

Chapter 32. Of the Last Judgment

1. The Day of Judgment

God has appointed a day when he will judge the world in righteousness by Jesus Christ. **1** Jesus is given all power and judgment by the Father. On this day, not only will the apostate angels be judged, **2** but all all people who have ever lived on the earth will appear before the judgment seat of Christ to give an account of their thoughts, words, and deeds. They will receive according to what they have done in the body, whether good or evil. **3**

1. [Acts 17:31](#); [John 5:22, 27](#)

2. [1 Corinthians 6:3](#); [Jude 6](#)

3. [2 Corinthians 5:10](#); [Ecclesiastes 12:14](#); [Matthew 12:36](#); [Romans 14:10, 12](#); [Matthew 25:32-46](#)

2. God Is Glorified by the Day of Judgment

The purpose for God appointing this day of judgment is to display the glory of his mercy in the eternal salvation of the elect and to display the glory of his justice in theh eternal damnation of the reprobate, who are wicked and disobedient. **4** On this day, the righteous will enter into everlasting life and receive fullness of joy and glory with everlasting rewards in the presence of the Lord. But, the wicked, who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of Jesus Christ, will be thrown into everlasting torments **5** and punished with everlasting destruction. They will be separated from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his power. **6**

4. [Romans 9:22-23](#)

5. [Matthew 25:21, 34](#); [2 Timothy 4:8](#)

6. [Matthew 25:46](#); [Mark 9:48](#); [2 Thessalonians 1:7-10](#)

3. Nobody Knows the Day of Judgment

Christ wants us to be confidently persuaded that there will be a day of judgment, both to deter people from sin **7** and to comfort the godly in their adversity. **8** To accomplish this, he keeps the day secret, to help them be rid of fleshly security and to be constantly watchful, since they do not know at what hour the Lord will come. **9** Thus, they can constantly be prepared to say, "Come Lord Jesus. Come quickly." **10** Amen.

7. [2 Corinthians 5:10-11](#)

8. [2 Thessalonians 1:5-7](#)

9. [Mark 13:35-37](#); [Luke 12:35-40](#)

10. [Revelation 22:20](#)

NOTES

Section 1. THE DAY OF JUDGEMENT

1:1. Jesus will judge the world (Acts 17:31)

- In His first advent He came to do a work of salvation. (Luke 4:17-21)
- At His second advent (Judgement Day) He comes as Judge. (Isaiah 61:1-2)
- He has been given authority by His Father. (John 5:22-27)

1:2. Angels will be judged (1 Corinthians 6:2-3; Jude 6)

1:3. All of humanity will be judged on that Day (2 Corinthians 5:10; Ecclesiastes 12:14)

- We will give an account for our thoughts, words, and deeds. (Matthew 12:36; Romans 14:10, 12)
- Rewards and punishments will be passed out all will receive according to what they have done. (Matthew 25:32-46)

Section 2. GOD WILL BE GLORIFIED ON JUDGEMENT DAY

2:1. On display will be God's glory expressed in both His righteousness and mercy. (Romans 9:22-23)

2:2. Mercy to His people, His elect, His sheep. (Matthew 25:21, 24; 2 Timothy 4:8)

2:3. Righteous wrath to the reprobate. (Matthew 25:46; Mark 9:48 (Isaiah 66:24); 2 Thessalonians 1:7-10).

Section 3. NO ONE KNOWS THE DAY OF JUDGEMENT

3:1. Christ wants us confidently persuaded of the day of judgement.

- To deter people from sin. (1 Corinthians 5:10-11)
- To comfort the godly in adversity. (2 Thessalonians 1:5-7)

3:2. Part of His plan to accomplish these things is to keep that coming day unknown to His creation.

- It rids us of fleshly security. (Mark 13:35-37)
- It causes us to be watchful. (Luke 12:35-40)

3:3. We should always be praying for His coming. We should constantly be prepared to say "Come Lord Jesus. Come quickly." (Luke 22:20-21)

