

The Day of the Lord and the Judgment
(John 5:25-30)

Introduction:

1. This morning we pointed from 2 Peter 3:10 that "*the day of the Lord*" will arrive "*as a thief in the night.*"
2. In John 5:25-30 Jesus talked about 2 great events that will occur on that day:
 - a. the resurrection
 - b. the judgment.
3. In our lesson we are concentrating on passages that teach us what we need to know about "the judgment."
4. For our first point, . . .

Discussion:

- I. THE BIBLE CLEARLY TEACHES THAT JUDGMENT WILL OCCUR
 - A. The Old Testament: Ecclesiastes 12:13-14
 - B. The New Testament: Hebrews 9:27
 - C. In addition to declaring that the judgment will occur, . . .
- II. THE BIBLE TEACHES WHEN THE JUDGMENT WILL OCCUR
 - A. We must study this point carefully so we won't misunderstand Hebrews 9:27 [judgment does not occur immediately after a person dies].
 - B. There will be a "*day*" of judgment (Acts 17:30-31).
 - C. More specifically, judgment will occur when Jesus returns (Matthew 25:31-33).
- III. THE BIBLE SUPPLIES ADDITIONAL DETAILS RELATING TO THE JUDGMENT
 - A. Christ will be the judge.
 1. (John 5:22) The Father has "*committed all judgment unto the Son.*"
 2. (John 5:27) God has also given Christ "*authority to execute judgment.*"
 - B. Everyone will be judged.
 1. "*All*" will appear before the Lord in judgment (2 Corinthians 5:10).
 2. Included are "*the quick and the dead*" (Acts 10:42).
 - C. The Lord will judge each person on the basis of:
 1. whether he knows God and has obeyed the Gospel (2 Thessalonians 1:7-9)
 2. his words (Matthew 12:36-37)
 3. his works (Matthew 16:27)
 4. how he uses his talents (Matthew 25:19-23, 30)
 5. his assistance of the needy (Matthew 25:34, 41)
 6. what is written in the books (Revelation 20:12).

Conclusion:

1. The time to prepare for the judgment is now.
2. If we get prepared and stay prepared, we won't have to be afraid -- we can actually look forward to it.
3. Are you ready to face Jesus in judgment?