

## 287 JUDGMENT DAY SURPRISES

TEXT: Matt. 7:21-23 Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'

### INTRODUCTION:

- A. The Bible often speaks of the Judgment Day.
- B. This makes us think about Judgment and death.

1. Heb. 9:27 "As it appointed unto man once to die and after this the judgment."

2. 2 Cor. 5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

3. Matt. 25:31-46.

- C. It is a sobering thought-death and judgment.
- D. There are at least four groups who will be surprised at the judgment.

### BODY:

#### I. THOSE WHO REJECTED THE BIBLE WILL BE SURPRISED.

A. The Atheist will be surprised at meeting deity- Rom. 14:10-12 But why do you judge your brother? Or why do you show contempt for your brother? For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. For it is written: As I live, says the Lord, Every knee shall bow to Me, And every tongue shall confess to God." So then each of us shall give account of himself to God.

B. The unbelieving will be surprised at being judged by Christ Acts 17:30-31 Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent, because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead.

C. The Materialist will be surprised that he has a never dying soul.

1. Jn. 5:28-29 "Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice and come forth--those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.

2. Matt. 10:28 "And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul.

But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell

D. Scoffers will be surprised that hell is real- 2 Thess. 1 :7-9 and to give you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power,

E. The good moral man will be surprised that he is a sinner:

1. Rom. 3:23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God

2. Rom. 6:17-18 But God be thanked that though you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered. And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.

## II. MANY WHO CLAIM TO BE CHRISTIANS WILL BE SURPRISED.

A. Some preachers will be surprised to learn that God meant what he said:

1. Gal. 1:6-9 I marvel that you are turning away so soon from Him who called you in the grace of Christ, to a different gospel, which is not another; but there are some who trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ. But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed. As we have said before, so now I say again, if anyone preaches any other gospel to you than what you have received, let him be accursed.

2. Yes preach to those kind of people. Mk. 16:15 And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.

3. There is a form of doctrine- Rom. 6:17-18 But God be thanked that though you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered. And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.

B. Some believers will be surprised that faith alone did not save.

1. Jn. 12:42-43 Nevertheless even among the rulers many believed in Him, but because of the Pharisees they did not confess Him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue; for they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God.

2. Matt. 10:32-33 Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven.

3. Jn. 14:15 If you love Me, keep My commandments.

C. Many sincere people will be surprised to learn that a person could be zealous and wrong.

1. 2 Thess. 2:10-12 and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

2. Matt. 7:21-23 out text. Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'

D. Those who add to God's word will be surprised that you could do things in the Lord's name without His approval.

1. Jn. 4:24 "God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

2. 2 Jn. 9 Whoever transgresses and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ does not have God. He who abides in the doctrine of Christ has both the Father and the Son.

3. Rev. 22:18-19 For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book; and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the Book of Life, from the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.

E. The un-immersed will be surprised at the importance of Baptism in God's plan.

1. Acts 2:38 Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

2. Mk. 16:16 "He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.

3. Col. 2:12 buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.

4. Rom. 6:3-4 Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

F. Many will be surprised to learn that God is not served in organizations of men.

1. Eph. 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her,

2. Eph. 3:10 to the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places, 21 to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

3. Eph. 1:22-23 And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

### III. SOME IN THE CHURCH WILL BE SURPRISED:

A. That it was possible to so sin as to be finally lost.

1. Matt. 13:47-50 Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet that was cast into the sea and gathered some of every kind, which, when it was full, they drew to shore; and they sat down and gathered the good into vessels, but threw the bad away. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come forth, separate the wicked from among the just, and cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth."

2. Jude 5 But I want to remind you, though you once knew this, that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed those who did not believe.

3. 2 Peter 2:20-22 For if, after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and overcome, the latter end is worse for them than the beginning. For it would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than having known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered to them. But it has happened to them according to the true proverb: "A dog returns to his own vomit," and, "a sow, having washed, to her wallowing in the mire."

B. That we will be judged and that we will reap what we sow.

1. Gal. 6:7-8 Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.

2. Gal. 5:19-21 Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

C. That cold formalism is as bad as innovation.

1. Jn. 4:24 "God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

2. Rev. 3:16 "So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth."

#### IV. THOSE WELL MEANING FOLKS WITH UPRIGHT, AND GOOD INTENTIONS WILL BE SURPRISED TO LEARN:

##### A. That there will be no second chance:

1. 2 Cor. 6:2b. Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.

2. Titus 2:11-12 For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age,

B. That they put off salvation too LONG- Matt. 25:1-13 V 1 "Then the kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom

C. That it is too late to think about eternity-for they will be there Lk. 16:19-31 Vs. 19-20 There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day. But there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate

#### CONCLUSION:

A. The JUDGMENT DAY will separate those in Christ from those out of Christ.

B. Christ's words will judge you- Jn. 12:48.

C. God is ready to put your name in the book of life, the angels are ready to rejoice.

D. Jesus is ready to plead your case today:

1. 1 Jn. 2:1-2 My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.

2. Heb. 7:25 Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.