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### **The Day of Judgment**

"Don't get involved with the judgment of this world. Only God has the final judgment." – G. Batiste

"There are only two days on my calendar...today and the day of judgment." – Martin Luther

"At the Day of Judgment, we shall not be asked what we have read, but what we have done." – Thomas a Kempis

"The only judgment that truly matters is the final judgment." – Richard Patterson

"Everyone's saying, 'Only God can judge me,' forgetting that one day He will." – unknown

The Day of Judgment is virtually unknown even among religious people. The modern concept that is embraced is, "As long as I am morally good, I will go to Heaven."

As Paul stood on Mars Hill and saw the idolatry of the city of Athens, in his exhortation he said, "Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent, because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man Whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead" (Acts 17:30-31). "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad. Knowing therefore, the terror of the Lord, we persuade men..." (2 Cor. 5:10-11).

Jesus too spoke of that day. "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only" (Matt. 24:36). "Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming" (Matt. 24:42). "Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect" (Matt. 24:44). (Compare also Matthew 25)

The Hebrew writer states, "And it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment" (Heb. 9:27). Clearly this is not just some idea or concept that someone dreamed up, but a true day and hour in which the Lord will return to judge the world.

We not only do ourselves a disservice when we pretend that there is no judgment, but we hurt our family, friends, neighbors, etc. when we don't warn them of the impending Day of Judgment.

Strange, we will go to heroic measures if someone's house is on fire to save them. Perhaps pull them from a raging river, or from some precipice in which their very life is in peril. Yet when it comes to the Day of Judgment, we remain silent.