

Revelation 20:12–15
A Hell, Fire, and Brimstone Sermon
May 6, 2012

Sermon Outline

Notes:

I. Children's Overview

- A. Why is it so hard to listen to mom & dad's correction?
 - 1. Why painful correction?
 - 2. Sometime's I warn & wait... Why?
- B. When I pray for you, what do I most often ask God for? Why...?
- C. God has warned us about ***Judgment Day***

Revelation 20:12–15 (Cf. Hebrews 9:27)

¹² And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Then another book was opened, which is the book of life. And the dead were judged by what was written in the books, according to what they had done. ¹³ And the sea gave up the dead who were in it, Death and Hades gave up the dead who were in them, and they were judged, each one of them, according to what they had done. ¹⁴ Then Death and Hades were thrown into ***the lake of fire***. This is the *second death*, ***the lake of fire***.

¹⁵ And if anyone's name was not found written in the *book of life*, he was thrown into the ***lake of fire***.

- D. What should we do?
 - 1. Turn from what we think is important to the King...
 - 2. Trust Jesus to rescue us

Key Idea

No one is so bad that Jesus can't rescue them and no one is so good that they do not need Jesus to rescue them.

- E. Understand *Judgment* to Understand *Grace*

II. We Refuse to Understand... (Suppress the Truth)

A. The Time God Gives us to Turn Back to Him

2 Peter 3:3–4

...**scoffers will come** in the last days with scoffing, following their own sinful desires. ⁴ They will say, “***Where is the promise of his coming?*** For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all things are continuing as they were from the beginning of creation.” ...

Romans 2:3–11

...**do you presume** on the riches of his *kindness* and *forbearance* and *patience*, not knowing that God’s kindness is meant to lead you to **repentance**? ⁵ But because of your hard and impenitent heart **you are storing up wrath** for yourself on the day of wrath when God’s righteous judgment will be revealed.

B. God’s Discipline/Warning (Hebrews 12:3–11)

Matthew 24:3b–14

... “***Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?***” ⁴ And Jesus answered them, “See that no one leads you astray. ⁵ For many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am the Christ,’ and they will lead many astray. ⁶ And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not alarmed, for this must take place, but the end is not yet. ⁷ For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places. ⁸ ***All these*** are but ***the beginning of the birth pains***. ⁹ “Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and put you to death, and you will be hated by all nations for my name’s sake. ¹⁰ And then many will fall away and betray one another and hate one another. ¹¹ And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray. ¹² And because ***lawlessness will be increased***, the love of many will grow cold. ¹³ **But the one who endures to the end will be saved.** ¹⁴ ***And this***

gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.

Romans 1:18–32

¹⁸ For **the wrath of God is revealed** from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth.¹⁹ For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them...

²⁴ **Therefore** God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves,²⁵ because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen.²⁶ **For this reason** God gave them up to dishonorable passions. ...

²⁸ **And since** they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done.²⁹ They were filled with all manner of unrighteousness, evil, covetousness, malice. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, maliciousness. They are gossips,³⁰ slanderers, haters of God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents,³¹ foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless.³² Though *they know God's righteous decree that those who practice such things deserve to die*, they not only do them but give approval to those who practice them.

III. On That Day...

A. Judgment Day is Coming

Ephesians 5:5–6

⁵ For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.⁶ Let no one deceive you with empty words, for *because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience.*

B. The Terror of That Day

Revelation 6:12–17

¹² When he opened the *sixth seal*, I looked, and behold, there was a great earthquake, and the sun became black as sackcloth, the full moon became like blood, ¹³ and the stars of the sky fell to the earth as the fig tree sheds its winter fruit when shaken by a gale. ¹⁴ The sky vanished like a scroll that is being rolled up, and every mountain and island was removed from its place. ¹⁵ Then the kings of the earth and the great ones and the generals and the rich and the powerful, and everyone, slave and free, hid themselves in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains, ¹⁶ calling to the mountains and rocks, “**Fall on us and hide us from the face of him who is seated on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb,** ¹⁷ **for the great day of their wrath has come, and who can stand?**”

IV. Judgment Day Means: We Need God’s Grace

A. Flee to Jesus!

1 Thessalonians 1:9–10

...you *turned to God from idols* to serve the living and true God, ¹⁰ **and** to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, *Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.*

“No one is so bad that God’s grace can’t rescue them and no one is so good that they do not need God’s grace to rescue them.” – **R.W. Glenn**

Hebrews 9:28

...so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, **will appear a second time,** not to deal with sin but *to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.*

- B. Get Your Priorities Straight
- C. The Urgency of Our Mission