

Judgement Will Come

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Day 1: The Certainty of
Judgment and the Grace
of God

Reading:
Hebrews 9:27;
Ephesians 2:8-9

Every person will one day stand before God. That truth should not paralyze us with dread but rather drive us toward the grace freely offered through Christ. Salvation is not earned by moral effort or religious performance. It is received by faith alone. As the sermon reminds us, our righteousness apart from Christ is as filthy rags before a holy God. The same God who will judge the world is the God who made a way through the cross.

Rest today not in your record, but in His.

Reflection Question: Are you trusting in your own goodness,
or in the finished work of Christ alone?

Practical Application: Write down one area where you have been relying on your own effort for spiritual standing. Surrender that area to God in prayer today.

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Day 2: The Defeat of the
Enemy and the Victory
of Christ

Reading:
Revelation 20:1-3;
1 Peter 5:8-9

Satan is described in Revelation 20 with four names: the dragon, the ancient serpent, the devil, and Satan. Each name reveals something about his character. He is fierce, deceptive, accusatory, and adversarial. Yet for all his cunning and power, he is not sovereign. He is a created being operating on borrowed time. The same passage that describes his terror also describes his chains. God holds the key to the abyss. The enemy who accuses you before the throne of God will one day be silenced permanently.

You do not fight for victory. You fight from it.

Reflection Question: In what area of your life have you been living as though the enemy has more power than Christ?

Practical Application: Identify one lie the enemy has been speaking over your life. Find a specific Scripture that contradicts that lie and memorize it this week.

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Day 3: The Promise of Resurrection and Eternal Reign

Reading:
Revelation 20:4-6;
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18;
1 Corinthians 15:51-57

The phrase "first resurrection" in Revelation 20 carries extraordinary weight. To share in it is to be called blessed and holy. It means the second death holds no power over you. It means you will reign with Christ. The promise of resurrection is not merely about what happens after death. It reshapes how you live today. When you know that suffering is temporary and glory is certain, when you know that your mortal body will one day be replaced with an immortal one, you can endure present trials with confident hope.

Your story does not end in a grave.

Reflection Question: How would living with a resurrection mindset change the way you face difficulty today?

Practical Application: Spend time today encouraging someone who is grieving or discouraged by sharing the hope of resurrection found in 1 Thessalonians 4.

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Day 4: The Reign of
Christ and the World
Restored

Reading:
Isaiah 11:1-9;
Isaiah 2:2-4;
Zechariah 14:16-17

The prophets painted vivid pictures of a world made right. Wolves dwelling with lambs. Nations abandoning warfare. Children playing safely near what was once dangerous. These are not poetic exaggerations. They are previews of the millennial reign of Christ, when the King of Kings rules from Jerusalem and the curse of sin begins its final unraveling. The world you see today, fractured by violence, grief, and injustice, is not the final word. God has always been moving history toward a destination. That destination is a world fully submitted to the lordship of Jesus. Take heart. The King is coming.

Reflection Question: How does the promise of Christ's future reign give you patience and peace in the midst of today's brokenness?

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Day 5: The Great
White Throne and the
Book of Life

Reading:
Revelation 20:11-15;
John 3:16;
Titus 3:3-7

The great white throne is the most sobering image in all of Scripture. Every person who rejected Christ will stand before it, judged according to their deeds, with no covering and no advocate. But for those who have placed their faith in Jesus, that throne is not their destination. They have already been justified by His grace, washed by regeneration, renewed by the Holy Spirit. As Titus 3 reminds us, He saved us not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to His own mercy. Is your name written in the Lamb's book of life? Today is the day of salvation.

Reflection Question: If you were to stand before God today,
what would you point to as the reason you should be in His presence?

Practical Application: Share the gospel with one person this week. Let the weight of
Revelation 20 motivate you to speak before it is too late for those around you.

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