

God's Word Will Judge Us

Every person is accountable to God. Many in the world choose not to believe in God because they do not want to accept the truth that they will give an account for what they do in this life to One who is greater than themselves (cf. II Corinthians 5:10). The Lord Jesus stressed accountability throughout His ministry. The parables of the landowner (Matthew 21:22-33) and of the talents (25:14-30) are just two of the many occasions He taught that men are accountable to God.

Jesus revealed what standard is now used to weigh our lives – His word. “He who rejects Me and does not receive My words, has that which judges him – the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day.” (John 12:48) Jesus’ word is one with the Father’s word. The heavenly Father sent Jesus to reveal the message of everlasting life. Jesus did not speak simply on His own; He spoke the Father’s command (cf. John 12:49-50). Moses prophesied of this very fact. He said that God would raise up a prophet like Moses and God would put His words in the prophet’s mouth. “And it shall be whoever will not hear my words, which He speaks in My name, I will require it of him.” (Deuteronomy 18:18-19) All men are accountable for their response to the Lord’s word. The men who do not do what Jesus says will suffer a great fall (cf. Matthew 7:26-27).

God is just. God is not a respecter of persons. God does not have fellowship with sin. Because of His great love for all men, He provided a propitiation by the blood His Son Jesus to redeem sinners who believe (cf. Romans 3:24-26). The gospel of Jesus Christ is “the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek” (Romans 1:16). God truly does not want men to die in their sins. Therefore, He calls you and me by the gospel to turn away from sin and to follow Jesus (cf. II Thessalonians 2:13). If anyone does not obey the gospel of Christ, he will be “punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord” (II Thessalonians 1:8-9). The inspired word of God will judge us.