

## Why Judgment - cont.

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together, but God wants there to be a formal separation of all mankind.

- Second, all mankind must give an account to God of the deeds done in the body (Matthew 12:36-37; Romans 14:12; 1 Peter 4:5). Right now people do their deeds without giving anyone an account. One day, that will change.
- Third, all evil angels, including the Devil, must be punished (Matthew 25:41; 2 Peter 2:4; Jude 6; Revelation 20:10). God wants there to be a formal sentencing of these angels.
- Finally, all of God's righteous and honorable acts must be vindicated (Jude 15; Revelation 6:9-11; 19:1-2). God wants to proclaim to all mankind on one day that he is right, he is true, he is fair and just, and he holds everyone accountable.

When Paul preached to Felix about the judgment day, he trembled (Acts 24:15). Are you trembling, knowing that a judgement day is coming? Are you ready for that great day to come (2 Timothy 4:6; Revelation 19:7; 22:1)? If not, get ready today. All of us will be there! - *Chris Reeves*

## - Thought of the Week -

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I am told so often in my culture that I need make sure that I am happy. I am told to take care of my own personal happiness - to assure that I am happy each day. While there is some truth to this, it is also true that I need to work to please others. Jesus did not please himself, but others (Romans 15:3). Knowing this, I will work hard this week to please someone else around me.

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For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.  
- 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 -

# Why Is There A Coming Judgment Day?

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We are told several places in the Bible that there is a coming judgment day. Jesus is coming again and a judgment day for all will follow. But, why is there going to be a judgment day?

If God already knows who is righteous and who is wicked, and he does, then why is he going to have a judgment day? Why not just automatically send the righteous to heaven and the wicked to hell without a judgment day? This a good question and we will look to God's word for the answer.

We are told in the Bible that there is going to be a coming judgment day. Here are a few scriptures:

*And I say unto you, that every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment.*  
- Matthew 12:36 -

*Inasmuch as he hath appointed a day in 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 17:31 -

*but after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasure up for thyself wrath in*

*the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God;*  
- Romans 2:5 -

*in the day when God shall judge the secrets of men, according to my gospel, by Jesus Christ.*  
- Romans 2:16 -

*the Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptation, and to keep the unrighteous under punishment unto the day of judgment;*  
- 2 Peter 2:9 -

*but the heavens that now are, and the earth, by the same word have been stored up for fire, being reserved against the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men.*  
- 2 Peter 3:7 -

*Herein is love made perfect with us, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as he is, even so are we in this world.*  
- 1 John 4:17 -

*And angels that kept not their own principality, but left their proper habitation, he hath kept in everlasting bonds under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.*  
- Jude 6 -

The above passages teach us some important lessons about the coming judgment day. We learn about...

- The judge, who is Jesus (Acts 10:42; 17:30-31; 2 Corinthians 5:10; 2 Timothy 4:1,8).
- The judged, who are all mankind (John 5:27-29; Acts 24:15).
- The standard of judgment, which is God's' words (John 12:48; Romans 2:16; Revelation 20:11-15).
- The trial, which is a account of mankind's thoughts and actions (Romans 2:16; 1 Corinthians 4:5; 2 Corinthians 5:10; 1 Peter 1:17).
- The sentence, which is either heaven for the righteous or hell for the wicked (Matthew 25:46; Romans 2:5-11; 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-10; 2 Peter 3:7,13).

The Bible also teaches us that judgment is certain (Hebrews 9:27) and the destiny of the dead is fixed (Luke 16:19-31). But, if the destiny of some is already fixed, why have a judgment day? Here is why...

- First, all living people must be separated and sentenced to their eternal destiny (Matthew 13:24ff; 25:31ff). Right now everyone lives