

INTRODUCTION: Have you ever thought the judgment day was coming? While it hasn't come yet, it certainly is coming.

DISCUSSION:

1. **There will be a day of judgment.** Matthew 12:36. See also Hebrews 9:27.
2. **Everyone will be judged.** Romans 14:10B-12.
3. **Jesus will judge us.** 2 Timothy 4:1A.
4. **Jesus will judge us by the deeds we have done in the flesh.** 2 Corinthians 5:9-10.
5. **Jesus will know everything we have done in the flesh – nothing will be hidden from His sight.** Luke 12:1-3; 1 Corinthians 4:3-5.
6. **Jesus will use the word of God as His standard of judgment.** John 12:48.
7. **We will be given one of two possible sentences – either an eternity in heaven or an eternity in hell.** Matthew 25:31-34, 41, 46. See also Romans 2:5B-11.
8. **Sentencing will be irreversible.** Luke 16:19-26. There will be no second chances.
9. **Jesus will be a fair and impartial judge.** Acts 17:30-31; Colossians 3:23-25.
10. **Nothing in this life is worth spending an eternity in hell.** Matthew 16:26-27; 18:8-9.
11. **No one knows when the judgment day is coming.** 1 Thessalonians 5:2.
12. **Some people will be surprised when the judgment day comes and not be ready.** 1 Thessalonians 5:2; Matthew 25:1-13.
13. **Some people will think they are ready for the judgment day and will be surprised by their sentence.** Matthew 7:21-23.



APPLICATIONS:

1. **Do we boldly look forward to the day of judgment?** 2 Timothy 4:7-8. See also 1 John 4:16B-18.
2. **Or, does the thought of the day of judgment fill us with fear?** Hebrews 10:26-31.
3. **The day of judgment day will not be long in coming.** James 5:9; Revelation 22:20. 1 Peter 4:7. Time is just the smallest of blips on the radar screen of eternity.
4. **Now is the time for us to prepare to meet our God!** Acts 24:24-25; Romans 13:11-14.
5. **Now is the time for us to help other people to prepare to meet our God!** Hebrews 10:24-25.

CONCLUSION: Let's visualize ourselves in both judgment day possibilities. Matthew 25:19-21; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9. Which will ours be? Just wanting to go to heaven won't make it so. We must do whatever it takes to hear, "Well done, good and faithful slave ... enter into the joy of your master." Matthew 7:21-23.