

**Today's Talk:** Pastor Tim Vink celebrates the arc of history in the triumph of the gospel and the second coming of Jesus. The accountability revolution of Judgement Day gives way to the utter defeat of sin, death and evil in our world through the restoration of all things. Every knee will bow and tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father...but the time of salvation through the grace of Jesus is NOW.

November 3, 2024:

Title: **God's V-Day: The Second Coming of Jesus**

Text: John 5:28-29; 1 Cor. 15:50-58

Theme: In the second coming of Jesus, the church is inseparably linked with the victory of Jesus: in salvation, resurrection, and the restoration of all things.

Key congregational question: to what end is all our faithfulness in the Lord directed?

Adult unlearning: Rebel against fear, resist passivity, and reject escapism regarding the second coming of Jesus to our world.

## Judgment Day

### The Day of God's Wrath-The Day of God-The Day of the Lord- The Day of Judgment

Four questions concerning Judgment Day yet to come, before Almighty God:

1.) Will all creation face this "day of the Lord"? **Yes.**

See especially Revelation 20:10-15; John 5:28; Matthew 25:31-46; Matthew 13:37-43, 49; Hebrews 4:13, 9:27; 10:27; Rev. 1:7; 2 Cor. 5:1-11; Ecclesiastes 12:14; Daniel 12:1-3; 2 Peter 2:9; 1 Peter 4:5,17; Luke 12:42-48, etc.

2.) In what order do these last events of time and history occur?

- Distress in all nations, wars, trouble AND the gospel preached to all nations. Along with all the nations of the earth, both Israel (Daniel 12:1-3; Romans 11:23-25) and the Church (Rev. 1:7; 2 Thess. 1:6-10, 2:1-12; 1 Thess. 4:13-5:3; Acts 3:21; Mt. 25:31, Mt. 24:27-31) will be present on earth until the Day of Judgment.
- Israel turning to the Lord Jesus in repentance for salvation by grace through faith (New Covenant in his blood). Romans 10:1-4; 11:11-15, 25-27.
- The man of lawlessness revealed (as in Rev. 13 scenes), according to 2 Thess. 2:1-12. The man of lawlessness will be destroyed by the Day of the Lord, at the splendor of Christ's coming. (Rev. 20:7-9; 2 Thess. 1:6-10)

- The final battle of righteousness against wickedness on earth occurs as Christ returns, as in Revelation 19 scenes. The dead in Christ rise first, with resurrection bodies like unto Christ. Then all the saints who are still alive are transformed and gathered to Christ's side in the air, in the twinkling of an eye, as in 1 Thess. 4:13-19; 1 Cor. 15:52. Those who are not gathered to the glorious returning Lord Jesus in this way will be defeated in their evil resistance. The unsaved dead also will be brought forth from the grave and called to give an account of their deeds before Almighty God on his Judgment Day, in bodies that will remain forever. The earth will be burned, the elements destroyed by fire. 2 Peter 3:7, 10-12.
- Then judgment begins for all people, great and small, before God on the throne in heaven. Rev. 20:11-15; Matthew 25:31, etc. See above at question #1, and #4 below.
- Separation to heaven or hell for eternity follows this judgment by Christ (John 5:22-24, 27-29). The Lamb's Book of Life is the key to eternal life...is your name written there? (Rev. 3:5, 13:8, 17:8, 20:12, 15; 21:27; Philippians 4:3; Daniel 12:1; Ex. 32:32-33; Ps. 69:28) The lake of fire, prepared by God to punish the Devil and his angels, will receive the banished hordes of evil angels and all human sinners without their sins atoned for by Jesus on the cross 2000 years ago. (Romans 9:22-24)
- Then God's creation of a new heavens and earth will occur for those living with the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit forever and ever in the "home of righteousness", where there will be no sorrow, sickness, sin, demons or death anymore. (Rev. 21-22, 2 Peter 3:13)

3.) Will Christians still give an account of their life before God on Judgment Day? Yes. See especially Rev. 20:10-15; 2 Cor. 5:1-11; Romans 14:4, 9-12; 2 Peter 3:7-14; 1 Cor. 3:8-15, 4:5; Heb 9:27, 10:27, 30 ...like Matt 7:21...2 Timothy 4:1; 1 Peter 4:17; John 4:17; Luke 12:42-48, etc.

4.) What does the Bible teach will be the level of detail to which God will judge us?

According to our **deeds**. Rev. 20:12-13; Eccl. 12:14; 2 Cor. 5:10; Romans 2:5-6; Psalm 62:12; Jeremiah 17:10; 1 Cor. 3:13.

According to our **words**. Matthew 12:36; Luke 12:8-10.

According to our **thoughts/motives**. 1 Cor. 4:5; Rom. 2:5, 16; Heb. 4:12-13.