

raised him from the dead. The resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead is an absolute certain fact of history. It is not theological fiction, it is not a dream -- it is a fact.

Another thing to note here is the universality of this judgment. God hath appointed a day in which he will judge the world. It will be no class judgment, every man and woman on the face of the earth will have to face the judge in that day. Of course, all who are Christians and all who accept Christ as their Saviour and surrender to him as their Lord will be caught up to meet with him in the air. But the others will have to face the judge in that day. There will no be escaping that day.

Men often escape human courts. There is many a thief that has never been arrested. There is many a murderer that remains unharmed. But when God sends forth his officers together the people for the judgment day, they will have to come. And they will have to stay right there until their case is settled.

Men have often escaped - even preaching. When the preaching becomes too pointed - they get out and go out. And thus they escape the preacher. But you can't escape God that way. You will have to come there and will have to stay there until your case is decided.

He is going to judge the world in righteousness. How you would rejoice if every unbelieving infidel were in this meeting tonight. But most unbelievers would not dare to come. But there will be a meeting that every infidel will be there. There will be one meeting that every hypocritical church member will be at. There will be one meeting that every unpenitent sinner will be present. The meeting of Jesus Christ at the judgment bar of God.

That man who is sitting in this meeting tonight trying to make light of everything that I am saying. You will be there at that meeting. And you will not make light of it. You will be there face to face with Jesus Christ. That woman who will not attend church for any purpose - she will be there and will meet Christ at the judgment bar of God.

There are some meaningful matters that we ought to consider.

1- First, the judgment day is fixed. God said that he has appointed the day in which he will judge the world. I will tell you my friend tonight - that the judgment day is fixed. God knows when that judgment day is coming.

He has a plan and a program. He has fixed a definite day and all other plans and programs of men are being worked today. But they will be pushed aside in that day.

2- The second thing to note is there is the crowd that will be there. All mankind - every man that has been born of woman will be at the judgment bar of God on that day. The graves will give up their dead. The sea will give up the ones buried in it. The infant born but lived just a short while will be there. The man who lived to be the oldest man in all of history will be there. Both will meet at the judgment bar of God.

There will be a wonderful crowd, kings, emperors, the generals - the great and small. The free men will be there. Every man will be at the judgment bar of God. All nations and all people.

This Scripture says the rich and the great - in Revelation will cry that the mountains and the rocks will fall upon them. But God's power will uproot those

rocks and turn over those mountains and find every soul in the world, and bring them to the judgment bar of God. Rev. 6:14 & 17. And the Heaven was removed as a scroll when it is rolled together. And every mountain and island were moved out of their places. And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men and every bondsman, and every free men hid themselves in the dens and rocks of the mountains. And said to the mountains and rocks - fall on us and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne. And from the wrath of the lamb - for the great day of his wrath has come and who shall be able to stand.

This helps us to see that the day has been fixed. That there will be a great crowd there.

3- Another thing is, (the judge has been appointed) He is named in the Scripture and it is Jesus Christ, the lamb slain from before the foundation of the world. Jesus Christ, the one who died for us. The Scriptures are plain that Jesus was the creator of all things - and that he is the Saviour of all things. And that he sits tonight on the throne at the right hand of the Father. And in his hands are the controlling powers of this world.

I would like for us to think about that for a little while. It speaks of the wrath of the lamb - who we have studied about his mercy and about his tenderness and about his love. But the Scripture reveals that this lamb is also wrath at the judgment bar of God. He will be the judge. Jesus Christ, the one who loves us the most, will be the one to judge us.

4- Now another thing to notice is there will be a standard of judgment. The judge yonder in the courthouse tonight, when he delivers the charge to the jury, he had a standard to go by in delivering that charge. He has got to

remember the statutes of the state of Virginia, he has got to remember the Constitution of the United States, he has got to remember the laws of Chesapeake. And these are the standards by which the law is to be delivered and the evidence to be taken.

And so my friends, in God's great judgment, there is also a standard. We are to be judged by this (book) We are to be judged by the judgment bar of God, by the law layed down in God's word.

This Bible is the constitution of man's conduct. And I have got to be measured by the standards of righteousness set up in God's word. And when we have got to be judged by the standards of Christ-likeness - he is the standard. He is God's great measuring rod by which men's lives have to be judged, at the judgment bar.

No doubt you have heard people pray, (Lord give us justice) But as Spurgeon said, everything above Hell is mercy. So when we pray it ought not to be for justice. We want mercy. And yonder at the judgment our lives are going to be measured by the life of Jesus Christ. Whether we are in Christ or not. If you have not his righteousness as God's robe of righteousness around your mortal soul, then your righteousness must come up to the righteousness of God. Now can you stand that.

If we should call (the Saviour) tonight and let him stand here before you, has the world found any sin in him, in his thoughts, in his doctrine. In his life. No. But what about you. This judgment - our Lord will reveal himself. Each Christian will have to give a faithful and (accurate account) of himself.

✓ Each Christian will give an account of himself - you cannot give an account for me and I cannot give an account for you. You must give an account for yourself. We shall have to give a reason for what we did and for what we did not do. We shall have to tell him why we neglected his Holy Word. We will have to tell him why we did not exercise prayer. We shall have to tell him why we did not attend his house of worship. Why we did not meet our responsibilities.

Now you are going to have to tell him about your sins, your short comings, and your mistakes.

Now the only way to get rid of this from your soul is through confession. If we confess our sins he will be faithful and just to forgive us our sins. And to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Confessed sins will not appear at the judgment seat. Unconfessed sins will be revealed.

I wish that I could impress upon you as Christians the necessity of confession. The way of action is very simple. Confess all that is on your heart and soul and keep back nothing. Do not repent to justify yourself. Give up the idea of seeking an scapegoat for your own responsible failure. Tell the truth at all cost. Take your side with the Lord.

The Heavenly Father hears our intercession and our plea. If we confess our sins, the Father is faithful and just to forgive us our sins.

✓ Things will be adjusted by the Lord at the Judgment Day. All things will be righted and regulated. If any one owes you a debt, it will have to be acknowledged. If a Christian has wronged you in any fashion, hurt you by an idle word, or in the spreading of a false report - there will come an apology. It will be before the Host

of Heaven. And that is why God said, will thy bring thy gift to the altar - and there remember that thy brother hath ought against thee, leave here thy gift before the altar. First to be reconciled to thy brother. And then come and offer thy gift. Reconciliation and adjustment must be made here. How much more should we try to straighten out the crooked things and try to settle these things before we get to the judgment.

At judgment (no good thing) that you have ever done in the name of Christ and for his sake will ever be forgotten. When the Lord comes, he will bring to light the hidden things of darkness and make manifest the council of the heart. And then men shall really have the praise of God.

The (cup of cold water) given in his name. The right word in the fitting season. The hand clasp. All of this will be remembered.

Now the (Christian also will be rewarded) Those who are determined to be faithful. They will be permitted to enter and share the joy of the Lord. (What is the joy of the Lord?) The Bible tells us it is the joy that enabled him to endure the cross. Despising the shame as it is written. Who for the joy that was set before him, endured the cross, despising the shame.

What thank you was it that made him press forward to Jerusalem. In that awful pass-over time when he knew that he, himself, had been chosen the eternal victim. What was it that held him in that heart-breaking moment at the Last Supper. What was it that made him bend his will in Gethsemane, and drink the cup while he sweat drops of blood from his brow. What was it that sealed his lips in the hour of trial and withheld his power. Why did he not call and use the power that he had as his defense. What was it that led him to not call the 60,000 angels, that the Father was ready to give him - had he asked. Why did he hang on the cross.

Why did he give salvation to the repentent thief. What gave him the impulse and furnished him the strength to endure the cross.

There is but one answer - the joy that was set before him. This is the joy that he saw might be his on the other side of the cross. To take the place of the first man - becoming the second man that knew and the perfect.

This joy also enabled him to endure with patience his exile. Because of the Father's promise. After his resurrection and ascension, the Father said he was going to sit there at his right hand, til he should make his enemies his footstool and he promised that he would come back and sit on the holy hill of zion as king of the Jews. He was crucified as king of the Jews and he will come back and be enthroned as the king of the Jews and the Gentiles.

Consider what a joy it will be for him when he comes back as King. And sits upon his throne in Mt. Zion and administers righteousness and truth. Yes, we will have to pass that examination and we are invited to share that joy.

He will say, well done, thou good and faithful servant. Thou hath been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord. Here is plain language that our Lord will act as judge. And the faithful Christian will share this joy. It will be restricted to those who are faithful. The Lord will say, well done, faithful servant.

The Christian who shall not be found faithful will suffer loss. He cannot enter this joy of the Lord. Because he has nothing better than wood, hay, and stubble.

Some preachers, even some churches, may just be a rubbish heap. When men have

been fully judged. And the revelation is given. Everything under Heaven sometimes is preached, except the grace of God. We talk about the self-redemptive powers of man. Everywhere today the watchword is toleration. The right to think, the right to go and do as you please in matters of religion. We have today given away to the word of man and not the word of God. Many times we have taught goodness and not godliness. We have denied the diety of Christ. Men have denied the fact of sin. And people today are turning to all kinds of systems and miracle working things, and emotional experiences. And we have left the personal saviour, Jesus Christ. We are not using the Bible as the exclusive word of God. All sorts of means today are used to draw people. People do it with bands, ball games, lectures, motion pictures, ice cream suppers, entertainments, social club techniques, etc.

All this is wood, hay, and stubble. Like wood, hay, and stubble it is big and bulky. It gives the idea of being busy. Of being occupied. Of doing things. But like wood, hay, and stubble - the bigger the bulk, the bigger the bonfire it will make. For all such religious rubbish will be burned away on the day of the Lord. And there will be multitudes and churches who want to bring in members who show no signs of a change of life. Who give no evidence of spiritual insight in their life. In reality as lifeless as wood, hay, and stubble - and yet this swells the list of conversions. It makes a good numerical showing on the annual report. And it may be church rubbish - that added them to the church.

People, blind, blundering - as wood, hay, and stubble. The foolish and the deceived workers who have mistaken quantity for quality will in that hour when they stand at the judgment of Christ will be accused of unfaithfulness to their trust. And shall suffer loss.

None of these shall enter into and share the joy of the Lord. They cannot

take part in the Kingdom. Think of it. Would you, by blood, be redeemed partakers of divine nature, indwelt by the Holy Spirit, linked to the bosom of Christ - have the guarantee of salvation.

How can any Christian claiming this never do anything for him who has done all things for them. It is pitiful. Redeemed and doing nothing for Christ. All those will suffer loss, they shall miss the well done.

Now there are two or three other matters, that we ought to be concerned with.

First, the deeds done in the body. 2 Cor. 5:10. For we must all appear before the Judgment Seat of Christ, and everyone may receive the things done in his body - according to that which he hath done - whether it be good or bad. The deeds done in the body are the basis of that judgment. Now there are people that tell us that a man can die in sin and after he is dead, can have another probation, another chance to repent. That he may repent after his death and turn to God and be saved. But the Bible does not hold out such hope. That teaching contradicts the plain teaching of the word of God. Which says, the deeds done in the body - in the life that now is, are to determine the issues of eternity. That man tonight who is living in drunkenness, squandering his time, squandering his money and his manhood in a life of such as this will have to answer for it in that day.

That woman tonight who is living the life of pleasure - instead of living for the God who made her, and the Christ who died for her. She will have to answer for it in that day.

That man who professes to be a Christian - he will have to answer for that in that day - why he lives like the world.

The man who has goad his God, over reaching his neighbors in business - oppressing the employee, turning a deaf ear to the cry of the widow, the orphan, he will have to answer for it in that day.

The man who knows the truth but will not heed it for it will hurt him in politics or in his public life - he will have to answer for that.

The man who is living in lust, living like a beast, scattering ruin wherever he goes - he will have to answer for it in that day.

The deeds done in the body - they will come up. Things that have been forgotten for years. That man, who years ago, did a base deed - may tonight be very comfortable in thought. That one that no one on earth knows - but the whole world will know about it in that day unless you repent. And Jesus will pass judgment upon it.

That woman, who tonight, has a very dark page in her past history - but of late years may be very comfortable. And has turned her back on that. No wonder, she thinks everyone has forgotten. But all of that will come up unless you repent.

2- The second, the secret things will be judged, Romans 2:16. " In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ " the secret things - the things done in the dark. The things done under the cover of night. That nobody saw but God - will be brought to light in that day.

4 I remember reading about something that happened here in our own country. A woman had killed her husband by driving a nail into his skull and so successfully had she covered up the wound, that he was buried without any suspicion, being cast over her. After several years, the woman flattering herself that she would never

be found out. One day, the grave digger was at work in the cemetery. He happened to dig up the skull of that man. And he saw that nail. I do not know that he suspected the woman but he took it to her and said, "look there". She threw up her hands and cried (my God, found out at last.)

It will all be found out at last - the secret things, the thoughts and imaginings of the heart. All you men who are boasting of your morality. How would you like to have the thoughts, fancies, and desires of the last 24 hours (photographed) And thrown up on a screen before this audience tonight.

The whole world will see those secret things in that day. Not those of 24 hours only - but those of a lifetime unless you repent.

The woman who has boasted of her purity and nobility of character above others, and fancied that she ought to be saved because of her goodness - how would she like to have the hidden things in the chamber of her imagination photographed and thrown upon a screen before this audience.

The thoughts of those men who ^{went} are up on the (moon) at this hour, are known unto God. The secret things those men do up there will come to light.

3 Third, the Lord tells us that we are going to be judged according to our words. Matt. 12:36. But I say unto you, that every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give an account thereof in the day of judgment. Our careless thoughtless words reveal what is really in the heart. Our speech, whatever it is, our idle words that we drop accidentally are the best revelation of what is in our hearts. Your impure words, your unkind words, are words of gossip and slander.

There was an infidel once who went to a preacher. He did not believe in the Bible because it was full of contradictions. Well, the preacher asked him to show him some of those contradictions. Well, he said, if - it is just full of them! I don't pretend to know about the Bible - but you do. And he tried to ask him what he was talking about. And he looked him in the eye and he told him what Jesus said of the idle words that men speak. That God was the author of the book and this man was slaughtering God. And God was going to hold him accountable for it.

Yes, tonight, all the men and women who pull the word of God to pieces because they have been told this or that by men - and they criticize the book and they don't know anything about the Bible. And they use the idle talk. Now this is God's word and it gives God's account. And it says there will be a day of judgment. Well, may you think, and tremble in that day.

4 Fourth, the judgment day will be determined with (what we do with Jesus Christ.)
John 3:18. He that believeth on him is not condemned. ~~He that believeth not is condemned already.~~ Because he hath not believed in the only begotten son of God. God has sent one down into the world to be the Saviour. Now to reject this, whom God has appointed, to be our Saviour - is a very daring and dangerous thing.

This will reveal what Christ will do with that man - whether he rejects him or accepts him.

What did you do with Jesus Christ - it will face you in judgment day. Or there will be people in that day who are making light now. But in that day when you stand, we know that when the judge comes forth, whom he hath ordained - there will be the judgment.

And I want you to know it also that the (issues of that day will be final.)

They will be eternal. There will be eternal joy and life - or else eternal darkness and dispair, and shame for men and women.

In the light of this, all men should be aroused tonight. We ought to make our calling and election sure. What an unspeakable experience it would be if before tomorrow morning you were summons to the judgment seat of Christ.

Sooner or later, you are going to have to pass the final examination. And what a disaster it would be and what a shame it would be if for the sake of wine, dancing, or pleasure, or self-radification - that you were unwilling to be strong and steadfast and stand for the truth. That you compromised and failed along the way.

It is time for you to awake, and let go the grip upon the things of the earth. And to let the vision of Heaven and Heavenly things possess your soul. Let go of the hand full of dust - your plans and your pleasures. Because, should the voice call you tonight - would you be ready to say without hesitation - without being afraid. Here Lord, am I.

Get into Christ. Let Christ get into you. Take God at his word. Believe the record. And stand on the promise. Who tonight would say, oh God, I know that death is my doom. And death is going to come. But you have given your Son, and I will accept the judgment that fell upon him. And I will accept it for mine. And make me what you want me to be forever. Who will say that and mean it. And as quickly as you say it, God will accept it and save you. God forbid that any should trifle. Inspite of the love of God, inspite of the blood of Christ, inspite of the call of the Gospel, inspite of the conviction of the Spirit, inspite of the prayers of those who love you. It would be tragic for you to be lost and be lost forever.

There is an old story of political history between the countries of this country, England and one of the South American Republics in which a man claimed relationship with the British government, citizenship of the U. S., arrested in Brazil - tried and condemned to die. The British and American representatives did all they could to save him. He had violated a law and we are going to execute him, they said. The day came for the execution - the English government representatives, and the American representatives - walked out to him and wrapped around him an English flag and an American flag. And they said to the three men who were making up the firing squad - those flags represented the American army and navy and the English navy. He was covered with the flags of these governments. And I will tell you that Brazil lowered its guns. Now yonder is the judgment bar of God - the poor trusting soul as yours and mine will be wrapped around Christ's righteousness. And that is the way that we will be saved.

✓ Dr. A. J. Gordon tells of a dream that an unsaved man had. It is really Scriptural. He dreamed that one morning he got up - as God's agent. And blew the judgment horn for the end of time. He looked for his wife and he could not find her. Her clothes were there. But she had gone, during the night. He went to the servant's quarters - the servant was gone. He went upstairs to his son's room and said have you seen your mother. Why father, what has happened. Well, I found her clothes - but she left last night. Well, he said, maybe she is out at the servant's quarters. No, he said, ole auntie is gone and she left last night. I have been to your sister's room and she is gone. And he went downstairs - and went out and saw a man coming along the street and asked him if he had seen his wife. No, he said, I haven't seen her. But the man seemed to be scared. He said I came through the cemetery and the graves - some of them were opening. He said something is happening in this town.

You know, it is going to be something like that. When Christ comes again. There will be two in the bed - one shall be taken the other left. There will be two grinding at the mill - one taken and the other left. There will be two in the field - one shall be taken and the other left. Some of these days, my friend, you are going to wake up and your loved ones will be caught up by the angel of God into the air. May God help you tonight that you have got to come to the judgment bar of God - and you had better be saved down here.