

The Gospel According to John

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1. Last week, I taught Joh 7:1-23 by way of the *Doctrine of the Millennium*. When the clock tolled 8:30 P.M. I was in the process of teaching Joh 7:24 by way of the *Doctrine of Judgments*.
2. Before we continue our categorical study of judgments, I want to give you opportunity to use 1Jo 1:9 as may or may not be necessary.
3. I want to review some of that learned last week and then begin new material on page three.

The Doctrine of Judgments

Introduction

1. The Scriptures anticipate a coming judgment by God on all men. Such was the expectation of the Psalmist as he wrote Psa 96:13.

Psa 96:11 Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; let the sea resound, and all that is in it;

Psa 96:12 let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them. Then all the trees of the forest will sing for joy;

Psa 96:13 they will sing before the LORD, for he comes, he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples in his truth.

2. Paul confirms the same in Acts 17:31. All judgment has been committed to Christ Jesus. (Joh 5:22-24)

Acts 17:31 For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to all men by raising him from the dead."

Joh 5:22 For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son:

Joh 5:23 That all men should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him.

Joh 5:24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

The Subject of Judgment

1. The subject of judgment is a large one and encompasses several specific actions on the part of the Lord Jesus Christ.

- There is a judgment of the cross.

2Co 5:21 God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Heb 9:26 Then Christ would have had to suffer many times since the creation of the world. But now he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of himself.

Heb 9:27 Just as man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment,

Heb 9:28 so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many people; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.

Heb 10:10 And by that will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

- There is a judgment of the believer in time.

1Co 11:31 But if we judged ourselves, we would not come under judgment.

1Co 11:32 When we are judged by the Lord, we are being disciplined so that we will not be condemned with the world.

- There is a judgment of the believer's production at the Bema.

1Co 3:11 For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ.

1Co 3:12 If any man builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw,

1Co 3:13 his work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each man's work.

1Co 3:14 If what he has built survives, he will receive his reward.

1Co 3:15 If it is burned up, he will suffer loss; he himself will be saved, but only as one escaping through the flames.

2. It will behoove us to consider the four judgments which have eschatological implications under a single heading.

Eschatological Judgments

- There is a judgment of the nation Israel.

Eze 20:37 I will take note of you as you pass under my rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant.

Eze 20:38 I will purge you of those who revolt and rebel against me.

Although I will bring them out of the land where they are living, yet they will not enter the land of Israel. Then you will know that I am the LORD.

Zec 13:8 In the whole land," declares the LORD, "two-thirds will be struck down and perish; yet one-third will be left in it.

Zec 13:9 This third I will bring into the fire; I will refine them like silver and test them like gold. They will call on my name and I will answer them; I will say, 'They are my people,' and they will say, 'The LORD is our God.'"

Dan 12:1 "At that time Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then. But at that time your people -- everyone whose name is found written in the book -- will be delivered.

Dan 12:2 Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt.

Dan 12:3 Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.

- The nations are judged when Christ returns.

Mat 25:31 "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his throne in heavenly glory.

Mat 25:32 All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.

Mat 25:33 He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

Mat 25:34 "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world.

Mat 25:35 For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in,

Mat 25:36 I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'|

Mat 25:37 "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink?

Mat 25:38 When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you?

Mat 25:39 When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'

Mat 25:40 "The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'

Mat 25:41 "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.

Mat 25:42 For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink,

Mat 25:43 I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.'

Mat 25:44 "They also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?'

Mat 25:45 "He will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.'

Mat 25:46 "Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

Isa 34:1 Come near, you nations, and listen; pay attention, you peoples! Let the earth hear, and all that is in it, the world, and all that comes out of it!

Isa 34:2 The LORD is angry with all nations; his wrath is upon all their armies. He will totally destroy them, he will give them over to slaughter.

Joe 3:11 Come quickly, all you nations from every side, and assemble there. Bring down your warriors, O LORD!

Joe 3:12 "Let the nations be roused; let them advance into the Valley of Jehoshaphat, for there I will sit to judge all the nations on every side.

Joe 3:13 Swing the sickle, for the harvest is ripe. Come, trample the grapes, for the winepress is full and the vats overflow -- so great is their wickedness!"

Joe 3:14 Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision! For the day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision.

Joe 3:15 The sun and moon will be darkened, and the stars no longer shine.

Joe 3:16 The LORD will roar from Zion and thunder from Jerusalem; the earth and the sky will tremble. But the LORD will be a refuge for his people, a stronghold for the people of Israel.

- Fallen angels are judged.

Jude 1:6 And the angels who did not keep their positions of authority but abandoned their own home--these he has kept in darkness, bound with everlasting chains for judgment on the great Day.

Rev 20:1 And I saw an angel coming down out of heaven, having the key to the Abyss and holding in his hand a great chain.

Rev 20:2 He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil, or Satan, and bound him for a thousand years.

Rev 20:3 He threw him into the Abyss, and locked and sealed it over him, to keep him from deceiving the nations anymore until the thousand years were ended. After that, he must be set free for a short time.

Rev 20:7 When the thousand years are over, Satan will be released from his prison

Rev 20:8 and will go out to deceive the nations in the four corners of the earth -- Gog and Magog -- to gather them for battle. In number they are like the sand on the seashore.

Rev 20:9 They marched across the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of God's people, the city he loves. But fire came down from heaven and devoured them.

Rev 20:10 And the devil, who deceived them, was thrown into the lake of burning sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet had been thrown. They will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

- There is a judgment of all unbelievers at the Great White Throne.

Rev 20:11 Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. Earth and sky fled from his presence, and there was no place for them.

Rev 20:12 And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books.

Rev 20:13 The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and each person was judged according to what he had done.

Rev 20:14 Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death.

Rev 20:15 If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

3. The eschatological judgments are to determine who will go into the Millennium with King Jesus and who will be placed in Sheol.

Conclusion

1. Clearly, this doctrine is an overview of the subject, therefore, it should be studied in conjunction with the *Doctrine of Sheol* and the *Doctrine of the Bema*.

2. Now let's see what we can learn from Joh 7:25-29.

Joh 7:25 At that point some of the people of Jerusalem began to ask, "Isn't this the man they are trying to kill?"

Joh 7:26 Here he is, speaking publicly, and they are not saying a word to him. Have the authorities really concluded that he is the Christ?

Joh 7:27 But we know where this man is from; when the Christ comes, no one will know where he is from."

Joh 7:28 Then Jesus, still teaching in the temple courts, cried out, "Yes, you know me, and you know where I am from. I am not here on my own, but he who sent me is true. You do not know him,

Joh 7:29 but I know him because I am from him and he sent me."

3. Why did the Jews attending the Feast of Tabernacles say "Isn't this the man ... we know?"

4. The best way to begin our study of these verses is to look at the *Doctrine of Jesus*.

Doctrine of Jesus

1. Introduction:

"Here was a man who was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman. He grew up in another obscure village, where He worked in a carpenter shop until he was thirty and for three-years He was an itinerant preacher. He never wrote a book. He never held an office. He never owned a home. He never had a family. He never went to college. He never put His foot inside a big city. He never traveled two hundred miles from the place where He was born. He never did one of the things that usually accompany greatness. He had no credentials but Himself. He had nothing to do with the world except the naked power of His Divine manhood. While He was still a young man the tide of public opinion turned against Him. His friends ran away. One of them denied Him. He was turned over to His enemies. He went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed to a cross between two thieves. His executioners gambled for the only piece of property He had on earth while He was dying--and that was His coat. When He was dead, He was taken down and laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend. Nineteen wide centuries have come and gone and today He is the centerpiece of the human race and the leader of the column of progress. I am far within the mark when I say that all the armies that ever marched, and all the navies that were ever built, and all the parliaments that ever sat, all the kings that ever reigned, put together have not affected the life of man upon this earth as powerfully as that One Solitary Life."

2. Jesus Christ is unique in several respects, not the least of which is the fact that in Him alone centers the gospel of the grace of God.

3. He has changed the face of history, for in Him eternity has invaded time, God became a man, and human life has achieved through His propitiation a significance that lifts it above the natural order of things making possible fellowship and service to God.

4. Some philosophers may be inclined to deny His power to propitiate God, reconcile man and redeem us from sin on the grounds that the gulf between God and man is too great to be bridged in a single being.

4.1 Some may say the elements involved are too discrete to be combined in a unified personality.

4.2 Yet the Gospels present just such a personality.

4.3 One has the choice between supposing a literary miracle based on fantasy or accepting an historical miracle which is based on far more historicity than secular history at its best.

5. Most historians when cornered feel that it is true that they cannot dismiss Jesus Christ as unhistorical, in view of the substantial character of the evidence, but nevertheless some acknowledge misgivings as to the factuality of many elements of His story.

6. Though Jesus wrote nothing for posterity, He gave assurance to His closest followers that the Spirit of God would have a peculiar part in His ministry--the bringing to remembrance the things that Jesus had said.

Joh 14:26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

7. Even apart from supernatural aid the disciples could never forget the stirring scenes they had shared with the Master.

7.1 Some incidents involved Jesus alone, such as the temptation, but there is no reason to suppose that He would have refrained from informing them of what transpired.

7.2 A total understanding however of the nuances of the respective ages had to await the glorification of Christ and the coming ministry of God the Holy Spirit.

8. The Gospels have not been arranged in chronological order.

8.1 The book of Mark provides the best indication of a chronological order.

9. The setting for this greatest of all lives is the land of Palestine at a time when Rome had established her sovereignty over much of the Near East.

9.1 Government officials, military men and tax gatherers were constant and unpleasant reminders that Israel was not totally free.

9.2 Restlessness, at least among the Zealots, was gradually building up toward open revolt.

9.3 Although Jesus spent His days on earth under the Roman eagle, His life was far more heavily influenced by His Jewish inheritance.

9.4 Born of a Jewish mother, nurtured in a home of piety and possibly of near poverty, encouraged to love the Scriptures, trained in the worship and instruction of the synagogue, Jesus grew spiritually, physically and intellectually.

9.5 The readiness with which He could quote Scripture and the appropriateness of His references to it testify to His prolonged and thoughtful study.

9.6 His boyhood development along this line is hidden from us; but this much is clear, that He turned to the Old Testament parchments not only for spiritual nourishment but also to find the indication of His own mission.

End Lesson

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