

The Judgment of God

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God judges the world by identifying and condemning sin and by vindicating and rewarding the righteous. God exercises temporal judgment on the world and on his people; final judgment will take place when Jesus Christ returns.



I. The nature of God's judgment

A. The certainty of God's judgment

Ecclesiastes 12:14 *ESV*

¹⁴ For God will bring every deed into judgment, with every secret thing, whether good or evil.

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B. The righteousness of God’s judgment

Genesis 18:25 ESV

²⁵ Far be it from you to do such a thing, to put the righteous to death with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?”

C. The impartiality of God’s judgment

2 Chronicles 19:7 ESV

⁷ Now then, let the fear of the LORD be upon you. Be careful what you do, for there is no injustice with the LORD our God, or partiality or taking bribes.”

II. God’s judgment has purpose

A. God’s judgment displays His glory

Isaiah 5:16 ESV

¹⁶ But the LORD of hosts is exalted in justice, and the Holy God shows himself holy in righteousness.

B. God’s judgment vindicates the righteous

1 Samuel 24:12–15 ESV

¹² May the LORD judge between me and you, may the LORD avenge me against you, but my hand shall not be against you. ¹³ As the proverb of the ancients says, ‘Out of the wicked comes wickedness.’ But my hand shall not be against you. ¹⁴ After whom has the king of Israel come out? After whom do you pursue? After a dead dog! After a flea! ¹⁵ May the LORD therefore be judge and give sentence between me and you, and see to it and plead my cause and deliver me from your hand.”

C. God’s judgment defends the weak

Psalms 140:12 ESV

¹² I know that the LORD will maintain the cause of the afflicted, and will execute justice for the needy.

D. God’s judgment brings salvation to his people

Isaiah 30:18 ESV

¹⁸ Therefore the LORD waits to be gracious to you, and therefore he exalts himself to show mercy to you. For the LORD is a God of justice; blessed are all those who wait for him.

E. God’s judgment punishes sin

Romans 2:12 ESV

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¹² For all who have sinned without the law will also perish without the law, and all who have sinned under the law will be judged by the law.

F. God’s judgment turns people to Him

1 Kings 8:33 *ESV*

³³ “When your people Israel are defeated before the enemy because they have sinned against you, and if they turn again to you and acknowledge your name and pray and plead with you in this house,

2 Chronicles 7:13–14 *ESV*

¹³ When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command the locust to devour the land, or send pestilence among my people,

¹⁴ if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

III. God’s judgment is not hasty

2 Peter 3:9 *ESV*

⁹ The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.

Romans 3:25 *ESV*

²⁵ whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God’s righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins.

Revelation 6:10 *ESV*

¹⁰ They cried out with a loud voice, “O Sovereign Lord, holy and true, how long before you will judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?”

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God’s Plan of Salvation

As found in the Bible - Book, Chapter and Verse

HEAR

Luke 6:47 (ESV)

⁴⁷ Everyone who comes to me and hears my words and does them, I will show you what he is like:

Luke 6:49 (ESV)

⁴⁹ But the one who hears and does not do them is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. When the stream broke against it, immediately it fell, and the ruin of that house was great.”

BELIEVE

Mark 16:16 (ESV)

¹⁶ Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.

REPENT

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CONFESS

1 Timothy 6:12 (ESV)

¹² Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

BE BAPTIZED

Romans 6:4 (ESV)

⁴ We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

REMAIN FAITHFUL

Revelation 2:10 (ESV)

¹⁰ Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and for ten days you will have tribulation. Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life.