Judgment Day

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Introduction: There is a day coming that we all will face.

- A. The return of the Lord and the events that follow are called "the day," "the day of God," "the day of judgment," "The day of Christ" and "the day of the Lord Jesus."
 - 1. It is a time where time is no more!
 - 2. The Lord wants us to daily think about this day. (Rom 14:10)

I. The day of Judgment should be desired by every Christian

- A. It is not just a day of punishment for the unprepared.
 - 1. Paul speaks of thinking about others and others thinking about him with joy! (2 Cor 1:14)
 - 2. When we work with others we should always think about this day. (Phil 2:16; 1 Cor 3:13)

SONG # 28 (G)- Verse 1, 2,3 – High above the Seraphim.

- B. The Lord wants us to long for this day. (2 Pt 3:12)
 - 1. We should want the day to come like a child looks to a day of receiving presents. (1 Cor 16:22)
 - 2. How do we think about the coming of the Lord? Does this tell me that I have some work to do on my heart and my thoughts?
 - 3. What should I do if my thoughts of the day are fearful? (Ex. My new dog) (1 John 4:17-18)

SONG # 2 (G) - Verse 1, 2,3 – A Foretaste of Your Rest

- C. The world does not want to hear about this at all.
 - 1. Felix heard and was convinced and then chose to hide. (Acts 24:25)
 - 2. The thrust of the modern errors on "grace and fellowship" try to allow for things that God does not. (Eph 5:6; Col 2:4)

II. The Judgment Day is a day of justice

- A. Have you ever felt this world is out of control? (2 Thess 1:4-12)
 - 1. Every injustice, every hurt, and every possession taken from you will be made right.
 - 2. We can take comfort that God knows and will repay us.

SONG # 53 (G) - Verse 2, 3 – The Rock of my Heart

- B. When we turn in our hearts to the world we cease to be strangers and pilgrims.
 - 1. The judgment day allows us to be taken advantage of in this world without seeking personal vengeance. (Heb 10:32-35)
 - 2. Some Christians have given up the struggle and thus do not think about that day. (1 Thess 5:1-4)

SONG #15 (G) - Verses 1, 2 – Christ Lives in me

III. The judgment day is a day of individual accountability

- A. Inspired Men use this fact to appeal to others for change. (Acts 17:31; Heb 9:27)
- B. This day will be before all men, but individual in nature. (Rom 14:10-14)
- C. We will appear before God's throne. (Rev 20:11-15)
 - 1. The words of Christ will judge us. (John 12:48)
 - 2. How would we view God's word if we could see the judgment scene?

SONG #283 Verses 1, 3 – There's a Great Day Coming

- D. All of our works will be made known. (Rev 14:13)
 - 1. There will be no error. It all will come out. (1 Thess 5:24-25)
 - 2. Every Idle word will be judged! (Matt 12:34-36)
 - 3. God's judgment will be right. What does this mean for you?
 - 4. Elders will give an account. So will all of us, preachers, teachers, husbands, wives, etc. (Heb 13:17)
- E. We will go to one of two destinies. (Rom 2:1-9; Matt 25:46)
 - 1. God will not be partial.
 - 2. There will be no successful appeal.

D. The lost who have had greater opportunity will suffer more. (Luke 12:47-48)

SONG # 284 - Verses 1, 3 – What Will Your Answer Be?

IV. What kind of person then should I be?

- A. How would you answer Peter's question in verse 11? (2 Peter 3:10-11)
- B. We will major in mercy and compassion. (James 2:13)
- C. We will be urgent to see all men see the truth. (2 Cor 5:10-11; 4:13-14)

SONG # 555 - Verses 1, 3 - Into Our Hands

D. I will Have a clear understanding of the blood of Christ. (Heb 9:12-14)

SONG # 289 - Verse 1 – When I See the Blood

E. I will live a life of assurance. (1 John 5:13)

1. If you were to die today, would you be ready to meet God?

2. A Christian's life is a joyful, committed life. (1 John 3:1-3)

Conclusion: Commit your life to God now. (2 Cor 6:2)

A. The word commitment however suggests a price to be paid! (Luke 14:28-30)

B. In eternity this price will seem as nothing. What is worth more than your soul?

SONG # 266 - Verse 1, 2 – Have You Counted the Cost?