

Light and damnation

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[0 : 00] We may now consider together as we shall be enabled words you will find in a chapter we read together.

The Gospel according to John chapter 5. And we shall read again at verse 28.

John chapter 5 at verse 28. Marvel not at this.

For the hour is coming in which all that are in the grave shall hear his voice and shall come forth.

Therefore, they that have done good unto the resurrection of life. And they that have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation.

[1 : 04] But the teaching we have in this part of the chapter.

The chapter arose from the charges that the Pharisees brought against Christ.

Because he cured a man on the Sabbath day. And because he said, Christ said God was his father making himself equal with God.

The charges brought against Christ for this. Formed the groundwork for his reply.

And the doctrine we have as we said in this part of the verse. Is his reply. To those charges.

[2 : 22] Notice he does not deny the inference. That the Pharisees drew.

From his claim. To be God's son. He said that God was his father. And thereby.

And thereby. Made himself equal with God. And that is the way in which.

The Pharisees understood his words. Though he makes no attempt whatsoever. To deny that charge.

He does not see. That God is not as that. He does not see. That he did not mean.

[3 : 24] To lay claim. To that very equality. Which so offended them. But.

He went on. To tell them. What his relationship with the father. The man could. What it involved.

And implied. And among other things. There was this. This authority.

And his power. To raise. The dead. The father. The father.

The father gave him. To have life. In himself. And from this. Follow. That he is.

[4 : 22] Now able. To call. The dead. To life. The time. The time is coming. And now is. When the dead shall hear.

The voice of the son of God. And those that hear. Shall. Live. But there is a distinction made.

Between that. Hearing and living. And the hearing and living. We have in the passage. We read as our text.

The time is coming. When those that are in their graves. Will hear his voice. And will come forth.

Those that have done good. Unto the resurrection of life. And those that have done evil. Unto the resurrection. Of damn it.

[5 : 23] In the first place. When he says. The time is coming. And now is. When the dead shall hear. The voice of the son of God.

And those that hear. Do live. Shall live. That refers to. Spiritual death. And the time now is.

That. The spiritually dead. Hear. The voice of the son of God. And those that hear. Do live.

But this. Is a secret work. That can only be known. By its results. Who are they.

Who hear the voice. Of the son of God. Who are they. Who live. Well that can only.

[6 : 28] Be known. With certainty. To God himself. Yet he has given us. Certain marks. And tokens. And signs. Of life.

Where there is life. There must be. Activity. Spiritual activity. I mean. When a soul.

Hears the voice. Of the son of God. And when that soul. Lives. There is not necessity. Activity.

Demonstrating. Life. There is no such thing. As life. Without activity. The activity.

May be very. Heable. It may not be. Deserable. To the eye. But when there is. Life.

[7 : 29] There is. Motion. There is activity. Life. That is. True. Of any kind of life. It is certainly true. Of. Spiritual life. They shall. Hear. His voice. And. They shall live. But then. He tells them. Not to marvel at this. Because. He has to say. Something else. That will. Appear. More. Marvelous. To them. We do not. Take it to mean that. The resurrection. Of the body. At the last day. Is a greater miracle. Than the resurrection. Of the soul. Now. It is he. [8 : 33] Who calls. The dead. To life. Spiritually. That will call. To the dead. To life. At the end. Of the age.

And there is no comparison here. Set up. Between. The group. These two. Rising. To life. These two. Reselections. In a sense. The raising. Of the dead soul. To life. Requires. More. Power. Than the raising. Of the dead. At the last day. That is the raising. Of the dead body. But. It will not be. With such. Outward demonstration. That is. [9 : 28] The raising. Of the soul. To life. Now. Is something. That is seeking. It is something. That goes on. But that does not. Come with observation. Observation. The kingdom of God.

Does not come. With observation. There are no trumpets. Sounded. To raise. The dead spirit. To life. But there will be. A trumpet. Sounded. At the last day. Which all. Will hear. That trumpet.

Will sound. And the dead. In Christ. Will rise. First. There will be. No mistaking. This resurrection. There will be. No possibility. Of ignoring it. It is a. [10 : 24] Summon. To all. To appear. Before. The dread. Tribunal. Of the living God. The time.

Is. Coming. It has. Not yet. Come. But it is. Coming. When those. Who are. In their graves. Will hear. His. Voice. And shall. Come forth. There will be. No disobedience. To the voice. Of the son. Of God. In that day. It is possible. Now. To turn. A death. Here. To what God. Requires. And demands. Of us. It is possible. [11 : 23] Now. To treat. Lightly. What God. The Lord. Does speak. It is possible. Now. To go on. In our own way.

Neglecting. And. Ignoring. What God. Commands us. But that is only for a time. A short time. A very short time. The time. Is coming. When there will be no possibility of disobedience. When none will ignore. When none will neglect.

The voice. Of the son of God. They shall. Come. Come. For. There is nothing. [12 : 36] More clearly revealed. In the word of God. Than the doctrine of highland. Judgment. It is a doctrine that. Underlies. All. Scripture. Revelation. It is a doctrine that. Underlies. The revelation of the gospel. You remember. How Paul. How Paul. Says the doctrine of judgment. And the doctrine of mercy. Side by side. When he says to the Athenians.

On Mars Hill. God. Now. Commands. All men. Everywhere. To repent. [13 : 35] Why. Why. Because. He has set a day. In which. He will. Judge.

The world. By that man. Whom he hath ordained. Whereof. He has given proof. To all men. In that way. They. Stuff. Him. From the dead. God. Commands. Men. Everywhere. To repent. Because. He hath. Set a day. In which. He will. Judge. The world. Now. The doctrine. Of final judgment. Is a doctrine. [14 : 32] That is. Solem. In the extreme. It is something.

That calls us. To consider. What we are. And who we are. It is something. That calls us. To take. Stop. Of. Where we stand. And where we expect. To appear. We must. All appear. Before. The judgment seat. Of Christ. That we may receive. The things. Done. In the body. Whether they be. Good. Or whether. They be. [15 : 34] Bad. We must. We must. All appear. Before the judgment seat. Of Christ.

The time is coming. When those. When those. That are in their graves. Will hear. His voice. And will.

Come forth. And shall come forth. It is a summons. To appear. At the final assize. To appear. To appear. Before God.

To render. Our account. For. How solemn. That is. How solemn. [16 : 31] Must. The actual. Experience. Be. Be. Now our minds.

Has. All sorts of. Devices. To evade. Toward. God. The full.
Of this God. We do this. We do that. We consider that. The next thing. And so on. And perhaps.
The subtlety. The deceitfulness. Of the human heart. Appears in nothing more. Than this. The many
devices. It has. To ward off.

The edge. To turn aside. The shaft. That God. Ames. At us. In this.

[17 : 33] The doctrine. Now. In the. Depth.

Of our own heart. Endeavoring. To get away. From every other. Concentration. For the moment.
Let us ask ourselves. This question. Do I really. Believe this? Do I believe.
That I must. Stand. At the judgment seat. Of Christ. Do I believe. That those that are in their graves.
Will hear his voice. And shall come. For. That's not easy to believe. My friends. And it is not easy to
believe.

[18 : 36] Because. The whole tendency. Of our nature. Is away from it. We don't want. To believe
it. We want to believe.

Something else. Do we really. Believe this? And if we do.

If we can say. Conscientiously. Yes. I believe that. Then ask yourself. A further question. That if I
believe it.

How can I live. So unconcerned. So indifferent. About the things.

That belong to my peace. How can my mind. Be taken up. Day after day. And night after night. With
the things.

[19 : 41] Of this world. While. The judgment. That awaits me. Is now.

The doubt. Of my mind. Or pushed. Into a corner. If we believe this.

If we believe. Under the influence. If we believe this. Under its influence. We would live.

Not for this. Life only. But we would live. As pilgrims. We would live. As those who are here. But for
a short time.

And who must. Appear. Before God. God. Now we are told here. That. The way.

[20 : 41] The dead. Are to be called. To judgment. Is. Through the voice. Of the son of God. It is
his voice.

That calls them. To judgment. What a transformation is he. If you consider him.

As standing before. I. Consider him. As standing before. The Jewish. And he.

Where he speaks. Nothing. We are told again. And again. He gave.

No answer. But even. That. He said. This. Hereafter.

[21 : 48] He shall see. The son of man. Coming in. Great. Glory.

And to him. Shall be called. All. That are in their graves. He shall come in. Great. Glory.

And he will sit. Judging. The human race. With a judgment. Irreversible. And from which.

There is. No. Appeal. The dead. Shall hear his voice. And shall come forth.

Here there is no difference. Between man and man. The difference comes in later. Those that have
done. Well.

[22 : 52] Or good. To the resurrection of. Life. And those that have done. Evil. To the resurrection
of.

Damnation. Here is life. And damnation. Life.

And. Judgment. Judgment of. Condemnation. That's the meaning of the word. Damnation.

Now there is no. Picture of this. Comparable with the one. The savior himself. Drew. The king.

When he said. He shall put.

He shall place the sheep. On his right hand. And the goats. On his left hand. And he shall say unto
the sheep.

[24 : 00] Come. Ye. Blessed of my father. Inherent the kingdom. For Jerusalem. Which was
prepared. For you. Before.

Before the word began. This is the resurrection of life. Life in God and life with God.

They are resurrected to a life of everlasting, unceasing communion with God himself.

This is the day of their final emancipation. This is the consummation of their salvation.

The salvation which began when they heard his voice first calling them from death to life.

[25 : 08] When he spoke to their soul when it was death in trespasses and sins. That was the
beginning of their salvation.

That his salvation applied to them. And this is the consummation of it. When they hear his voice again. Calling them from the grave.

To partake of the blessedness. To enjoy to the full. That which he prepared for them. Before the world was.

But on the other hand. Literally so. On the left hand. There are the goats to whom he says. Depart from me. Ye cursed. Into everlasting fire.

[26 : 12] Prepared for the devil. And his angels. And this is. The consummation of death.

And misery. And misery. It is an eternal sentence.

Of expulsion. From his presence. Depart from me. Ye cursed.

Depart. This has always been your way. Departing from the living God. Now depart. Forevermore. Forevermore.

Foreverlasting. What a dread sentence. That must be. They that have done evil.

[27 : 20] To the resurrection of. Damn me. And there can be no disobedience. Then.

Depart. Depart. They must. There can be no possibility. Of not carrying out.

To the full. What they are commanded. It is.

It is. Extremely solemn. Inviting and demanding your most serious thought.

Where we shall be. At that day. At that day. We shall hear the voice of the Son of God.

[28 : 20] We must come forth. We must appear before him. But oh where. At the right hand.

Or. At the left. Where shall it be? And what may seem of little consequence now.

What we may dismiss by a shrug of our shoulders. Will be full of meaning. Then. And it cannot be dismissed.

Blightly. Or in any other way. The judgment of God. Is according to truth. Heaven and earth shall pass away.

But his word. Shall not pass away. We repeat. Where shall we appear?

[29 : 35] We must all appear. Before his judgment seat. Will it be on the left hand?

Will it be on the right hand? Oh God thou knowest. And what is.

The difference between doing well. And doing evil. They shall come forth.

Those that have done good. To the resurrection of life. Those that have done evil. To the resurrection of damnation. Who are they?

That do good. For there is none that do well. No. No. Not one. There is none righteous.

[30 : 43] That is. In one sense. Yet there are those who have described us doing good.

No good. Is obedience. To God. Nothing else is good. Obedience. Obedience. Obedience. Obedience.

Obedience to God. Is the only good there is. And the only good there is. Obedience.

Obedience. And where does obedience begin? Where does this good begin? This is God's commandment.

This is his commandment. That we should believe. On him. Whom he hath set.

[31 : 46] This is where good begins. There is nothing good apart from this. It is. Believing. In the name of the only.

Begottens Son of God. You see how he himself. In this very context. Lays all the emphasis on that. On believing in him.

Whom the father sent. That's the beginning of doing good. Supposing you give your body to be burned. Supposing you give all your goods to feed the poor.

Supposing you have faith to remove mountains. Supposing you have knowledge to understand all mysteries. It is nothing.

It is no good. Literally dope. Unless. You believe on the name of the only. Begottens Son of God.

[32 : 48] You can. Use your means. And you can use yourself. To do things that are in themselves good. But they are of no good to you.

None whatsoever in the meaning of your text. Except. Except. You believe. You believe. On the name of the only. Begott.

Son of God. And that is where good begins. And there is no good whatever. Apart from the. Those that have done good. Or the need there is then.

Of the power of God. To work. Faithiness. Faithiness. And there. By. Be united. To Christ.

In our. Effectual cause. To work. Faithiness. To be united.

[33 : 49] To the judge. This is the only thing that will count in that day. Our relationship with the judge. Blessed are they.

Who are one with him. To whom he serves. He and. My friends. For he have believed.
That God's chamber. From God. To stutter in their grave. Which will hear this heart voice.
And shall come out. You will be there. I shall be there.

We shall all meet. At the judgment seat of Christ. But shall we all be on the same side.

[34 : 51] This is unexpressively solved. For our eternal destiny.

Is determined. At this very point. Where we shall appear. Oh that we had the spirit of wisdom.
The spirit of revelation. To call upon himself. To commit ourselves to him. In the exercise of living faith.

Say. Lord grant. That in that day. I shall be found. United. To thy staff.

And that was. On thy. White. Ah. Let us pray. Oh Lord. Be merciful to us.

[35 : 54] We are such. Ignorant. And poor. And the proof of our ignorance.

And poverty is. That we are. Disinclined. Towards that which thou. Requirest of.

Do thou thyself. Ham. The deal. And incline. No will to that. Which is. Good. Do thou.

Thyself. Give us to. Give more. Diligence. To make God. And all. And all. Elections.

Sure. For time is passing. Eternity is drawing near. But we would bless thee.

[36 : 53] That those who are under thy shame. Those who dwell in the sacred place of the almighty. Are saved now.

And will be saved. When the floods. Of judgment. Come forth. When divine wrath will devour the adversaries.

Grant. Grant. Blessed. That we shall be of this number. Who are indeed. And in truth.

In Christ. Jesus. Lift upon us the light of thy countenance. Take away all sins. And accept of us. In Christ.

And thou shalt have the praise. Amen. Amen.