

The Judgment Day

Acts 17:30, 31

Introduction:

- A. How are you at keeping appointments?
 - 1. Late?
 - 2. No show?
- B. One appointment made by God that we will all keep.
 - 1. Not a day to determine destiny – already determined by then.
 - 2. Not a day for arguing our case.
 - 3. A day of thorough accounting (Matt. 12:36)
 - 4. A day of formal sentencing.
- C. Our text reveals 3 facts about the judgment day.

Discussion:

I. Everyone Will Be Judged.

- A. Includes all men everywhere (v. 30; cf. 2 Cor. 5:10-11)
- B. Includes all from Adam to those “alive and remaining..” (Cf. 2 Thess 4:15)
- C. Includes all we know or have heard about – Washington, Lincoln, Clinton, Bush, Hitler, etc.
- D. Include all in your family and you.

II. Everyone Will Be Judged Personally.

- A. Each must repent (v. 30; Acts 2:38)
- B. Each accounts of his actions (2 Cor. 5:10; Rev. 20:13)
 - 1. Not by groups: Nations, communities, families, congregations (cf. Rev. 3:4)
 - 2. Not by proxy: No one will stand in for you.

III. Everyone Will Be Judged Righteously (v. 31 - “in righteousness”)

- A. By a righteous judge (2 Tim. 4:8).
 - 1. Unaffected by wealth, race, politics or pressure groups.
 - 2. Unaffected by greatness or smallness (Rev. 20:12)
- B. By a righteous standard (John 12:48).
 - 1. Not asked to live by one standard and judged by another (cf. Unfair teacher’s test)
 - 2. Not reading one way now, another then (cf. Heb 11:6; Acts 17:30; Rom. 10:10; Mk. 16:16)
- C. Given a righteous verdict (2 Thess. 1:6-8).
 - 1. Everlasting life for the saved. (cf. Matt. 25:34)
 - 2. Everlasting fire for the lost (cf. Matt. 25:41)

Conclusion:

- A. How will you stand on judgment day?
- B. How important will things that keep you from being prepared?