

**“The Family That Followed God” Part 10
“Witnessing Judgement”**

Genesis 19 The Judgment of God

The Doom of Sodom & Gomorrah

Genesis 19:1-29

Wrath

Genesis 19:23-25

- 23 Lot reached the village just as the sun was rising over the horizon.
- 24 Then the LORD rained down fire and burning sulfur from the sky on Sodom and Gomorrah.
- 25 He utterly destroyed them, along with the other cities and villages of the plain, wiping out all the people and every bit of vegetation.

Hell:

The most difficult and most painful doctrine in Christianity.

Matthew 10:28

28 “Do not fear those who kill the body but are unable to kill the soul; but rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

Judgement Day in Revelation 20

Luke 4:18-19

18 “THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME,
BECAUSE HE ANOINTED ME
TO PREACH THE GOSPEL TO THE POOR.
HE HAS SENT ME TO PROCLAIM
RELEASE TO THE CAPTIVES,
AND RECOVERY OF SIGHT TO THE BLIND,
TO SET FREE THOSE WHO ARE OPPRESSED,
19 TO PROCLAIM
THE FAVORABLE YEAR OF THE LORD.”

Isaiah 61:1-2

2 To proclaim the favorable year of the LORD
And the day of vengeance of our God;

John 3:16-17

- 16 “For God so loved the world,
that He gave His only begotten Son,
that whoever believes in Him shall not perish,
but have eternal life.
- 17 “For God did not send the Son into the world
to judge the world,
but that the world might be saved through Him.

Matthew 22:1

- 5 “But they paid no attention and went their way,
one to his own farm, another to his business,
- 6 and the rest seized his slaves
and mistreated them and killed them
- 7 “But the king was enraged,
and he sent his armies and destroyed
those murderers and set their city on fire.

13 “Then the king said to the servants,
‘Bind him hand and foot,
and throw him into the outer darkness;

in that place there will be
weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

14 “For many are called, but few are chosen.”

Matthew 23

13 “But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites, because you shut off the kingdom of heaven from people; for you do not enter in yourselves, nor do you allow those who are entering to go in.

Matthew 24: 48-51

- 48 “But if that evil servant says in his heart,
‘My master is not coming for a long time,’
- 49 and begins to beat his fellow servants
and eat and drink with drunkards;
- 50 the master of that servant will come
on a day when he does not expect him
and at an hour which he does not know,

51 and will cut him in pieces
and assign him a place with the hypocrites;
in that place there will be
weeping and gnashing of teeth.

1. All unforgiven sin will be punished

John 3:19

19 “This is the judgment, that the Light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the Light, for their deeds were evil.

20 “For everyone who does evil hates the Light, and does not come to the Light for fear that his deeds will be exposed.

Hell is not Torture, it is Torment

There are:

two roads

two gates

two destinies

“There are only two kinds of people in the end:
those who say to God, ‘Thy will be done,’
and those to whom God says, in the end,
‘Thy will be done’”

2. Punishing unforgiven sin is natural

Galatians 6:7-8

- 7 Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap.
- 8 For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life.

Mark 4:28

- 26 And He was saying, “The kingdom of God is like a man who casts seed upon the soil;
- 27 and he goes to bed at night and gets up by day, and the seed sprouts and grows—how, he himself does not know.

28 “The soil produces crops by itself;
first the blade, then the head,
then the mature grain in the head.

29 “But when the crop permits,
he immediately puts in the sickle,
because the harvest has come.”

James 1:15

- 14 But each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust.
- 15 Then when lust has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and when sin is accomplished, it brings forth death.
- 16 Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren

Matthew 13:30

30 ‘Allow both to grow together until the harvest;
and in the time of the harvest
I will say to the reapers,

“First gather up the tares
and bind them in bundles to burn them up;
but gather the wheat into my barn.” ’ ”

Luke 13:6-9

- 8 “And he answered and said to him,
‘Let it alone, sir, for this year too,
until I dig around it and put in fertilizer;
- 9 and if it bears fruit next year, fine;
but if not, cut it down.’ ”

3. God is just when punishing unforgiven sin

The justice of God is perfect

Are There Levels of Hell?

Luke 12:47-48

47 “And that slave who knew his master’s will and did not get ready or act in accord with his will, will receive many lashes,

48 but the one who did not know it, and committed deeds worthy of a flogging, will receive but few.

From everyone who has been given much, much will be required; and to whom they entrusted much, of him they will ask all the more.

Matthew 5:22 The sermon on the mount
He gives us a gradation of punishment

22 “But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother shall be guilty before the court; and whoever says to his brother, ‘You good-for-nothing,’ shall be guilty before the supreme court; and whoever says, ‘You fool,’ shall be guilty enough to go into the fiery hell.

4. The consequences of unresolved sin are serious

Penalties for sin do not exhaust themselves this side of the grave, but continue on to the other side, in the life to come.

Matthew 25:30

30 “Throw out the worthless servant into the outer darkness; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Mark 9:44-48

- 47 “If your eye causes you to stumble, throw it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye, than, having two eyes, to be cast into hell,
- 48 where THEIR WORM DOES NOT DIE, AND THE FIRE IS NOT QUENCHED.

5. Death closes the door on Salvation

Matthew 25:10

10 “And while they were going away to make the purchase, the Bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with Him to the wedding feast; and the door was shut.”

11 “Later the other virgins also came,
saying, ‘Lord, lord, open up for us.’

12 “But he answered,
‘Truly I say to you, I do not know you.’

13 “Be on the alert then,
for you do not know the day nor the hour.

John 14:6

- 3 “If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also.
- 4 “And you know the way where I am going.”
- 5 Thomas *said to Him, “Lord, we do not know where You are going, how do we know the way?”
- 6 Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.

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