

# The Judgment

by Martin Knapp

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*The sermon emphasizes the inevitability of final judgment and the importance of accepting salvation to secure eternal life with God.*

**Scripture:** Acts 17:30, Romans 14:12, 2 Corinthians 5:9, 2 Peter 3:11

**Topics:** "Final Judgment", "Eternal Salvation"

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## Description

Martin Knapp emphasizes the importance of being prepared for the final Judgment day, where each individual will be held accountable before God for their actions and decisions. He warns of the consequences of rejecting Jesus and His salvation, leading to eternal punishment, while accepting Jesus secures a place in Heaven. Knapp urges listeners to repent and seek forgiveness, as the final Judgment is inevitable and inescapable, with every detail of our lives laid bare before God and the universe.

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## Transcript

"So then each of us shall give account of himself to God." -- Rom. xiv, 12.

We must remember that the truths of the preceding pages are all to be met at the final Judgment. We are responsible for how we receive them.

Jesus appeals to us now as a Savior to "rescue the perishing, care for the dying," and "snatch them in pity from sin and the grave;" but soon He will appear with "power and great glory," with all the holy angels with Him, and all must appear before His throne for final reward or final punishment.

All who have broken His laws and rejected His salvation must then hear the final, awful words, "Depart from me, ye cursed, into the eternal fire which is prepared for the devil and his angels!" while those who welcomed Him, received His gifts, and, passing through the Land of Regeneration, ascended Holiness Heights, will receive rewards according to their respective deeds. Did you ever think that the last day of time is just as real as the last day of school or the last day of life? It is already appointed, the day fixed, and the place determined upon. All, whether they will or not, must appear at that time and that place to give an account for the "deeds done in the body."

Have you ever considered that every wrong word or thought or deed, if unforgiven, will blaze out before an assembled universe in characters of awful vividness and condemnation? And that from the final Judgment there is no escape and no appeal? You should remember you are carrying one of the two books which are

then to be opened -- one the book of your own memory, which, mightily quickened, will doubtless then recall everything in the past; -- the other the book of God's memory, who was present and knew all about you, and can not forget.

Have you carefully weighed the fact that the decision you are now making must then be met, and that then it will be too late to reverse it; that, as the Judgment finds you, so you must spend eternity?

Have you considered that neglect of salvation is simply buying a ticket on the Boats of Sin, down the rapid River of Death, to the left hand of the Judgment and a hopeless Eternity; while accepting of Jesus, repenting of sin, boarding the Life-boat of Salvation, is securing one for the right hand of God and an Eternity in Heaven -- to the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world?

"The times of ignorance therefore God overlooked; but now He commandeth men that they should all everywhere repent: inasmuch as He hath appointed a day, in the which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He hath ordained; whereof He hath given assurance unto all men, in that He hath raised Him from the dead." -- Acts xvii, 30,31.

"Wherefore also we make it our aim, whether at home or absent, to be well-pleasing unto Him. For we must all be made manifest before the judgment seat of Christ; that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he hath done, whether it be good or bad." -- 2 Cor. v, 9,10.

"Seeing that these things are thus all to be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy living and godliness, looking for and earnestly desiring the coming of the day of God, by reason of which the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? But, according to His promise, we look for new heavens and a new earth, where in dwelleth righteousness. Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for these things, give diligence that ye may be found in peace, without spot and blameless in His sight." -- 2 Peter iii, 11-14.

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