

**GOD'S
JUDGMENTS
ON SIN ARE
CERTAIN**

Scripture Reading:

**1 Peter 4:17; Hebrew 10:31;
Ezekiel 8:4; Daniel 5:27**

1 Peter 4:17

'For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the Gospel of God?'

Hebrew 10:31

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Ezekiel 8:4

'The soul who sins shall die.'

Daniel 5:27

**"Thou art weighed in the balances,
and art found wanting"**

If you believe history, you must believe that our God is a God of judgment. In this age of unbelief there are many who do not want to believe that the God of heaven will administer justice in respect to sin.

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IT IS TIME FOR
JUDGMENT
TO BEGIN

1 Peter 4:17 says, 'For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the Gospel of God?'



In this context, judgment means:

Purifying discipline

Testing

Refining through suffering

God will carry out fair judgment:

Examine evidence

Apply the law

Issue a fair verdict

Enforces consequences

**Hebrew 10:31 'it is a fearful thing to
fall into the hand of God.'**

Here when God disciplines:

He is not rejecting you

He is refining you

He is treating you as His child

Jeremiah 5:3 says, 'O Lord, do not your eyes look for truth? You have struck them down, but they felt no anguish; you have consumed them, but they refused correction.'

**For some of us, we are spiritually blind.
God allowed hardship through:**

Invasions

Economic trouble

Instability

Jeremiah uses the word 'struck.' In the Old Testament, when God 'struck' His people, it often meant:

Allowing consequences of their sin

Withdrawing protection

Permitting enemies to discipline them.

God's people in Jeremiah's time **'knew not.'** Why did they **'knew not?'** Because sin had already hardened the heart. When hearts are hardened:

Conviction feels normal

Correction is ignored

Warning signs are dismissed

2

SIN IS AN
ABOMINATION
TO GOD



Ezekiel 8:4 'The soul who sins shall die.'

God hates it with a holy hatred. And because He is a just God, He must **punish sin.**

He is a God of both love and judgment. And this is non-negotiable. God is not a nebulous nonentity of sentimentalism. God is a real existence. He has power and He has authority. He is a living God. God is not purely emotional, soft, with indulgent feeling, having love without justice and kindness without holiness.

Yes, God loves us, and as proof of this, Christ died for us. The greatest proof that hell is a reality is that fact that the Son of God went to the cross to die in the sinner's place.

The bible says, **'The soul who sins shall die.'** This phrase comes from **Ezekiel 8:4** and repeated in **Ezekiel 18:20.**

The people were blaming their suffering on their ancestors, their leaders, their parents.

God responds by saying:

**Each person is responsible
for his own sin**

This verse '**the soul who sins shall die,**' teaches personal accountability. The word, '**soul**' means the individual person, the whole living being. It does not mean only the immaterial part of you.' It means the person who sins is accountable. The word '**die**' means:

Physical death

Spiritual death

Eternal death

**The bible speaks of eternal death in
several places:**

Romans 6:23 – ‘The wages of sin is death.’

Revelations 20:14 – ‘the second death.’

Matthew 25:46 – eternal punishment.

**Eternal death is the second death.
Eternal separation means:**

No fellowship with God

No access to His grace

No hope of restoration

Full accountability under divine justice.

3

GOD JUDGES
INDIVIDUALS
AND NATIONS

***Daniel 5:17 "Thou art weighed in the balances,
and art found wanting"***

A hand appeared writing on the wall: 'Mene, Mene,
Takel, Parsin.'

'Tekel' means **'weigh in the balances.'** Being
'weighed' means examined carefully.

'Wanting' means lacking, insufficient, or deficient.

'Mene' means numbered. God has numbered the days. God has numbered the days of the Babylonian kingdom of as well as the days Belshazzar.

The second **'mene'** was repeated for emphasis. It underscores certainty.

'Parsin' means the kingdom is divided. Belshazzar is an example of God judging an individual as well as a nation.

God evaluates our lives, and moral, spiritual, and ethical deficiencies and sees them clearly. **Pride, injustice, and rebellion** against God cannot be hidden.

The bible says '**that very night.**' Belshazzar was killed, showing God's judgment is swift and decisive.

What is the moral application of Daniel 5:7:

Examine your life spiritually and morally

Humility and obedience are crucial

**Recognize that God sees beyond appearances
– He weighs your heart.**

**Take God's warnings seriously before it is
too late.**



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**SCRIPTURE'S CLEAR
PROCLAMATION**

CONCERNING

JUDGMENT

It is well that we note with a new emphasis, some of the many Scriptures which speak of that final day of God's righteous judgment of this earth and its wicked inhabitants.

Acts 17:31 'He hath appointed a day, in which He will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom He hath ordained.'

Note the phrase, 'He hath appointed a day'. God is not random or uncertain. History is moving toward a fixed, appointed day of judgment. Judgment is not a possibility: it is a certainty. God's patience does not mean that there will be no accountability later.

He will judge the world. Not just Israel, not just believers, but the whole world. Every nation, every culture, every generation. No one is exempt whether religious, moral, powerful or unknown.

'By the man whom He has ordained.' This man is:

The crucified Christ

The risen Lord

The appointed Judge

(Joel 2:1-6). "Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in My holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for the day of the Lord cometh, for it is nigh at hand; a day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness, as the morning spread upon the mountains...a fire devoureth before them; and behind them a flame burneth: the land is as the Garden of Eden before them, and behind them a desolate wilderness; yea, and nothing shall escape them...before their face the people shall be much pained: all faces shall gather blackness."

2000 years ago God sent His Son Jesus Christ to warn us of the coming Kingdom. He repeatedly say, 'Behold the Kingdom of God is at hand. We are the souls who sinneth and will surely die. Yet he went to the cross who was without sin to pay for our sins. So that he bore our weaknesses and our sin. The One who would judge the world first, allowed himself to be judged in our place. But when He was resurrected, it is God's declaration that Jesus is LORD.

Therefore, you do not have to be judged again in the coming judgment. Someone has paid for your judgment: Christ. Your sins were judged at the cross. Your righteousness is in Him. There is therefore no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. Just walk in victory with Christ everyday of your life.

