

Praise After Judgment

Isaiah 26

A Picture of Judgment – Isaiah 24

- No part of human society escapes God's judgment
- God's judgment is a response to sin
- God's judgment turns joy into weeping for the wicked
- **God's judgment turns weeping into joy for the righteous**
- **God's judgment cannot come soon enough for the suffering righteous**
- No one on earth escapes God's judgment
- No one anywhere escapes God's judgment
- **There is a group that is delivered from punishment**

Temporal Judgment

- Of Satan and His works

John 12:31–33 (NKJV)

Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out. **32** And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all peoples to Myself.” **33** This He said, signifying by what death He would die.

John 16:7–11 (NKJV)

Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. **8** And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: **9** of sin, because they do not believe in Me; **10** of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; **11** of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

Colossians 2:13–15 (NKJV)

And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses, **14** having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. **15 Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.**

Romans 16:20 (NKJV)

And the God of peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly.

Temporal Judgment

- Of Satan and His works
- Of the wicked and their works

1 Peter 2:13–14 (NKJV)

Therefore submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake, whether to the king as supreme, **14** or to governors, as to those who are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and for the praise of those who do good.

Galatians 6:7–8 (NKJV)

Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. **8** For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.

Temporal Judgment

- Of Satan and His works
- Of the wicked and their works
- Of the wickedness of God's people

Hebrews 12:5–11 (NKJV)

... “My son, do not despise the chastening of the LORD, Nor be discouraged when you are rebuked by Him; **6** For whom the LORD loves He chastens, And scourges every son whom He receives.” ... **9** we have had human fathers who corrected us, and we paid them respect. Shall we not much more readily be in subjection to the Father of spirits and live? **10** For they indeed for a few days chastened us as seemed best to them, but He for our profit, that we may be partakers of His holiness. **11** Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

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- God's City and the Heart of its Inhabitants

Isaiah 26:1–6 (NKJV)

In that day this song will be sung in the land of Judah: “We have a strong city; God will appoint salvation for walls and bulwarks. **2** Open the gates, That the righteous nation which keeps the truth may enter in. **3** You will keep him in perfect peace, Whose mind is stayed on You, Because he trusts in You. **4** Trust in the LORD forever, For in YAH, the LORD, is everlasting strength. **5** For He brings down those who dwell on high, The lofty city; He lays it low, He lays it low to the ground, He brings it down to the dust. **6** The foot shall tread it down— The feet of the poor And the steps of the needy.”

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- God's City and the Heart of its Inhabitants
- Waiting for and Desiring God

Isaiah 26:7–9 (NKJV)

The way of the just is uprightness; O Most Upright, You weigh the path of the just. **8** Yes, in the way of Your judgments, O LORD, we have waited for You; The desire of our soul is for Your name And for the remembrance of You. **9** With my soul I have desired You in the night, Yes, by my spirit within me I will seek You early; For when Your judgments are in the earth, The inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness.

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- God's City and the Heart of its Inhabitants
- Waiting for and Desiring God
- Deliverance from Bondage

Isaiah 26:12–15 (NKJV)

LORD, You will establish peace for us, For You have also done all our works in us. **13** O LORD our God, masters besides You Have had dominion over us; But by You only we make mention of Your name. **14** They are dead, they will not live; They are deceased, they will not rise. Therefore You have punished and destroyed them, And made all their memory to perish. **15** You have increased the nation, O LORD, You have increased the nation; You are glorified; You have expanded all the borders of the land.

Applications

- Notice, learn from and rejoice in God's temporal judgments
- Know where God's city is, enter and live there
- Nurture what delights in God, prune what brings God's judgment
- Don't forget what you have been delivered from and Who delivered you