



The Black & White on Gray Areas

Living in Light of Our Coming Judgment

Romans 14:4, 10-12

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4 Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

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10 Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; **11** for it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God." **12** So then each of us will give an account of himself to God. (ESV)

1. Understand _____ (vv.4, 10-11)

A.

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B.

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2. Anticipate _____ (v.12)

A.

B.

C.

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **1 Peter 1:15-17**. You don't find much talk these days among Christians about the future evaluation we all must face. What do you think are some of the reasons modern Christians tend to think of God almost exclusively as their Father, but rarely, if ever, as their Judge?
2. Read **1 Corinthians 3:11-15**. With "gray areas" in mind, what are some of the "wood, hay and straw activities" that you are motivated to replace with "gold, silver and precious stones activities" when you read a text like this?
3. Read **1 Corinthians 4:4-5**. Why is this passage so important for those of us who prefer not to think too long or too seriously about our motives?
4. Read **Psalms 139:23-24**. What are some areas of your life in which you need to rethink your intentions and ask God to convict you of any selfish or sinful motivations?
5. Read **Romans 13:14**. What are some "gray areas" you have dabbled in, but now realize are too much of a "provision for the flesh" tempting you into doing things that are expressly prohibited in God's word?

The CBC Bible Reading Schedule for this Week:

Go to ESV.org (Reading Plans: Through the Bible) for schedule prompts.

November 6th

Jer.43-45 & Heb.3

November 7th

Jer.46-48 & Heb.4

November 8th

Jer.49-50 & Heb.5

November 9th

Jer.51-52 & Heb.6

November 10th

Lam.1-2 & Heb.7

November 11th

Lam.3-5 & Heb.8

November 12th

Ezk.1-3 & Heb.9

November 13th

Ezk.4-6 & Heb.10:1-23

For sermons on MP3 go to FPR.info. The following are other available sermons related to today's subject matter.

CD # 0705 – **Motivated by Christ's Rewards at His Return**

CD # 1034 – **Gratitude for Grace and Respect for the King**

CD # 0936 – **Looking to the Benefits of Obedience**

CD # 0816 – **Why It's All Worth It**

CD # 0833 – **Paying Close Attention to Your Deeds**

Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

Alcorn, Randy. **Heaven**. Tyndale House Publishers, 2004.

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McClain, Alva. **The Greatness of the Kingdom: An Inductive Study of the Kingdom of God**. BMH Books, 1974.

Moody, Dwight L. **Heaven**. Reprint. Moody Press, 1995.

Owen, John. **Overcoming Sin & Temptation**. Crossway Books, 2006.

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Pentecost, Dwight. **Things to Come: A Study in Biblical Eschatology**. Zondervan, 1958.

Piper, John. **What Jesus Demands from the World**. Crossway Books, 2006.

Spurgeon, Charles. **A Passion for Holiness in a Believer's Life**. YWAM Publishing, 1996.

Stowell, Joseph. **Eternity: Reclaiming a Passion for What Endures**. Moody Press, 1995.