

Sunday Celebration (August 2, 2009)  
**"The Hour of Troubling Judgement"**

**John 12:27-50**

**Jn 12:23, 27, 31 ... "The Hour has come"**

**v. 28** ... The hour for the Father to GLORIFY HIS NAME

– ***What Does it Mean for God to "Glorify His Name"?***

— To Glorify = to put your Name on display

'doxazo' (Gk.) – ***to render conspicuous and glorious the divine character and attributes; e.g., of God as glorified by the Son*** (from The Complete Word Study Dictionary)

– ***"to magnify, extol, praise", especially of "glorifying"; God, i. e., ascribing honor to Him, acknowledging Him as to His being, attributes and acts*** (from Vine's Expository Dictionary)

– ***How is that going to happen?*** – Through the PRISM of the CROSS

**v. 23** ... The sacrificial act of Christ laying down his life is going to display aspects of God's Character

**v. 31** ... The act of God's judgement is revealing aspects of the glory of God

**Ex 33:18-23; 34:5-8** ... "Show me your glory..." — ***The MULTI-FACETS of God***

***"The Hour" that is coming (in the Cross) is an hour that Puts God On Display***

- His Love
- His Mercy
- His Compassion
- His Wisdom
- His Power
- His Humility
- His Righteousness
- His Justice

"...God is concerned for justice. God saves sinners not by finding a loophole in his righteous law, but by fulfilling its demands. God has not dispensed with justice in overlooking our sins: he demonstrated it in the death of his Son." "Pierced for Our Transgressions", p. 157

## A THEOLOGY OF GOD'S JUDGEMENT

### *Will Man Face God in Judgement?*

- **Jesus teaching on Judgement in this Last Week**
  - ***Man's Appointment before His Throne of Judgement***
    - Separating the Sheep from the Goats (Matt 25:31-46)
  - ***Thoughts on Responsibility & Accountability*** (in light of man facing judgement)
    - Jesus Curses the Fig Tree (Matt 21:18ff)
    - The Parable of the Talents (Matt 25:14-30)
  - ***Thoughts on Alertness and Readiness*** (in light of man facing judgement)
    - The Parable of the Ten Virgins (Matt 25:1-13)

- **The O.T. Teaching on God's Judgement**

**Ps 75:7-8**

**Ps 76:7-9**

**Ecd 11:9** Rejoice, O young man, in your youth, and let your heart cheer you in the days of your youth. Walk in the ways of your heart and the sight of your eyes. But know that for all these things God will bring you into judgment.

**Ecd 12:13-14** The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man. 14 For God will bring every deed into judgment, with every secret thing, whether good or evil.

- **The N.T. teaching on God's Judgement (the Wrath to Come)**

**Acts 17:30-31** The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, 31 because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

**Heb 9:27** And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment,

**2 Cor 5:10** For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

**Eph 5:1-6**

*Where do we get the idea that man shouldn't worry about judgement and that church's that teach on judgement have somehow missed it?*

This passage (like many) MAKES NO SENSE without a clear understanding of the Wrath & Judgement of God — In all its Intensity & Disturbing Fury!!

... Why is Jesus saying, "Now is my soul troubled"? ... Why in Gethsemane is He asking if this cup can be removed?

“ This sentence implies a sudden, strong mental agony, which came over our Lord, troubling, distressing, and harassing Him. — What was it from? Not from the mere foresight of a painful death on the cross, and the bodily suffering attending it. — No: it was the weight of the world's imputed sin laid upon our Lord's head, which pressed Him downward,... It was not His bodily suffering either anticipated or felt, but our sins, which here, at Gethsemane, and at Calvary, agonized and racked His soul.” **J.C. Ryle**, “Expository Thoughts on John”, vol 2, p. 392

“ In the terrible imagery of Gethsemane, Jesus must 'drink the cup' the Father has given him. ... It is the cup of God's wrath, hence Jesus horror! For in his death he must not only face the reality of human finitude, the ending of his mission, the mockery of his enemies in whose eyes he will die a failure, and in addition the appalling physical and mental sufferings of death by crucifixion. Beyond all that he must also face the Father himself, the one to whom he has been inseparably bound for all eternity, not in the warm embrace of his everlasting love, but in the terror of his holy and righteous wrath. He must in fact become the object of divine rejection, the bearer of the implacable antipathy to sin and evil of the ever-living God. He was troubled. Indeed he had reason to be.” **Bruce Milne**, “The Message of John”, p. 189

***It is this aspect of God's Character that REQUIRES the Cross and Makes the Cross the ONLY WAY!!! No Other Religion Deals with SATISFYING GOD'S WRATH.*** [You either have to say God is NOT this way— which means you must abandon the Bible or Christianity is the ONLY WAY]

This is why there can be no other way— Because God WILL JUDGE SIN... He Will Pour Out His WRATH!!

This is either LOST or MINIMIZED in the Church today with Extremely Detrimental Effect — It's a Major Reason for DIS-PASSION ... NOMINAL WORSHIP ... and CASUAL HOLINESS  
.... ***We Don't Know What We're Saved From!!!***

### The Concept of Condemnation

**Rom 8:1** ... There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ

**Rom 1:16-17** ... The gospel is GOOD NEWS — but only when set against the Backdrop of Really Bad News!! (We have Minimized the Good news by De-emphasizing the Bad News!)

**ILLUST: *The Lord of the Rings* ....**

*Are You Frightened? ...*

*Why is Rom 8:1 such Good news ... Because of Rom 1:18ff*

*Too Many Christians Have ONLY Been Saved from Living a BAD or UNFULFILLING LIFE!!*

**Jn 12 ... "Now is my soul troubled ... Now is the judgment of the world"**

*... Now is the moment where THE CUP will be Emptied — FOR SOME!!!*