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no second chance (Matt. 25:1-13). In the Parable, when the bridegroom returned, they that were ready entered the feast and the doors were shut and could not be reopened. The unprepared wanted them to be opened so that they could come into the feast (which represents heaven), but they could not be opened for anyone. Noah's ark is an example of this judgment. Men had time, plenty of time, to come into the ark, but once the doors were shut by God they could not be opened again as judgment began and the rains came. Today we to enter the "ark" of Christ (His body the church) and one day the door of entrance shall be shut. What side of that door shall we be on when that day shall come, on the inside or outside? Since we know not when it may come, what side of that door would you be on if judgment was right now? Make ready.

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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 -

Guest Article: Tell Us Plainly About the Judgment by Steve Monts

The Bible speaks of a great and terrible day. The Judgment Day is that day. For some it will be a great day, the best day they have ever known. For others it will be a terrible day, the worst day they have ever known. And we know not when that day shall come. Jesus says, "Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour" (Matt. 25:13). It will come when man is least expecting it, like a thief breaking into your house at night. "The day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night" (2 Pet. 3:10). Those who have prepared for that day will not be taken unaware. However, for the unprepared majority it will come too early and they will be lost eternally.

Our bodies will be transformed. I Thess. 4:16 says there shall be a great sound and the Lord shall return and the faithful that are dead shall rise first and meet the Lord in the air. We who

remain alive shall also meet the Lord in the air. The unfaithful shall see the Lord return with his holy angels in flaming fire taking vengeance (2) Thess. 1:7-8). All shall be changed as our mortal bodies shall be transformed into immortal bodies (I Cor. 15:51-53). We will be given bodies that cannot die nor be destroyed. These bodies shall not be fleshly and imperfect, for flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God (I Cor. 15:50). They shall be perfect bodies with none of the current imperfections. We shall remember and feel and live forever (Lk. 16:24-25). The questions are, what shall we remember and feel? And, where shall we live forever? The Realm of the Dead. The Haden realm that contained all those that passed away shall give up its dead (Rev. 20:13). And all shall be judged by the books that God revealed (Rev. 20:12). The empty, no longer needed Haden realm will be the first to taste the fires of Hell and there it shall be destroyed (Rev. 20:14). Then all those that were not found in the book of life shall be

thrown into that fire (Rev. 20:15).

How will we be judged? 2 Cor. 5:10 says we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. Judgment shall be swift and true. Those that have been under the Old Testament who lived by faith and obedience will have been pardoned from their sins by the blood of Jesus (Heb. 9:15). We who have lived under the gospel shall be judged if we obeyed the plan of salvation. Those that had heard the word (Rom. 10:17), believed in Christ (Jn. 8:24), repented of their sins (Lk. 13:3) and confessed their faith in Christ (Rom. 10:9-10), and were baptized for forgiveness of their sins (Mk. 16:16), and then lived faithfully to the New Testament (2 Tim. 1:13, Rev. 2:10) shall be welcomed into Heaven (2 Tim. 4:6-8).

No second chance. The parable of the 10 virgins shows us that once the day comes there is