

Begin with an End in View

God's Library Part 4

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Freedom of Choice is a remarkable gift of God! It can be both intoxicating and terrifying!

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מִשְׁפָּט mishpāt' A verdict. From shāpat': to vindicate or punish.

This Judgment is inevitable and universal!

Hebrews 9:27 *"as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:"*

Krisis: (kree'-sis) a decision about justice in light of divine law.

Every legitimate "judgment" implies there must be:

1. A **Judge** Daniel 7:9-10 *"I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, ... and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: the judgment was set, and the books were opened."*

A. Who is this "ancient of days"? Compare Dan. 7 with Rev. 1 **Jesus Christ!**

John 5:22 *"the Father ... hath committed all judgment unto the Son"*

Acts 10:42 *"he (Jesus) is he which was ordained of God to be the Judge of quick and dead."*

B. Who will he Judge?

1) The **Quick** Ep 2:1 *"you hath he quickened,"* Given new life through Christ! (2 Cor 5:17)

2 Corinthians 5:9-11 *"we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ;..."*

2) The **Dead** *"dead in trespasses and sins"* Eph. 2:1 (See Rev. 6:15-17 and Rev. 20:11-15)

Rev 20:11 *"I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: ... and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books."*

2. Accurate **evidence**. Rev. 20:12

"The dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books according to their works"

A. God is keeping careful and accurate records including our:

1) **Actions**: Pr. 15:3 *"The eyes of the Lord are in every place beholding the evil and the good"*

2) **Words**: Mt 12:36 *"I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment."*

3) **Thoughts**: Heb 4:12-13 *"the Word of God is ... a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart."*

Mt 10:26 *"there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; and hid, that shall not be known."*

B. God's "Evidence" locker will include a record of:

1) Our Disappointments: Ps 56:8 *"Thou tellest my wanderings... are they not in thy book?"*

- 2) Our Decisions: Mal. 3:16,17 *"and a book of remembrance was written before him ..."*
- 3) Our "Dreams" (Purposes or Value) Ps 139:16 *in thy book all [my members] were written"*
- 4) Our "Deeds" (Works) Rev. 20:12 *"Judged according to their works"* (also 2 Cor. 5:10)

3. A Consistent Standard (Laws) "Book of the Law" 263 x

A. The Meaning of God's Law:

- 1) "Law" Old Testament (tôrâ) Precept (*commandment*); Statute (*appointed boundary*)
 - a) "Commandments" (mišwâ) to charge or commit *From yârâ: point out, teach, aim at!*
- 2) New Testament (nom'os) Law (through the idea of prescriptive usage)
 - a) Related to "Commandments" ἐντολή (entolē) authoritative prescriptions

B. God's perfect "Law" reveals:

- 1) Our desperate condition as condemned by our sin! (Ro. 3:10,23)

Gal. 3:10 *'For as many as are under the works of the law are under the curse...for cursed is everyone that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them'*

James 2:10 *"whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all."*

Ro 3:19-20 *"that what things soever the law saith, it saith ... that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin."*

- 2) Our desperate need of Grace. Ps. 19:7 *The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul:"*

- a) The "conviction" it brings should bring us to repentance.

Gal 2:16 *"a man is not justified by the works of the law, ...for by the ...law shall no flesh be justified."*

Gal. 3:24 *'The law was our schoolmaster to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith'*

Justified: dikaioō (dik-ah-ya'-o) rendered innocent! Ro. 5:1

Conclusion:

God's Law Requires Justice! His "Truth" demands that his Law be upheld.

Ro 6:23 *"For the wages of sin is death"* Ez 18:20 *"The soul that sinneth, it shall die."*

His Grace made a way of pardon. Jn 1:14 *"We beheld his glory...full of Grace and Truth"*

Ps 85:9-10 *"Mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other. "*

His Pardon comes at the Price of Jesus' Sacrificial Death! (Ro. 5:8; Mt. 1:21; Ro. 6:23; 2 Cor. 5:21)

The only way to received God's Grace is to "receive" Christ. (Jn 1:12,13; 3:3, 18)

We all have the choice to either be "judged" by God's Law, or submit to God's Grace.

The only way to received God's Grace is through Christ. (Acts 4:12; Eph. 2:8-9)

Application: Begin with the "End" in view!

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vs. 11-14 *The words of the wise are as goads, and as nails fastened by the masters of assemblies, which are given from one shepherd...Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil."*