

The Time of Judgment Has Begun Part 2

2 Peter 1:4-11

Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. 5 And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; 6 And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; 7 And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. 8 For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins. 10 Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall: 11 For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

[HOLD YOUR FINGER]

Romans 5:3-5 And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; 4 And patience, experience; and experience, hope: 5 And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

Proverbs 24:16 For a just man falleth seven times, and riseth up again: but the wicked shall fall into mischief.

*wicked Heb. rāšâ-- guilty verdict

Jeremiah 17:10 I the LORD search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings.

Jeremiah 20:11-13 But the LORD is with me as a mighty terrible one: therefore my persecutors shall stumble, and they shall not prevail: they shall be greatly ashamed; for they shall not prosper: their everlasting confusion shall never be forgotten. 12 But, O LORD of hosts, that triest the righteous, and seest the reins (thoughts & decisions) and the heart (spirit, used in reference to God Himself), let me see thy vengeance on them: for unto thee have I opened my cause. 13 Sing unto the LORD, praise ye the LORD: for he hath delivered the soul of the poor from the hand of evildoers.

It may seem at times that you are going against the flow, but don't override that "check" in your spirit.

1. God tries the mind & hearts
2. **He delivers the righteous that made bad decisions**
 - **[at anytime you can return to the secret place]**
3. **He rewards the righteous that made right decisions by following His Spirit.**
 - **Proverbs 13:13-15 (KJV) 13 Whoso despiseth the word shall be destroyed: but he that feareth the commandment shall be rewarded. 14 The law of the wise is a fountain of life, to depart from the snares of**

It may taste bitter for a season, but sweet victory will unfold.

death. 15 Good understanding giveth favour: but the way of transgressors is hard.

- **Proverbs 24:13-14** My son, eat thou honey, because it is good; and the honeycomb, which is sweet to thy taste: 14 So shall the knowledge of wisdom be unto thy soul: when thou hast found it, then there shall be a reward, and thy expectation shall not be cut off.
- **Proverbs 25:21-22 (KJV)** 21 If thine enemy be hungry, give him bread to eat; and if he be thirsty, give him water to drink: 22 For thou shalt heap coals of fire upon his head, and the LORD shall reward thee.

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2 Peter 2:7-9 And delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked: 8 (For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds;) 9 The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished.

- The godly are not preserved from temptations, but delivered out of them (1Cor. 10:13; Jas. 1:2,12-15 1Pet. 1:7; 4:12, Psalms 91, Psalms 34:19).

1 Peter 4:12-13 Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: 13 But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.

- chairō; a primary verb; to be "cheer"ful, i.e. calmly happy, to rejoice, be glad, to rejoice exceedingly, to be well, thrive.

1 Peter 4:14-19

14 If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified. 15 But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or as a thief, or as an evildoer, or as a busybody in other men's matters. 16 Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf. 17 For the **time** is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God? 18 And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear? 19 **Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls to him in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator.**

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Judgment, Gr. kríma-- a judicial verdict: guilty or not guilty

Romans 14:23 And he that doubteth is damned if he eat, because he eateth not of faith: for whatsoever is not of faith is sin.

(Teach like it is the first time.)

1 Corinthians 11:31-32 For if we would judge (diakrino-scrutinize) ourselves, we should not be judged (krino). 32 But when we are judged, we are chastened (paideuō - to train up a child, educate, discipline) of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world.

Now, Lot was righteous and delivered from destruction, but do we see any examples of those that were righteous and pleased God?

Hebrews 11:5-6 By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God. 6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

Enoch--faith's walk:

1. He walked with God 300 years.
2. He was raptured(/caught up) so that he would not experience death in his generation.
3. He had testimony that he pleased God by being a man of faith (Heb. 11:5-6).
4. He has been living in heaven over 5,200 years (see note, Gen. 5:23; Zech. 4:11-14 Rev. 11:4).
5. He will come back and die as one of the two witnesses (Rev. 11:3-11, notes).

What makes a person please God:

1. They obey the Gospel by believing and thereby being born-again.
2. They walk by faith which is doing what He said (Rom 10:17).

Psalms 91

Proverbs 18:10 The name of the LORD is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe.

Psalms 24:3-4

3 Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD?
or who shall stand in his holy **[SECRET] place?**
4 He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart;
who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity,
nor sworn deceitfully.

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