

The Time of Judgment Has Begun Part 3

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A Psalm of David and a prayer of the righteous...

Psalms 139:23-24

Search me, O God, and know my heart:

try me, and know my thoughts:

24 And see if there be any wicked way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting.

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. krima-- 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 (paideuoō - 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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