

The last judgement

2 Thessalonians 1⁵⁻¹²

Righteousness is real & very relevant



Introduction

Separating the sheep from the goats (Matt 25³¹⁻⁴⁶)

The righteous judgement of God (1⁵)

The outcome for believers (1¹⁰)

Jesus is glorified in them

Jesus is marvelled at by them

The outcome for unbelievers (1⁸⁻⁹)

Those who do not know God & do not obey the gospel of the Lord Jesus

Inflicting vengeance

Suffering the punishment of eternal destruction

Separated from the presence of the Lord & the glory of His might

The implications for here & now (10^{5-7, 11-12})

Suffering for the kingdom is evidence of the judgement to come (1⁵)

God will repay with affliction those who afflict you (1⁶)

Relief is coming (1⁷)

God fulfilling our resolve for good (1¹¹)

The name of the Lord Jesus is glorified in you (1¹²)

Conclusion & Questions

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1. The day of judgement described

Who judges	God has appointed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness by Jesus Christ, ¹ to whom all power and judgment has been given by the Father. ²
Who is judged	In that day, not only the apostate angels shall be judged, ³ but also all persons who have ever lived upon the earth.
What is judged	They shall all appear before the tribunal of Christ: <ul style="list-style-type: none">● to give an account of their thoughts, words, and deeds; and● to receive according to what they have done in the body, whether good or evil.⁴

¹ Acts 17³¹.

² John 5^{22,27}.

³ 1 Cor 6³, Jude 6, 2 Pet 2⁴.

⁴ 2 Cor 5¹⁰, Ecc 12¹⁴, Rom 2¹⁶, 14^{10,12}, Matt 12³⁶⁻³⁷.

2. The day of judgement – its purpose & outcomes

Purpose	God's purpose in appointing this day is to manifest: <ul style="list-style-type: none">● the glory of His mercy - in the eternal salvation of the elect; and● the glory of His justice - in the damnation of the reprobate, who are wicked & disobedient.
Outcomes	On that day: <ul style="list-style-type: none">● the righteous shall go into everlasting life, and receive that fulness of joy and refreshing, which shall come from the presence of the Lord: but● the wicked (who do not know God & do not obey the gospel of Jesus Christ), shall be cast into eternal torments, and be punished with everlasting destruction, from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power.¹

¹ Matt 25³¹⁻⁴⁶, Rom 2⁵⁻⁶, 9²²⁻²³, Matt 25²¹, Acts 3¹⁹, 2 Thess 1⁷⁻¹⁰.

3. The day of judgement – its application now

Certain	Christ would have us to be certainly persuaded that there will be a day of judgment: <ul style="list-style-type: none">● to deter all men from sin; and● to give greater consolation to the godly in their adversity.¹
Unknown	Christ will have that day unknown to men, so that: <ul style="list-style-type: none">● they may shake off all carnal security, and● they may always be watchful, because they do not know at what hour the Lord will come; and● they may always be prepared to say, "Come Lord Jesus, come quickly. Amen."²

¹ 2 Pet 3^{11,14}, 2 Cor 5¹⁰⁻¹¹, 2 Thess 1⁵⁻⁷, Luke 21^{7,28}, Rom 8²³⁻²⁵.

² Matt 24^{36,42-44}, Mark 13³⁵⁻³⁷, Luke 12³⁵⁻³⁶, Rev 22²⁰.