contrary to the promises of God? May it never be! For if a law had been given which was able to impart life, then righteousness would indeed have been based on law. <sup>22</sup>But the Scripture has shut up everyone under sin, so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.

Everyone is trapped under sin so the promise can be given to believers - but what promise? Does this promise exclude everyone else?

**Galatians 3:29:** (NASB) *And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's descendants, heirs according to promise.*

### What promise to Abraham do we inherit? Here it is:

**Genesis 22:17-18:** (NASB) <sup>17</sup>indeed I will greatly bless you, and I will greatly multiply your seed as the stars of the heavens and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your seed shall possess the gate of their enemies. <sup>18</sup>In your seed **all the nations of the earth** shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice.

As a follower of Jesus, you inherit the ability to bless all the nations of the earth, the “everybody else!” What a privilege! Although there is accountability in the Day of Judgment, there is also great hope.



A caller discussed another facet of a Scripture we already reviewed:

**1 Timothy 2:4:** (KJV) *...who would have all men to be saved, and come to the knowledge\* of the truth.* In that future time in the Judgment Day when all men are to be saved, what happens next? They come to a knowledge of truth. It is exactly the *opposite* sequence now, during the age when the Gospel has gone out. Now we hear the gospel of Christ first, and that is a “saving” knowledge. In the Judgment Day since God wants all men to be saved, He obviously has to bring them up from death first and *then* bring them to a knowledge of truth. This is in line with Jesus' role as the Advocate now, the Mediator later.

(\*The word for *knowledge* here literally means “full disclosure.”)

**Romans 2:3-10:** (NASB) <sup>3</sup>But do you suppose this, O man, when you pass judgment on those who practice such things and do the same yourself, that you will escape the judgment of God? <sup>4</sup>Or do you think lightly of the riches of His kindness and tolerance and patience, not knowing that the kindness of God leads you to repentance? <sup>5</sup>But because of your stubbornness and unrepentant heart you are storing up wrath for yourself **in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God**, <sup>6</sup>who will render to each person according to his deeds: (this is a very strong text about accountability...we reap what we sow) <sup>7</sup>to those who by perseverance in doing good seek for glory and honor and immortality, eternal life; (Previously referred to as “the godly” - footstep followers of Jesus, sacrificial in their lives) <sup>8</sup>but to those who are selfishly ambitious and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, wrath and indignation. (Previously referred to as “the ungodly,” who will have to by necessity change their ways.) <sup>9</sup>There will be tribulation and distress for every soul of man who does evil, of the Jew first and also of the Greek, <sup>10</sup>but glory and honor and peace to everyone who does good, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

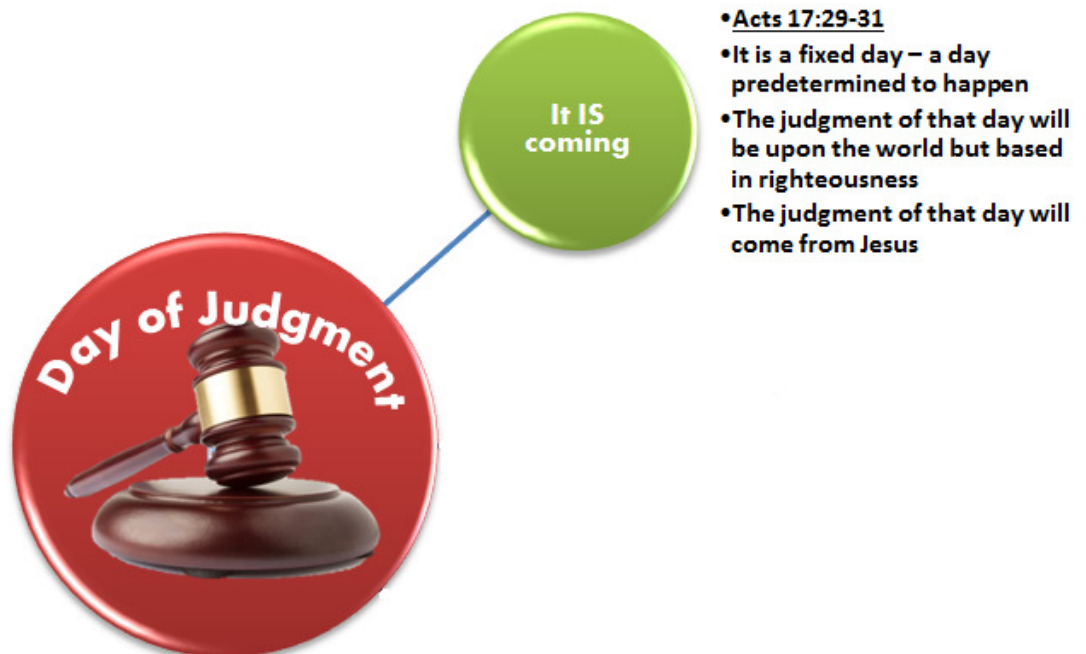
**2 Peter 2:9:** (KJV) The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be **punished <2849>**:

**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

This is saying evil is being curbed or restrained. The Day of Judgment is a day of correction. Individuals resurrected will be put into a context where good reigns and evil is no longer allowed. They will have to make good for all of their evil thoughts and deeds. They will be “pruned,” or “cut back” so they can produce good fruit. So, how do we put it all together...we have a day to restrain and a day of fire? A day of tribulation and a day of blessing? Can it all refer to the same time period?

The ungodly will be held accountable for what they do. The godly are *presently* accountable for what they do. They are judged in advance of the world. A great example is the heroes of faith in the Old Testament described in Hebrews 11. They proved their value to God in their lifetime.

### Putting the Day of Judgment together:



**Acts 17:29-31:** (NASB) <sup>29</sup>Being 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. <sup>30</sup>Therefore having overlooked the times of ignorance, God is now declaring to men that all people everywhere should repent, <sup>31</sup>because 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.

There will be great accountability for sin. Those of us who think we can get away with something in this life will have a long way to “dig out” in the future.

 **Psychopath, The Blasphemy Challenge, Pat Condell**

- *I literally burn the Bible at both ends. That’s right. Whether awake or asleep, I joyously deny the Holy Spirit every day and in every way. Upwards, downwards, backwards, forwards, sideways, inside out, back to front and upside down in perpetuity or forever, whichever lasts longer. Every moment of my life is a precious jewel of opportunity for me to deny the Holy Spirit and every nasty little thing It stands for. Every breath that I take, every word I utter, every action down to the minutest detail is populated specifically to deny the Holy Spirit - that spiteful, vindictive and truly unholy spirit of the mythical psychopath in the sky.*

It is important to realize that people come from all different perspectives and beliefs. We believe he will be responsible for his attitude. God will take ignorance into account. Whatever you do, whatever you say will come back to you.



**2 Timothy 4:1-2:** (NASB) <sup>1</sup>I solemnly charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom: <sup>2</sup>preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction.

**Hebrews 4:12-13:** (ASV) <sup>12</sup>For the word of God is living, and active, and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing even to the dividing of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and quick to discern the thoughts and intents of the heart. <sup>13</sup>And there is no creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and laid open before the eyes of him with whom we have to do.

**Jude 1:6:** (NRSV) And the angels who did not keep their own position, but left their proper dwelling, he has kept in eternal chains in deepest darkness for the judgment of the great day.



- **Romans 6:23**
- **Acts 3:19-23**

**Romans 6:23:** (KJV) *For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

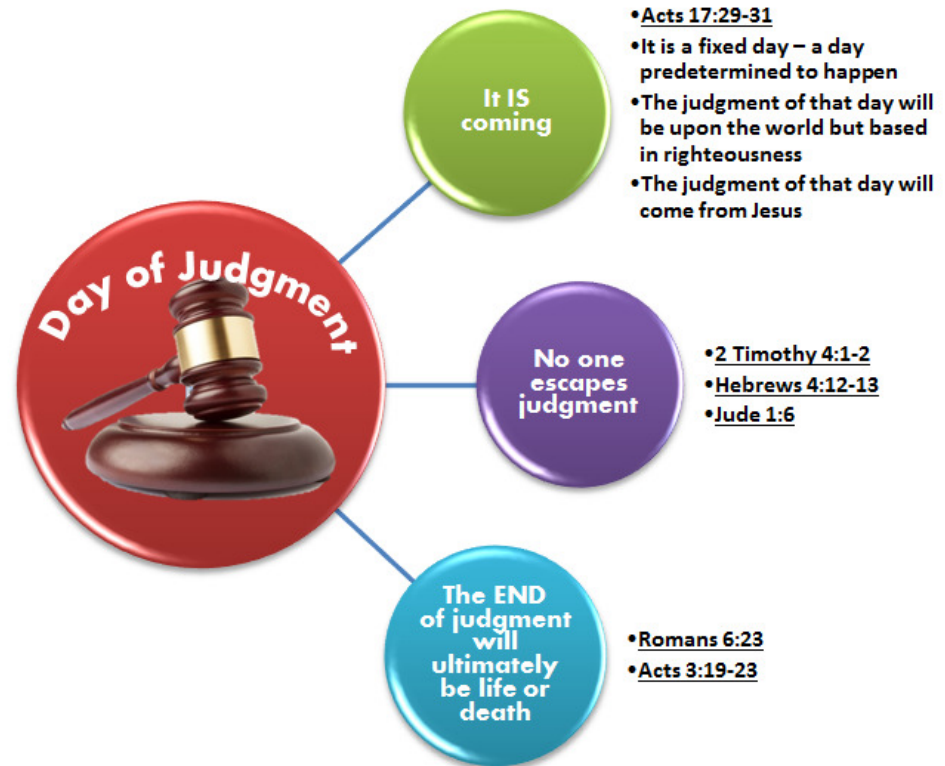
**Acts 3:19-23:** (NASB) <sup>19</sup>Therefore repent and return, so that your sins may be wiped away, in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord; <sup>20</sup>and that He may send Jesus, the Christ appointed for you, <sup>21</sup>whom heaven must receive until the period of restoration of all things about which God spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets from ancient time. <sup>22</sup>Moses said, The Lord God will raise up for you a prophet like me from your brethren; to Him you shall give heed to everything He says to you. <sup>23</sup>And it will be that every soul that does not heed that prophet shall be utterly **destroyed <1842>** from among the people.

**Destroyed:** Strongs #1842 exolothreuo (ex-ol-oth-ryoo'-o); to extirpate: to destroy out of its place, destroy utterly, to extirpate

(Extirpate means to destroy completely, wipe out, pull up by the root or to cut out by surgery.)

Once accountability is complete, if one is still not following after Jesus after that long period of righteous judgment time, then one is destroyed.





### What are the rules for judging in the Day of Judgment?

Matthew 7:13-14: (NASB) <sup>13</sup>Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it. <sup>14</sup>For the gate is small and the way is narrow that leads to life, and there are few who find it.

So, this broad road to destruction is the road to the Judgment Day. They have the opportunity to get off the road of destruction and onto the path of righteousness. It will be difficult and will take time, and they will be accountable for their actions. The “resurrection of Judgment” is a resurrection to the serious challenge of full accountability before God.

#### Judgment will be based fully upon one’s own actions:

Jeremiah 31:27-30: (NASB) <sup>27</sup>Behold, days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of man and with the seed of beast. <sup>28</sup>As I have watched over them to pluck up, to break down, to overthrow, to destroy and to bring disaster, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, declares the LORD. <sup>29</sup>In those days they will not say again, The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge. <sup>30</sup>But everyone will die for his own iniquity; each man who eats the sour grapes, his teeth will be set on edge.

This sets the tone for full personal accountability! Upon resurrection, the person will be given full disclosure. Then you are judged and accountable. There is a great righteousness to this.

We will no longer be in the scenario where the father sins but the son bears the responsibility.

An example of judgment is a parent who sees his child going down the wrong path and disciplines the child. It is to teach them a lesson so they can learn to go down the right path. How would God’s heart be less than the heart of a parent who wants the best for that child, even if the child is going astray?

### **Judgment will be based upon what one does or does not do:**

Matthew 7:21-23:(NASB) <sup>21</sup>Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven will enter. <sup>22</sup>Many will say to me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name cast out demons, and in your name perform many miracles?’ <sup>23</sup>And then I will declare to them, I never knew you; depart from me, you who practice lawlessness.

These are the professed Christian leaders who are out of harmony with God. They will be resurrected and judged with the masses of the ungodly. *Weeping and gnashing of teeth* is not torture, it is reaction to a great loss.

### **Judgment will be based upon the intentions of the heart and therefore the fruit of one’s life:**

Matthew 12:33-37: (NASB) <sup>33</sup>Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or make the tree bad and its fruit bad; for the tree is known by its fruit.

### **Judgment will be based upon the words we utter:**

<sup>34</sup>You brood of vipers, how can you, being evil, speak what is good? For *the mouth speaks out of that which fills the heart.* <sup>35</sup>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. <sup>36</sup>But I tell you that every careless word that people speak, they shall give an accounting for it in the day of judgment. <sup>37</sup>For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.

The time period of judgment is for God’s plan of success to be finalized - having mankind reconciled back to Him. If 99.99% of all people that ever lived are destroyed, wouldn’t God be an incredible failure? Think about the consequences of realizing how bad sin is. Man will learn how to forever avoid sin and will finally have a chance at life.

### **Judgment will happen within a set period of time:**

Revelation 20:1-3: (NASB) <sup>1</sup>Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding the key of the abyss and a great chain in his hand. <sup>2</sup>And he laid hold of the dragon, the serpent of old, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; <sup>3</sup>and he threw him into the abyss, and shut it and sealed it over him, so that he would not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years were completed; after these things he must be released for a short time.

## **Do even really bad people and nations have a chance 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.*

### **Does this apply to inhabitants worldwide?**

Matthew 11:20-24: (NASB) <sup>20</sup>Then he began to denounce the cities in which most of his miracles were done, because they did not repent. <sup>21</sup>Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the miracles had occurred in Tyre and Sidon which occurred in you, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. <sup>22</sup>Nevertheless I say to you, it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon in the day of judgment than for you.

(Source: Biblical Commentator Matthew Poole) Tyre and Sidon were habitations of heathens, their country joined to Galilee. They were places of great traffic, inhabited with Canaanitish idolaters, and exceedingly wicked; threatened by the prophet Isaiah, #Isa 23:1-18, and by the prophet Ezekiel, #Eze 26:1-28:26, and by Amos, #Am 1:9,10; a people odious to the Jews upon many accounts.

<sup>23</sup>And you, Capernaum, will not be exalted to heaven, will you? You will descend to Hades; for if the miracles had occurred in Sodom which occurred in you, it would have remained to this day. <sup>24</sup>Nevertheless I say to you that it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment, than for you.

Sodom was a city specifically destroyed because of its inherent evil. So, not only is it worldwide, but it is also generational - from the earliest of times through the present.

Jeremiah 31:31-34: (NASB) <sup>31</sup>Behold, days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah, <sup>32</sup>not like the covenant which I made with their fathers in the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, although I was a husband to them, declares the LORD. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD, I will put My law within them and on their heart I will write it; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. <sup>34</sup>They will not teach again, each man his neighbor and each man his brother, saying, Know the LORD, for **they will all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them**, declares the LORD, for I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more.

So, it looks as if the Judgment Day events include a lot of favor as well as hardship...

All will have to dig deep into the recesses of their hearts, find the intention of their lives and focus it on God or suffer the consequences of destruction.

Isaiah 42:1-4: (ASV) <sup>1</sup>Behold, my servant, whom I uphold; my chosen, in whom my soul delighteth: I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the Gentiles. <sup>2</sup>He will not cry, nor lift up his voice, nor cause it to be heard in the street. <sup>3</sup>A bruised reed will he not break, and a dimly burning wick will he not quench: **he will bring forth justice in truth.** <sup>4</sup>He will not fail nor be discouraged, **till he have set justice in the earth;** and the isles shall wait for his law.

These Scriptures are talking about Jesus. Jesus came first to provide the ransom price, as the Lamb to be sacrificed. He returns as the lion, as the king, the one ruling the world. He will bring forth justice and truth.

Those raised in judgment will have a lot of work to do. God will not let anyone pass through that without having to fully and completely face their own lives, words, actions and thoughts. How does God make sure that they are not just giving Him lip service?

**There is a test at the end of the Day of Judgment...**

Revelation 20:7-9: (NASB) <sup>7</sup>When the thousand years are completed, Satan will be released from his prison, <sup>8</sup>and will come out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together for the war; the number of them is like the sand of the seashore. <sup>9</sup>And they came up on the broad plain of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city, and fire came down from heaven and devoured them.

So, after the Judgment Day, Satan is again loosed upon the earth as a final test - that is a subject for another day!

God has a plan of redemption that is so full, so complete, so comprehensive that everyone who has ever lived has the opportunity according to God to be righteous. Once they cross over into righteousness and follow after God, truly with their whole heart, they can live. If they do not, they will eventually be destroyed. Justice will be served in a loving, compassionate, wise and powerful way because that is the way God works.

*So what happens on Judgment Day?  
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.*

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.*

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:*

2 Peter 3:7: (KJV) *But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.*

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.*

### Now let’s define “judgment:”

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.*

**Judgment:** Strongs #2920 krisis (kree'-sis); decision (subjectively or objectively, for or against); by extension, a tribunal; by implication, justice (especially, divine law):  
AV-judgment 41, damnation 3, accusation 2, condemnation 2

- 1) a separating, sundering, separation 1a) a trial, contest 2) selection 3) judgment 3a) opinion or decision given concerning anything
- 3a1) esp. concerning justice and injustice, right or wrong 3b) sentence of condemnation, damnatory judgment, condemnation and punishment
- 4) the college of judges (a tribunal of seven men in the several cities of Palestine; as distinguished from the Sanhedrin, which had its seat at Jerusalem) 5) right, justice

**Some uses:**

**Matthew 23:33:** *Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the **damnation <2920>** of hell?*

**Mark 3:29:** *But he that shall blaspheme against the Holy Spirit hath never forgiveness, but is in danger of eternal **damnation <2920>**:*

**John 5:29:** *And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of **damnation <2920>**.*

**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.*

**So, if we apply the definitions we just reviewed our theme text would read something like this:**

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

**A text that is often misunderstood:**

**John 3:17-18:** *<sup>17</sup>For God sent not his Son into the world to **condemn <2919>** the world; but that the world through him might be saved. <sup>18</sup>He that believeth on him is not **condemned <2919>**: but he that believeth not is **condemned <2919>** already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.*

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:

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

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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

**Finally, a text that tells the story of the Day of Judgment in a simple way:**

**Hebrews 9:24-28:** (NASB) *<sup>24</sup>For Christ did not enter a holy place made with hands, a mere copy of the true one, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us; <sup>25</sup>nor was it that he would offer himself often, as the high priest enters the holy place year by year with blood that is not his own. <sup>26</sup>Otherwise, he would have needed to suffer often since the foundation of the world; but now once at the consummation of the ages he has been manifested to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. <sup>27</sup>And inasmuch as it is appointed for men to die once and after this comes judgment, <sup>28</sup>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.*