

## The Promises of God - Lesson 26

### Introduction:

1. In our study of God's promises we have shown many times that they are "*exceeding great and precious*" (2 Peter 1:4).
2. By studying God's promises we are able to learn information that God wants us to know on many important subjects.
3. This lesson is a study of "God's promise that the judgment will occur."
4. The apostle Paul mentioned this promise in his speech that he delivered at Mars' Hill, located in Athens (Acts 17:30-31).
5. Let us begin by showing that . . .

### Discussion:

- I. GOD'S WORD REPEATEDLY TEACHES THAT THE JUDGMENT WILL OCCUR
  - A. During His ministry Jesus stated on various occasions that the judgment will occur.
    1. Matthew 10:11-15
    2. Matthew 11:20-24
    3. Matthew 12:36
  - B. Many other passages teach that the judgment will occur, including:
    1. Ecclesiastes 11:9; 12:13-14
    2. Hebrews 9:27.
- II. GOD'S WORD ALSO TEACHES WHEN THE JUDGMENT WILL OCCUR
  - A. The judgment will occur when Jesus returns.
    1. Matthew 25:31-33
    2. 2 Timothy 4:1
  - B. It is essential to prepare and to stay prepared for the judgment because no one knows when Jesus will return.
    1. Matthew 24:36, 42, 44; 25:13
    2. 1 Thessalonians 5:2
    3. 2 Peter 3:10
  - C. Although no one knows the time of the judgment because no one knows when Jesus will return, there will be a "*day*" of judgment.
    1. Acts 17:30-31
    2. Romans 2:16
    3. 2 Peter 3:7
- III. GOD'S WORD SUPPLIES ADDITIONAL DETAILS CONCERNING THE JUDGMENT
  - A. Jesus will be the judge (John 5:22, 26-27, 30).
  - B. Everyone will be judged (Romans 14:10-12; 2 Corinthians 5:10), including "*the quick and the dead*" (Acts 10:42; 1 Peter 4:5; John 5:28-29).
  - C. Each person will be judged on the basis of:
    1. his judgment of other people (Matthew 7:1-2)
    2. his words (Matthew 12:35-37)
    3. his works (Matthew 16:27)
    4. his assistance of the needy (Matthew 25:31-46)
    5. what is written in the books (Revelation 20:12; John 12:48).