

SUNDAY SCHOOL SPECIAL
Text: John 5:24-30
Subject: Evangelism
Focus: The fear of Judgment

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INTRODUCTION

1. The Fear of Divine Judgment is very real to many
2. Many fear that they will be judged by God for their many sins
3. How can we help people overcome their fear of Divine Judgment?

THE PROBLEM OF SIN AND JUDGMENT

1. Sin is a fact of life
 - a) All have sinned and come short of the glory of God Romans 3:23
 - b) The wages of sin is death Romans 6:23a
 - c) But the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord Romans 6:23b
2. With Sin comes Fear
 - a) Fear of being judged by God
 - b) Fear of consequences of God's judgment

MAN'S ANSWER TO THE PROBLEM OF JUDGMENT

1. Do good works
2. Perhaps God will overlook and forgive
3. Not a very safe or satisfactory answer
4. Important Texts:
 - a) A man is not justified by the works of the law Galatians 2:16a
 - b) But by faith in Jesus Christ Galatians 2:16b
 - c) Not by works of righteousness
which we have done Titus 3:5a
 - d) But according to His mercy He saved us Titus 3:5b

A WONDERFUL WORD OF PROMISE BY THE LORD JESUS

“Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.”
John 5:24

1. A word of strong assurance

“Most assuredly, I say to you”
John 5:24a

2. Two things to take note of:

a) Hearing

“He who hears My word”
John 5:24b

i) This is a reference to the teachings of the Lord Jesus

ii) This is a reference to the Gospel of the Lord

iii) The word of God will generate faith and life

b) Believing

“And believes in Him who sent Me”
John 5:24c

i) Believing in God the Father

ii) Believing in the Lord Jesus whom the Father has sent

3. The promise of Everlasting Life

“Has everlasting life”
John 5:24d

a) He has everlasting life

b) He is given this eternal life

c) From the moment he hears and believes

4. No Judgment

“And shall not come into judgment”
John 5:24e

a) There will be no Divine judgment

b) This is a wonderful word of promise

c) It is part and parcel of the salvation that God gives

5. From death to life

“But has passed from death into life”

John 5:24f

a) If there had been Judgment, there would have been death

b) But through faith in the Lord Jesus

i) The death sentence is removed

ii) The sinner is pardoned fully

iii) He is no longer seen as a sinner

iv) He has become a child of God

He is born again of the Holy Spirit

AN APPLICATION OF THIS TRUTH TO THE PRESENT

“²⁵Most assuredly, I say to you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God; and those who hear will live. ²⁶For as the Father has life in Himself, so He has granted the Son to have life in Himself, ²⁷and has given Him authority to execute judgment also, because He is the Son of Man.”

John 5:25-27

1. “The hour is coming, and now is”

John 5:25a

a) An idiomatic statement

b) It is a reference to the present

2. “The dead will hear the voice of the Son of God”

John 5:25b

a) Reference to the spiritually dead

b) It takes humility to recognize the true state of our soul

3. “Those who hear will live”

John 5:25c

a) An encouragement

b) An appeal to make a definite and appropriate response

c) To hear and believe

John 5:24

3. Life

a) “The Father has life in Himself”

John 5:26a

b) "He has granted the Son to have life in Himself" John 5:26b
The Son has life in Himself too

4. Authority

a) "And has given Him authority to execute judgment" John 5:27a

d) "Because He is the Son of Man" John 5:27b
(Cf. Daniel 7:9-14)

AN APPLICATION OF THIS TRUTH TO THE FUTURE

"²⁸ Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice ²⁹ and come forth—those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation. ³⁰ I can of Myself do nothing. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is righteous, because I do not seek My own will but the will of the Father who sent Me."
John 5:28-30

1. "The hour is coming" John 5:28a

2. "All who are in the graves will hear His voice" John 5:28b

3. "and come forth" John 5:29a

a) "Those who have done good
to the resurrection of life" John 5:29b

b) "And those who have done evil,
to the resurrection of condemnation" John 5:29c

4. The Judgment

a) "I can of Myself do nothing" John 5:30a

b) "As I hear, I judge" John 5:30b

c) "My judgment is righteous" John 5:30c

d) "Because I do not seek My own will
but the will of the Father who sent Me" John 5:30d

PRESENTATION OF THE GOSPEL

1. The promise of the Lord Jesus

a) No Judgment

b) Everlasting life

2. An appropriate Response

a) Hearing

b) Believing

c) Prayer and praise