

Unbelievers and Judgment Day

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Introduction:

- A. Rev. 20:11-15
- B. What if one does not believe in Judgment Day?
 - 1. Presupposes that he does not believe in God, and since he does not believe in God, he therefore does not believe God has spoken
 - 2. If he does not believe that God has spoken, he does not believe he is accountable to anything higher than his own conscience
 - 3. Historically, unbelievers have charged Christians with deluding themselves with belief in life after death and facing God in Judgment
 - 4. Actually, it is just whistling past the graveyard.
- C. Bravado and bluster will not fend off the Judgment
 - 1. Has unbelief ever shielded anyone from the hand of God?

I. JUDGMENT IS BY THE WORD

- A. John 3:17-18, 12:47-48
- B. Every person is already in a state of condemnation, made evident by the word of God
 - 1. Rom. 3:23, 6:23
- C. Jesus came to save us from that condition
 - 1. If one rejects Jesus, he chooses to remain in sin and death
 - 2. Jesus does not condemn him; he condemns himself by rejecting salvation
 - 3. The word of God simply highlights one's choice
 - 4. "Don't judge me; don't condemn me!" Don't have to, you've already done that yourself.
- D. John 5:24, 8:31-32, 8:51; Heb. 4:12-13

II. JUDGMENT IS INESCAPABLE

- A. Amos 9:1-4ff; Heb. 2:1-3, 12:25; Rev. 6:15-17

III. JUDGMENT IS INDIVIDUAL

- A. Ecc. 12:13-14 - Every work, public and private
- B. Matt. 12:34-37 - Every word, intended or unintended

IV. JUDGMENT IS GOING TO BE UNPLEASANT FOR UNBELIEVERS

- A. Matt. 25:31-46 - Separation from God and all those who love the Lord
- B. 2Thes. 1:8-9; Heb. 10:31

V. "I DON'T BELIEVE IT"

- A. The last time someone asked, "Who is the Lord that I should listen to Him?"
 - 1. Ex. 5:1-2, 12:29-31
- B. Don't wait until Judgment Day to become a believer
 - 1. Your unbelief will not keep it from coming
 - 2. Your unbelief will not protect you from God's judgment

3. Your unbelief will not shield you from the fires of hell
- C. The only thing your unbelief guards against is salvation from the state of condemnation you presently live in, a condition you consciously choose to remain in.
 1. Jesus did not come to condemn you; He came to save you from hell.
 2. And you...? By your unbelief, you have chosen to reject His efforts and go to hell anyway.
- D. It will happen, whether you believe it or not
 1. Rev. 1:7