

THE DAY OF THE LORD – THE DAY OF JUDGEMENT

Part 3 The Second Coming of Jesus Christ

WE ARE TEACHING ABOUT THE SECOND COMING OF JESUS BECAUSE IT IS IMMINENT AND GOD HAS A PLACE & A PLAN FOR YOU IN THESE END TIMES.

THE DAY OF THE LORD IS IMMINENT.

In our last message, two weeks ago, we established that the phrase, '**The Coming of The Lord**' and '**The Day of The Lord**' are two different events referring to two different times of the Second Coming of Our Lord Jesus.

At that time, we focused upon '**The Coming of The Lord**' which is the specific time that Jesus comes back ... stands in the clouds of heaven ... and calls for His people to come to Himself. It is a time when, without warning, The Dead in Christ will rise and **we will be instantly changed and caught up to meet Jesus in The Air** and we will be with Him forever. (1 Thessalonians 4:16-17)

Jesus said, '*I will come again and receive you to myself that where I am there you may also be.*' (John 14:3)

THIS IS DIFFERENT TO '**THE DAY OF THE LORD**' which we will speak about today.

'**THE DAY OF THE LORD**' is a time of chaos ... disaster ... of great tribulation ... and judgement .

Joel 2:1-2 NIV **SLIDE**

*Blow the trumpet (Shofar) in Zion; **sound the alarm** on my holy hill. Let all who live in the land tremble, **for the day of the LORD is coming. It is close at hand**—²a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and blackness ...*

Hebrews 10:37 KJV

For yet a little while and He that shall come will come, and will not tarry.

Malachi 4:1-2 BSB

For behold, **the day is coming**, burning like a furnace, when all the arrogant and every evildoer will be stubble; **the day is coming** when I will set them ablaze," says the LORD of Hosts. Not a root or branch will be left to them. ²But for you who fear My name [The Believer], the sun of

righteousness [an event not a person] will rise with healing [deliverance] in its [her] wings and you will go out and leap like calves from the stall.

'WHAT' MORE THAN 'WHEN'

Whenever the subject of The End of Days or The Second Coming of Jesus is inquired about ... most people want to know **'WHEN'**.

Look at the inquiry of The Disciples to Jesus –

Matthew 24:3 NKJ

*... Tell us **WHEN** will these things will be and what will be The Sign of Your coming, and of the end of The Age?'*

The Thessalonians also wanted to know **WHEN** ...

BUT WHAT I SEE JESUS & PAUL, & INDEED PETER, TALKING ABOUT, IS NOT SO MUCH ABOUT 'WHEN' THIS IS GOING TO HAPPEN BUT MORE, 'WHAT' IS GOING TO HAPPEN.

THE DAY OF THE LORD

SO TODAY ... I WOULD LIKE TO TALK ABOUT WHAT IS GOING TO HAPPEN ON 'THE DAY OF THE LORD'.

This is quite a complex topic and not as simple as some people say it is.

Let's start here ...

THE FIRST THING WE SEE ABOUT THE DAY OF THE LORD IS: IT IS NOT JUST A SINGLE DAY ... BUT A SERIES OF TIMES & EVENTS ...

ALL MAKING UP THIS TERRIBLE, GREAT DAY OF THE LORD.

1 Thessalonians 5:1-2 BSB **SLIDE**

*Now about **the times and seasons** brothers, we do not need to write to you. ²For you are fully aware that **the Day of the Lord** will come like a thief in the night.*

Notice the words: 'Times' and 'seasons' are both plural

Times = **Chronos** – A space of time – not an exact moment

Seasons = **Kairon** – Occasions or events

(Acts 1:7 uses the same phrase when we are told we will not know **the specific times of the events ... Plural**)

So 'The Day of The Lord is not just a single event, but many events. These many events make up 'the Day of the Lord', but they are all negative events – destructive events ...

THEY INCLUDE:

SLIDE The time when the world's most evil person – the anti-Christ – will be revealed along with another deceptive and evil person called the false prophet ...

This is the time of the abomination of desolation

SLIDE The time of the Great Tribulation ... the total collapse of the world's economy ... utter chaos ... cataclysmic events such as stars falling from heaven – the moon turning to blood ... and then the day of the wrath of God being unleashed in plagues upon the nations ...

SLIDE IT IS THE TIME OF THE FINAL JUDGEMENT OF THE NATIONS, THE LIVING & THE DEAD.

SO, IT IS THAT LAST POINT, 'THE FINAL JUDGEMENT OF THE NATIONS', THAT I WISH TO SPEAK TO YOU ABOUT TODAY; THE FINAL JUDGEMENT, WHICH I BELIEVE IS THE CULMINATION OF THAT TIME CALLED 'THE DAY OF THE LORD'.

Acts 17:31 NKJ

... He has appointed a day on which He will judge the [whole] world in righteousness ...

Matthew 25:31-32 NIV **SLIDE**

When the Son of Man comes in His glory and all the angels with Him, He will sit on His glorious throne. ³²All 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.

NB: THIS IS NOT A PARABLE BUT A TEACHING ... Jesus uses a Metaphor of Sheep and Goats to describe the two natures of all people and to explain His Actions dividing them.

NB: THIS JUDGEMENT IS NOT IN HEAVEN ... THIS IS ON THE EARTH ...

JESUS COMES AND SETS UP HIS THRONE OF GLORY AND HE WILL JUDGE ALL THE PEOPLES OF THE WORLD.

WHO ARE THESE PEOPLE?

The safest way to consider "all the nations" is, the whole race of men and women who, dead and living, small and great, Jew and Gentile, shall all stand before God to be judged according to their works. (See [Revelation 20:11-13](#) below). Pulpit Commentary

2 Timothy 4:1 NKJ

*... The Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge **the living and the dead** at His appearing ...*

Revelation 20:11 Berean Literal Bible **SLIDE (Revelation 20:11-12)**

And I saw a great white throne and the One sitting on it, from whose face the earth and heaven fled, and no place was found for them.

'The Earth and Sky vanished' means (I believe) that they vanished in The Light of His blinding Glory ... vanished into the background ... and no place of prominence was found for them ...

Revelation 20:12 BSB

*And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne. And there were open books, and one of them was the Book of Life. And **the dead were judged according to their deeds**, as recorded in the books.*

Revelation 20:13 BLB

And the sea gave up the dead who were in it; and death and Hades gave up the dead who were in them; and each of them were judged according to their works.

NB: THESE ARE THE UNBELIEVING DEAD NOT THE 'DEAD IN CHRIST' ...

BECAUSE IF YOU REMEMBER, 'THE DEAD IN CHRIST' HAVE ALREADY BEEN RAISED AND ARE NOW WITH JESUS.

(1 Thessalonians 4:16-17)

NB: This Day of Judgement is after 'The Catching away' ...

THIS IS SEVERE JUDGEMENT WITHOUT MERCY

THE TITLE FOR ALL THESE EVENTS, INCLUDING THE FINAL JUDGEMENT IS 'THE DAY OF THE LORD' ... BECAUSE IT IS THE END OF 'MAN'S DAY' or THE 'DAY OF MAN'.

PRESENTLY WE ARE ALIVE IN THE WORLD OF 'MAN'S DAY', OR THE DAY OF THE GENTILES ...

Luke 21:24 and Romans 11:25 speak of 'the Times of The Gentiles' and 'the Fullness of The Gentiles'.

IT IS THE DAY GOD HAS ALLOCATED TO REACH THE ENTIRE GENTILE NATIONS WITH THE GOSPEL AND BRING THEM INTO CHRIST ...

IN THESE TIMES IN WHICH *WE LIVE* ...

Jesus began 'THE ACCEPTABLE YEAR OF THE LORD' (Isaiah 61:2)

AND SINCE THEN ...

- **GOD HOLDS BACK HIS JUDGEMENT** AND ANGER AT THE ATROCITIES OF THE PEOPLES OF THE WORLD ...
- **GOD RENEWS HIS MERCY** EVERY MORNING (Lamentations 3:22-23) SO THE PEOPLE OF EARTH WILL NOT BE DESTROYED
- **GOD REACHES OUT DAY & NIGHT TO MANKIND** ... RECEIVING ALL THOSE WHO BOW THE KNEE TO HIM
- **GOD WARNS ALL MANKIND** THROUGH NATURAL DISASTERS WHICH ARE NOT JUDGEMENTS BUT WARNINGS

THESE ARE THE DAYS OF GRACE FOR THE WORLD

But there will be an end of the time of the Gentiles when the Day of the Lord and the Day of Judgement come in ...

The Day of the Gentiles will finish on 'the Day of the Lord' and when The Church is Caught away to Heaven.

THE WORLD NOW IS IN THE AGE OF 'GRACE' ... THE ACCPTABLE YEAR OF THE LORD ...

IT IS NOT THE DAY OF JUDGEMENT

'His Mercies are renewed every morning' ...

But judgement is reserved for a time to come ...

And that time is 'THE DAY OF THE LORD'

IS IT THE BEGINNING OF THE END NOW?

THE DAY OF THE LORD' IS THE END OF GRACE FOR THE WORLD.

THERE IS NO MERCY HERE / THERE IS NO GRACE HERE

Grace has finished and 'His mercies' which have been renewed every morning since the fall of man **will no more be renewed.**

Judgement has arrived.

Every wrong deed and wrong thought must be accounted for and God has kept record of the smallest and greatest wrongs which will be revealed on the day of judgement.

Ecclesiastes 12:14 NIV **SLIDE**

*For God will bring **every deed** into judgment, including every **hidden thing**, whether it is good or evil.*

Isaiah 13:9 New American Standard Bible

*Behold, **the day of the Lord** is coming, Cruel, with fury and burning anger, to make the land a desolation; and He will exterminate its sinners from it.*

Every famous person ...

Every world leader ...

Every politician will be judged ...

Those who have lied to gain the vote - who promised but lied - will be exposed and judged without excuse.

All government agencies will be there – FBI / CIA / MI5 / MI6

All media moguls will be there ... and social media people ...

All Hollywood actors will be there ...

There is a judgement coming and **all people** will be held accountable **for every deed, thought and word** ... without excuse.

ALL RELIGIOUS PEOPLE WILL BE THERE ...

Jesus said speaking to The Pharisees who were preaching false doctrine

Matthew 12:36 NKJ **SLIDE**

*... I say to you that for every **idle word** men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment.*

Every false doctrine / man made philosophy

BUT THERE IS GOOD NEWS FOR THE BORN-AGAIN BELIEVER

There is a way of escape in our Lord Jesus Christ – the only way

1 Thessalonians 5:9-10 BSB **SLIDE**

*For **God has not appointed us [believers] to suffer wrath**, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁰He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with Him.*

NB: THIS IS NOT GOD EXCUSING OUR SIN.
GOD NEVER EXCUSES

GOD DOESN'T EXCUSE SIN ...
GOD FORGIVES SIN

And the only reason God forgives our sins is because Our Lord Jesus suffered The Judgement for our sin on The Cross.

SLIDE JESUS HAS ALREADY SUFFERED JUDGEMENT FOR YOU
SO YOU CAN BE FREE ON THE DAY OF JUDGEMENT

Isaiah 53:4-5 KJV&NKJ

*Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem Him **stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted [Judged]**.
⁵ But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed.*

Dear friends, now In Christ we have already escaped 'The Final Judgement'.

Hallelujah!

John 5:24 NKJ **SLIDE**

*Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and **shall not come into judgment, but has [already] passed from death into life.***

1 John 4:16-17 BSB **SLIDE**

... We have come to know and believe the love that God has for us ... ¹⁷In this way, love has been perfected among us, so that we may have confidence on the day of judgment; for in this world we are just like Him.

2 Peter 2:9 BSB

... The Lord knows how to rescue the godly from trials and to hold the unrighteous for punishment on the day of judgment

1 Corinthians 1:8 BSB

He will sustain you to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

THERE IS ANOTHER ASPECT ABOUT **THE DAY OF JUDGEMENT**
WHICH I FELT GOD WANTED ME TO SHARE

THE DAY OF VENGEANCE OF OUR GOD

Isaiah 61:2

... *The day of Vengeance of Our God* ...

Many people have benefited from crime ... many have killed innocent people without a thought for them ... many have shrugged off their sin and evil and have escaped prosecution all their lives ...

BUT THEY WILL NOT ESCAPE THE JUDGEMENT OF GOD ON THAT DAY ...

THERE HAVE BEEN MILLIONS OF ATROCITIES DONE BY EVIL PEOPLE WHICH GOD WILL AVENGE

Some examples being:

The massacre of the Lakota tribe of Indians at Wounded Knee where an estimated 300 Indians were innocently gunned down ... And twenty soldiers were awarded the Medal of Honor ...

BUT JUDGEMENT AWAITS THESE PEOPLE

The slaughter of aboriginals in the early days of Australia ...

The massacre of Indian people in The Punjab by British soldiers where it's estimated about 1,500 people peacefully protesting were gunned down and killed ...

THEIR BLOOD CRIES OUT TO BE AVENGED.

GOD WILL AVENGE THEM.

AND GOD WILL AVENGE YOU.

THIS IS THE DAY OF VENGEANCE

It is right to have a sense of justice

Revelation 6:9-11 BSB

*And when the Lamb opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the testimony they had upheld. ¹⁰ And they cried out in a loud voice, "How long, O Lord, holy and true, until You avenge our blood and judge those who dwell upon the earth?" ¹¹ Then each of them was given a white robe and told to *rest a little while longer, until the full number of their fellow servants, their brothers, were killed, just as they had been killed.**

NB: THE LORD DID NOT SAY, 'You should not have these desires!'

No friends ... there is a true sense of justice ... and a cry for justice.

IT IS RIGHT TO HAVE A SENSE OF JUSTICE ... BUT TO PUT IT INTO GOD'S HANDS

Avenge ([ekdikais](#)) To give justice over, avenge, vindicate ... retaliate, punish.

Luke 18:7 KJV

And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them?

Revelation 18:20 KJV

Rejoice over her, *thou* heaven and ye holy apostles and prophets; for God hath avenged you on her.

Genesis 4:10 BSB

"What have you done?" replied the LORD. "The voice of your brother's blood cries out to Me from the ground.

[Deuteronomy 32:43](#) BSB

Rejoice, O heavens, with Him, and let all God's angels worship Him. Rejoice, O nations, with His people; for **He will avenge the blood of His children**. He will take vengeance on His adversaries and repay those who hate Him; He will cleanse His land and His people.

[Psalm 79:10](#) BSB

Why should the nations ask, "Where is their God?" Before our eyes, make known among the nations **Your vengeance for the bloodshed of Your servants**.

WE DON'T REALLY UNDERSTAND GOD ... HIS VALUES

We get so used to God's love for us ... but don't consider that this love is not an insipid human love like the world teaches. It's not acceptance at any cost ... and tolerance of sin ... or excuse for sin

'GOD IS LOVE', BUT THIS 'AGAPE' LOVE REJOICES IN TRUTH & DOESN'T REJOICE IN INIQUITY (1 Corinthians 13:6)

Jesus was full of **Grace** and **Truth**. Grace does not cancel out Truth.

Psalm 96:13 NKJ

For He is coming, for He is coming to judge the earth. He shall judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with His truth [firmness]

CONSIDER THE LAMB THAT WAS SLAIN

WE KNOW JESUS AS *THE INNOCENT LAMB ... THE GENTLE LAMB ... BUT DO YOU KNOW THE WRATH OF THE LAMB?*

Revelation 6:16-17

*And they said to the mountains and the rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of the One seated on the throne, and from **the wrath of the Lamb.**"¹⁷ For the great day of Their wrath has come, and who is able to withstand it?"*

Here, Jesus doesn't come in humility – He comes in Glory
He doesn't come as a baby – He comes as The King of Kings
He doesn't come to die for Sin – He comes to Judge all sin

SLIDE HOW SHOULD WE BE?

- 1. Grateful** with reverent fear, for escaping The Wrath of God
- 2. Satisfied** that Justice will finally be done for all the atrocities that evil men and women have done in this world
- 3. Responsible** to tell all those we know who will not escape

1 Thessalonians 4:18 & 5:11 -

'Comfort one another with these words'

1 Corinthians 1:8 BSB **SLIDE**

*He will sustain you to the end, so that **you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.***

Supplementary

SO WHY ARE WE THERE AT THE JUDGEMENT ... THE SHEEP ...?

NB: THIS JUDGEMENT IS NOT GOD DECIDING WHO & WHY

PEOPLE ARE JUDGED

THIS IS GOD PRONOUNCING JUDGEMENT ...