

6. Understanding the Judgments of God

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Subtitle: A supplemental list of Judgments

- Recently we undertook a study of God's Word concerning God's Judgments, to help us understand what will happen in the future (end-times & beyond)
- Many believers tend to lump all the Judgments of God together into one single event & end up quite confused
- Every believer should know about future Judgments of God & gain greater boldness, confidence & urgency in reaching spiritually lost people

John 5:22–24 (NKJV) *For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son, 23 that all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him. 24 "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.*

- 2 Corinthians 5:21 tells us that Jesus Christ became sin for us
- Through His sacrificial death on the cross, He has taken God's judgment & penalty on Himself, so that we can receive His righteousness
- All followers of Jesus Christ are now "saved from" God's future judgment

The list of five major (future) Judgments of God, in the following order:

- a. God's Judgment of the world during the Great Tribulation Period
- b. The Judgment Seat of Christ (in heaven)
- c. The Judgment of Gentile Nations at the Second Coming of Christ
- d. The Great White Throne Judgment at the end of the Millennium
- e. The Judgment of satan, fallen angels & demons ----- " -----

A. A supplemental list of Judgments listed in the New Testament

- Today message is an appendix to the list of major judgments covered in previous sessions
- The New Testament speaks of various other judgments, which are no less relevant or important to us as believers

1. Judgment at the House of God

1 Peter 4:12–18 (NKJV) *Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you; 13 but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy. 14 If you are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. On their part He is blasphemed, but on your part He is glorified. 15 But let none of you suffer as a murderer, a thief, an evildoer, or as a busybody in other people's matters. 16 Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in this matter. 17 For the time has come for judgment to begin at the house of God; and if it begins with us first, what will be the end of those who do not obey the gospel of God? 18 Now "If the righteous one is scarcely saved, where will the ungodly and the sinner appear?"*

- Ap. Peter wrote to believers who had been dispersed across Asia Minor
- He exhorts them to rejoice as they partake of Christ's suffering (presumably, by being persecuted)
- He says: If you are reproached for the name of Christ you are blessed
- Then he says that none of us should be suffering as a murderer, a thief, an evildoer, or a busybody on other people's matters
- He proceeds by saying that ... **for the time has come for judgment to begin at the house of God**
- Previously we have said that Christians are saved from future judgments
 - That's the rule, but there is an exception
- Christians who persists in sin & are unwilling to repent & amend their ways, there is a judgment coming their way (in the house of God)

Examples:

i. Ananias & Sapphira (Acts 5:1-11)

Acts 5:3–5 (NKJV) *But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and keep back part of the price of the land for yourself? 4 While it remained, was it not your own? And after it was sold, was it not in your own control? Why have you conceived this thing in your heart? You have not lied to men but to God." 5 Then Ananias, hearing these words, fell down and breathed his last. So great fear came upon all those who heard these things.*

- Ananias & his wife Sapphira were part of the early church in Jerusalem

- Both dropped dead because they lied to the Holy Spirit
- Its very clear that this is a judgment “at the house of God” because of sin

ii. **Wayward believer in Corinthian church persisting in sexual sin**

- A believer in the Corinthian church persisted in sexual fornication with his father’s wife (stepmother)

1 Corinthians 5:4–5 (NKJV) *In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when you are gathered together, along with my spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ, **5 deliver such a one to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.***

- Ap. Paul told the church (leadership) to “deliver him to satan for the destruction of the flesh”
- “Destruction of the flesh” would indicate “an untimely & premature death”

iii. **Carnality of Corinthian Christians around the Communion Table**

- Some Corinthian believers took a very flippant & carnal approach at the Lord’s Table (Communion)

1 Corinthians 11:29–30 (NKJV) *For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord’s body. **30 For this reason many are weak and sick among you, and many sleep.***

- Ap. Paul said: Get your act together around the Communion meal, or something bad is going to happen to you
- He said that many were weak or sick because they did “not discern the Lord’s body”
- Paul said: Many have died (sleep) because of the same reason

1 Corinthians 11:33–34 (NKJV) *Therefore, my brethren, when you come together to eat, wait for one another. **34 But if anyone is hungry, let him eat at home, lest you come together for judgment.** And the rest I will set in order when I come.*

- Once again, this speaks of judgment at the house of God

2. **The law of Sowing and Reaping**

Galatians 6:7–8 (NKJV) *Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. 8 For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.*

- God has established the law of sowing and reaping
- This is a universal law that brings **consequences** for all of our actions
- For every action, there's a re-action
- For every seed sown, there's a harvest
- This is good news for people who “sow to the Spirit” (love, kindness, etc.)
- It is bad news for people who “sow to the flesh” (strife, revenge, etc.)
- There is a “built-in” judgment that happens if people sow to the flesh

Examples:

Matthew 7:1–2 (NASB) *Do not judge lest you be judged. 2 For in the way you judge, you will be judged; and by your standard of measure, it will be measured to you.*

- Do not sow judgment, lest you will reap judgment
- Forgive others, and you will be forgiven (Luke 6:37)

3. A stricter Judgment for those who teach the Word of God

James 3:1 (NKJV) *My brethren, let not many of you become teachers, knowing that **we shall receive a stricter judgment.***

- James is cautioning believers to not be overly ambitious in wanting to teach the Word of God
- He says that those who teach the Word will receive a stricter judgment

James 3:1 (AMP) *NOT MANY [of you] should become teachers (self-constituted censors and reprovers of others), my brethren, for you know that we [teachers] will be judged by a higher standard and with greater severity [than other people]; thus we assume the greater accountability and the more condemnation].*

- When teaching the Word of God, “near enough is not good enough”
- If someone is wrong in their opinion, it only affect themselves
- But if somebody teaches the Word wrongly, it affects many others
- Anybody in a leading role carries great responsibility