A close-up photograph of a wooden gavel resting on a wooden block. The gavel is made of polished wood and has a brass band around its head. The background is dark and textured.

Because He has set a day in
which He is to judge the world in
righteousness by the man whom
He has designated, having
furnished proof to all by raising
Him from the dead.

Acts 17:31

Justice Will Prevail

Chapter 13
Unshakable Hope

King David is confident that he shall find God his powerful Saviour. The destruction of sinners may be prevented by their conversion; for it is threatened, 'If he turn not from his evil way, let him expect it will be his ruin.'

But amidst the threatenings of wrath, we have a gracious offer of mercy. God gives sinners warning of their danger, and space to repent, and prevent it. He is slow to punish, and long-suffering towards us, not willing that any should perish.



The Bible reveals that God has set a time when He will judge all evil.

Jesus is the one who will judge both unbelievers and believers.

Does the idea of judgement bring you peace or concern?

Do you see Jesus as a judge also?



“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.”

~ 2 Corinthians 5:10

We disdain Judgement, but we value Justice, yet the second is impossible without the first.

Jesus will not only publicly pardon his people. He will also acknowledge all of the good they have done in His name.

Why do you think the Lord wants to have a public pardon of our sins?




Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat upon it, from whose presence earth and heaven fled away, and no place was found for them

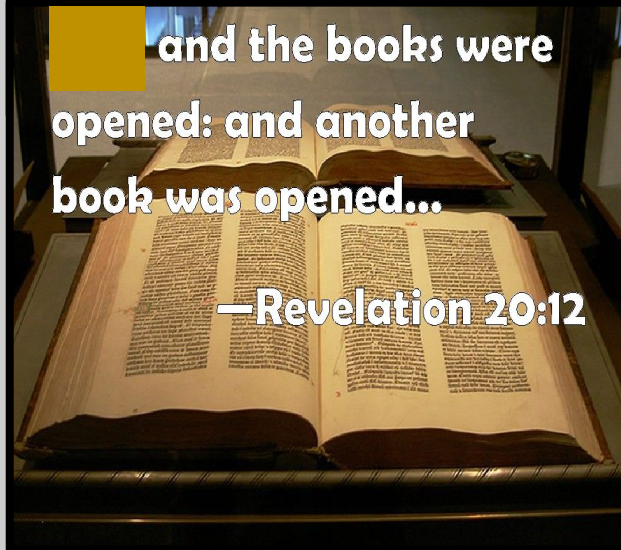
Revelation 20:11



I SAW THE DEAD, SMALL AND GREAT,
standing before God.

 and the books were opened: and another book was opened...

—Revelation 20:12



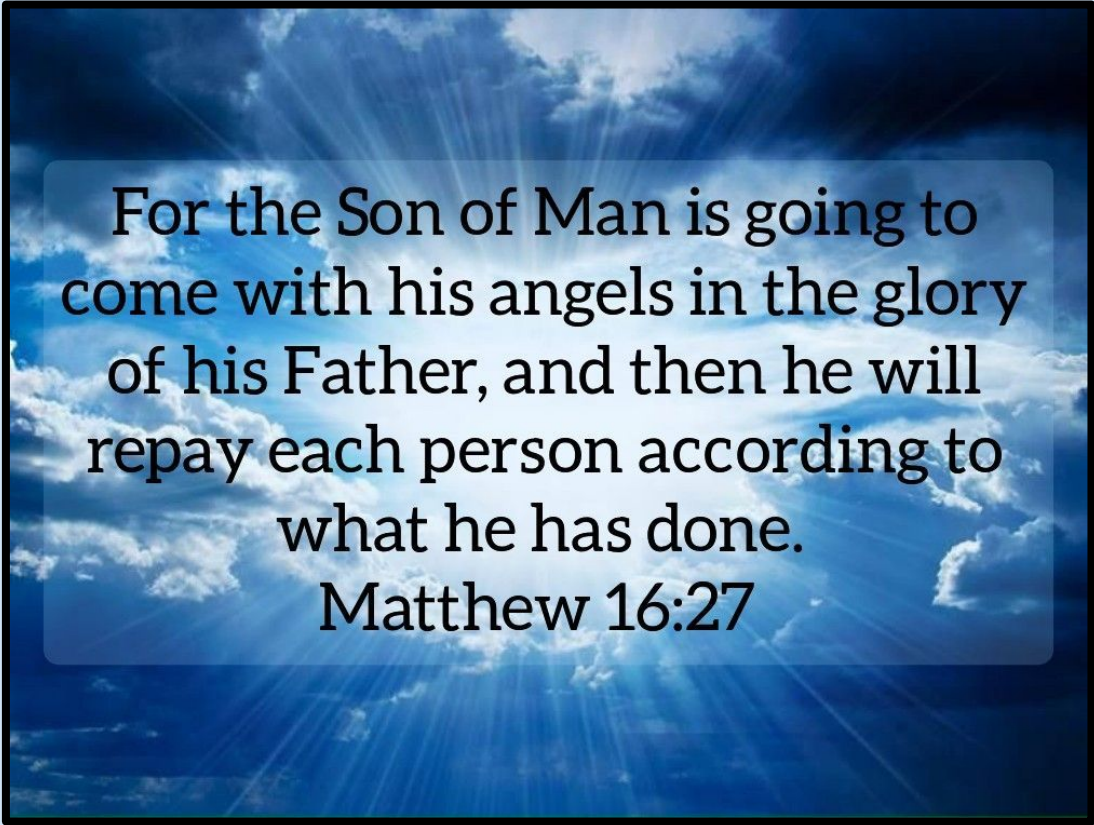
This idea of both Justice and Judgement is a double-edged sword.

On one hand,it's hopeful to know that God will judge those who have treated others badly. On the other hand, it may be unsettling to know that we will also be judged.

How can having a right view of God's justice affect the way that you approach each day?

While there is not agreement on the number of judgements, those who study Scripture agree that there will be a final reckoning.

All unbelievers will be judged by Christ. All believers will be judged through Christ. Unbelievers will be punished and believers will be saved by Grace and applauded for their works.



For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done.

Matthew 16:27

AND THIS IS THE MESSAGE I
PROCLAIM—THAT THE DAY IS
COMING WHEN GOD, THROUGH
CHRIST JESUS, WILL JUDGE
EVERYONE'S SECRET LIFE.
ROMANS 2:16

Jesus will publicly
pardon His people of
their sins.

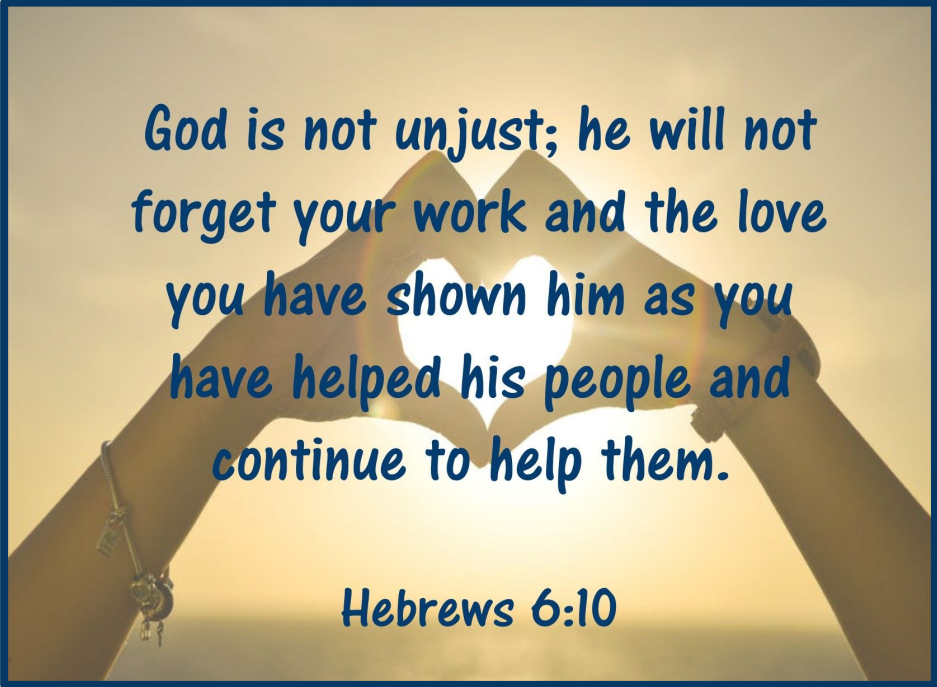
For the sake of
justice, all secrets,
deeds, and desires
that were sins will be
spoken and forgiven.

Jesus will applaud the service of His servants.

Therefore judge nothing before the appointed time; wait until the Lord comes. He will bring to light what is hidden in darkness and will expose the motives of the heart. At that time each will receive their praise from God.

1 Corinthians 4:5

Our just God recognizes faithful stewardship.

A photograph of two hands, one from a person wearing a bracelet, reaching up to form a heart shape against a bright, hazy sunset background. The text is overlaid on this image.

God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them.

Hebrews 6:10

Christ will be waiting for us.

His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful slave. You were faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master'.

Matthew 25:23



[The Afters - Well Done \(Official Lyric Video\) - YouTube](#)

And so will a multitude of God's children!

THEREFORE, SINCE WE ARE SURROUNDED BY SUCH A HUGE CROWD OF WITNESSES TO THE LIFE OF FAITH, LET US STRIP OFF EVERY WEIGHT THAT SLOWS US DOWN, ESPECIALLY THE SIN THAT SO EASILY TRIPS US UP. AND LET US RUN WITH ENDURANCE THE RACE GOD HAS SET BEFORE US. WE DO THIS BY KEEPING OUR EYES ON JESUS, THE CHAMPION WHO INITIATES AND PERFECTS OUR FAITH. BECAUSE OF THE JOY[A]WAITING HIM, HE ENDURED THE CROSS, DISREGARDING ITS SHAME. NOW HE IS SEATED IN THE PLACE OF HONOR BESIDE GOD'S

HEBREWS 12:1-2





For the *Lord* is our judge,
the *Lord* is our lawgiver,
the *Lord* is our king;
it is he who will save us.
Isaiah 33:22

Heavenly Father,
Thank You for the wonderful way that You led and guided Your people Israel, despite their constant murmuring and lack of faith. Thank You that I have been born again in Christ and am seated with Him in heavenly places. Although I may not have seen Your glory with my physical eyes, I thank You, Father, that my spiritual eyes have been opened to Your truth and that I have been baptised into the Body of Christ. Thank You that I have the Holy Spirit of glory indwelling my body and am eternally positioned in Christ. May I live and work to Your praise and glory, for the rest of my life.

This I ask in Jesus' name,
AMEN.