

Judgment Day

by Brad

Judgment Day! It's finally arrived. And all the peoples and tribes and nations are standing alongside one another in an open plain before the Judgment Seat.

Revelation 5:

2 And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof?

So, addressing the crowd, a call goes out for someone to step forward and judge the nations. The crowd grows silent. Not one comes forth. The call is repeated as everyone awaits a volunteer to judge the nations gathered before the Judgment Seat.

Perhaps, **YOU** volunteer..

You steadily make your way up to the front of the crowd and sit down before all the people gathered there. You settle down in the swivel chair, take a sip of water from the glass on the stand alongside, twirl first to the left and then to the right - and are now finally ready to initiate the Judgment process.

Scarcely before you commence a video screen leisurely slides down behind you and displays scenes from your life.

The crowds watch attentively, fixated on the big screen.

They slowly start to murmur and a voice emanates from the crowd:

'Hey, look at that! You committed that sin. Now how are you going to judge **ME** for that?'

Another voice follows:

'Hey, look at that, you committed that sin, how can you judge **ME** for that?'

And yet another voice emanates from the crowd:

'Yeah, look! You committed that sin, so how are you gonna judge **ME** for that?'

The murmurs soon turn to laughter and the crowd starts to mock you. The laughter subsides and steadily turns into boos. Booed out of the Judgment Seat you sneak back into the crowd and withdraw into blended obscurity.

Romans 2:1 ¶Therefore thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest: for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest doest the same things. 2 But we are sure that the judgment of God is according to truth against them which commit such things. 3 And thinkest thou this, O man, that judgest them which do such things, and doest the same, that thou shalt escape the judgment of God?

And that leaves us back at the original verse:

Revelation 5:

3 And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look thereon. 4 And I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon. 5 And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof.

At this point the Son steps forward and occupies the Judgment Seat. Yet again a screen drops down behind. The crowd of people watch as His life is played out, which is followed by a stunned silence.

Someone in the crowd inquires aloud:

Hey, did anyone get anything on him?

Or maybe you..?

And how 'bout you guys way over there?

Man - we didn't get nothing! Darn! The guy don't seem to have done anything wrong...

Having failed to discredit the Judge, the crowds begin to murmur amongst themselves as the Judgment is set to begin in earnest. Angels standing at the edge of the lake of fire have already commenced dipping their hands in the wooden barrels filled with talcum powder positioned at the lake's periphery. The temperature in the field rises a few degrees engendering an eerie feeling of discernible discomfort.

John 8:46 ¶Which of you convinceth me of sin? And if I say the truth, why do ye not believe me?

1 Peter 2:21 For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps: 22 Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth: 23 Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously:

It is at this point that **YOU** feel compelled to point out to the crowd that once the Judgment commences, most of the people gathered here will not meet the requirements, reminding them of a vague biblical verse that you recall that states that "few will be saved".

Reasoning with the crowd you get them to understand that "few is less than half" so they run more than a fifty percent chance of being hurled into the lake of fire. You further suppose that if there are currently 10 billion people standing in this field, then it figures that 5 billion are already toast.

Thus, you ingeniously propose that it would be far shrewder to work to save everyone before the actual Judgment took place, as afterward, those who are selected to enter into the kingdom of heaven will be very reluctant to take a stand.

You advocate that it is far wiser for everyone to make a strong appeal at the present moment and submit their case to God as to why they should be exempt.

[1] The "You just don't understand" Defense

A woman in the crowd bravely steps forward to make her case:

'You all would never understand all the hardships I had to endure in life' she laments, 'I was abjectly poor - and times were extremely tough. On numerous occasions I was bitterly hungry and went without. I, for one, certainly did not get a chance to sup and partake of any of the fine dishes found in the houses of nobles and kings...'

And God says: 'Well, the Son went without food on many occasions, so really what is your point?'

A man from the crowd steps forward to make his case:

'I was homeless all of my life and wandered from place to place. I lived under bridges, in the bitter cold and in the pouring rain. I certainly didn't have any of the benefits of those who lived in the mansions and the luxurious apartment buildings I walked by...'

And God says: 'The Son too did not have a home of his own, so what really is your point?'

And yet another man steps forward to get a hearing:

'I was a slave in the world; and my cruel master would whip and beat me... Surely - I should not be Judged!'

And God says: 'The Son too was beaten and whipped - so what exactly is your point?'

[2] The "You only sacrifice your creation" Defense

Below is a short extract from the-: Amazing Facts Inside Report: The Trinity - Is it biblical?

If Jesus was merely a created superbeing then His death for man's redemption is no better than an angel dying for us. If Christ is not deity itself, then any sinless created being could have served the purpose. This would have virtually sustained Satan's charge that God is selfish by demonstrating that He is only willing to sacrifice His creation and not Himself.

At this point you could probably come up with a couple of reasons (or excuses) of your own or speculate on some that others might conjure up - but they would have to hold water to save you from the lake of fire.

And thus God says: Now! Why can the Son not judge **YOU**?

Revelation 5:9 And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;

John 5:22 For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son: 23 That all men should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him.

John 5:27 And hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man.

John 12:31 Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out. 32 And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me. 33 This he said, signifying what death he should die. 34 The people answered him, We have heard out of the law that Christ abideth for ever: and how sayest thou, The Son of man must be lifted up? who is this Son of man?

Luke 24:25 Then he said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken: 26 Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory? 27 And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself. 28 And they drew nigh unto the village, whither they went: and he made as though he would have gone further. 29 But they constrained him, saying, Abide with us: for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent. And he went in to tarry with them. 30 And it came to pass, as he sat at meat with them, he took bread, and blessed it, and brake, and gave to them. 31 And their eyes were opened, and they knew him; and he vanished out of their sight. 32 And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures?

It's getting late. The angels mulling about at the foot of the lake of fire are getting restless and its time to continue with the proceedings, so that the few (well, at least there's some good news) can get on with their lives.

But what of the rest of the crowd?



Well - *uhm!* I'm afraid, old chap, their lives will have amounted to - I daren't say; A rather somewhat unpleasant interruption of nothingness -*cough!*

Matthew 13:49 So shall it be at the end of the world: the angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among the just, 50 And shall cast them into the furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. 51 Jesus saith unto them, Have ye understood all these things? They say unto him, Yea, Lord.

Matthew 13:41 The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; 42 And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. 43 Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.

THE END

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I'm 'na watch 'em burn in the fire
See I'm a G that's why I ain't in your choir...
from the song: **When I get to heaven** by **Ice Cube**

So that's it?

Well...

As it's highly unlikely that you will get the somewhat 6.6 billion people in the world today to all turn back and all cry at the same time tonight and change the world - that is your most likely outcome.

You can change the world
I can't do it by myself
You can tell us to stop
Gonna take somebodies help
You the Chosen One
I'm gonna need some kinda sign
If we all cry at the same time tonight?

from the song: **Cry** by **Michael Jackson**

The bible though does present examples of **Alternate Futures**

The Alternate Future (or Fantasy Future)

(1) The Nineveh Double-Cross (or Nineveh Finesse)

Jonah goes to the city of Nineveh and proclaims that the city will be destroyed in 40 days:

Jonah 3:

4 And Jonah began to enter into the city a day's journey, and he cried, and said, Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown. 5 ¶So the people of Nineveh believed God, and proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them even to the least of them. 6 For word came unto the king of Nineveh, and he arose from his throne, and he laid his robe from him, and covered him with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. 7 And he caused it to be proclaimed and published through Nineveh by the decree of the king and his nobles, saying, Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste any thing: let them not feed, nor drink water: 8 But let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and cry mightily unto God: yea, let them turn every one from his evil way, and from the violence that is in their hands.

The people of Nineveh refuse to merely accept their fate and reason that:

Jonah 3:

9 Who can tell if God will turn and repent, and turn away from his fierce anger, that we perish not?

Hence by virtue of their action the people in the city of Nineveh effect the "Nineveh Double-Cross" (or "Nineveh Finesse") and "tie God's hands" and halt their destruction:

Jonah 3:

10 And God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God repented of the evil, that he had said that he would do unto them; and he did it not.

As a result the city was not destroyed, leaving Jonah mightily upset with God.

For more on Jonah you can view the **Joe Crews Classic Radio Sermons** transcripts at Amazingfacts.org

Jonah and the City of Nineveh – Part1 & 2

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Matthew 12:41 The men of Nineveh shall rise in judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: because they repented at the preaching of Jonas; and, behold, a greater than Jonas is here.

Luke 11:32 The men of Nineveh shall rise up in the judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: for they repented at the preaching of Jonas; and, behold, a greater than Jonas is here.

(2) The City of Sodom

In the following instance the Son himself presents us with an alternative path in the case of the city of Sodom:

Matthew 11:23

And thou, Capernaum, which art exalted unto heaven, shalt be brought down to hell: for if the mighty works, which have been done in thee, had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day.

While it is thus hypothetically possible to save the world, it is highly improbable. Many will persist and valiantly continue to strive towards this goal - as demonstrated in the scriptures below:

1 Timothy 2:

3 For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior; 4 Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.

Matthew 24:

14 And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

Daniel 12:

4 But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.



Many are called...

Few choose to respond

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