

## The Great Judgment Morning

Scripture Text: Revelation 6:15-16

There is a day coming that some people like, some are dreading, and some could care less!

This is the great judgment day – a day that will really happen. Heb. 9:27

The title of the sermon this morning comes from a song recorded, among others, by Roy Acuff and his Smoky Mountain Boys. Written by Bertram H. Shadduck and Leander L. Pickett in 1894, it has appeared in numerous songbooks and been recorded countless times.

Four verses in the song will guide us this morning.

- I. The Judgment
  - a. Verse 1
    - i. All the events in the song are just a dream.
    - ii. Notice every nation had gathered. All will be judged; the Gospel is for all – Rom. 1:16
    - iii. Signifies the end of time; cannot go back to earth and try to change things.
  - b. Biblical thoughts
    - i. God does not communicate through dreams today. All instruction comes from the written, completed Word – II Tim. 3:16-17
    - ii. The judgment seat – II Cor. 5:10 – we will all appear before it whether we want to or not.
    - iii. All people will be there. There will not be a judgment for North America only, everyone all at once – Romans 14:10
- II. Riches Don't Help!
  - a. Verse 2
    - i. A great reversal of roles – the rich in the world become very poor in judgment!
    - ii. Cannot try to buy your way into heaven! There is a false belief that many believe in that you can just go to hell and burn off your sins then go to heaven. There is just one problem – this is found nowhere in Scripture!!
    - iii. Death is the great equalizer!
  - b. Biblical thoughts
    - i. Possessions on earth don't mean everything – Matthew 16:26
    - ii. You cannot buy your way into heaven – Simon the sorcerer, Acts 8:18-23
    - iii. In death, just as in God's eyes, all are equal – Acts 10:34
- III. Those Neglected
  - a. Verse 3
    - i. Widows and orphans are often overlooked. They are never overlooked in the eyes of God.
    - ii. God removes the tears – showing His ultimate compassion!

- iii. Notice who else is there: not only the sinner (gambler and drunkard), but also those that permitted the sin (the one that sold the tickets, alcohol, and licenses permitting the sinful actions) are right there with them!
  - b. Biblical thoughts
    - i. Biblical command for us to take care of the widows and orphans – James 1:27
    - ii. We must have the confidence that when we pray, God hears what is happening – I John 5:14
    - iii. In Heaven, there will be no need for tears, all things that cause tears are gone – Rev. 21:1-5; also, all sinners will be there – Rev. 21:8!
- IV. No One Escapes
  - a. Verse 4
    - i. The “good” and “bad” men are present – no one escapes!
    - ii. Even those that crucified Jesus some 2000 years ago are there – literally everyone that ever walked on the face of this earth will be there!
    - iii. It is a bone chilling thought of how many people will have said the same thing the soul that put off salvation says! Later could be too late!
  - b. Biblical thoughts
    - i. Don’t be like Felix – Acts 24:24-27. We have no record if the “more convenient time” ever came for Felix!
    - ii. Don’t be like Agrippa – Acts 26:28. He almost was persuaded to be a Christian and 100% lost in his current state.
    - iii. Why would you delay the most important decision of your life? You wouldn’t purposefully delay another not-as-important decision, why delay this one?

Refrain of the song: the judgment day will cause a lot to be upset, once they realize it is too late for them! It will be the saddest day of their lives! It doesn’t have to be that for you!

Brethren, on that day, it will – without a shadow of a doubt – be too late to change your life or plead to the Great Judge!

Remember, either you obey or you are lost! Matthew 10:32-33, Luke 13:3-5

Do you dread the judgment day? Don’t – be prepared!

Obey the Gospel

Return and Remain Faithful

MONTH DAY, YEAR AM Wood Church of Christ

1. I dreamed that the great judgment morning  
Had dawned, and the trumpet had blown;  
I dreamed that the nations had gathered  
To judgment before the white throne;  
From the throne came a bright, shining angel,  
And he stood on the land and the sea,  
And he swore with his hand raised to Heaven,  
That time was no longer to be.
2. The rich man was there, but his money  
Had melted and vanished away;  
A pauper he stood in the judgment,  
His debts were too heavy to pay;  
The great man was there, but his greatness,  
When death came, was left far behind!  
The angel that opened the records,  
Not a trace of his greatness could find.
3. The widow was there with the orphans,  
God heard and remembered their cries;  
No sorrow in heaven forever,  
God wiped all the tears from their eyes;  
The gambler was there and the drunkard,  
And the man that had sold them the drink,  
With the people who gave him the license,  
Together in hell they did sink.
4. The moral man came to the judgment,  
But self-righteous rags would not do;  
The men who had crucified Jesus  
Had passed off as moral men, too;  
The soul that had put off salvation,  
“Not tonight; I’ll get saved by and by,  
No time now to think of religion!”  
At last they had found time to die.
5. *Refrain:*  
And, oh, what a weeping and wailing,  
As the lost were told of their fate;  
They cried for the rocks and the mountains,  
They prayed, but their prayer was too late.