

Judgment Day

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"But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up. Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness" (2 Peter 3:10-11). We don't know when the Day of Judgment will come, so what manner of persons should we be? If we knew that Judgment Day would be tomorrow, what would we do differently today? Are there some things in our life we would have to change? How would our dress, speech, and general conduct be? If today were Sunday or Wednesday would we assemble with the church? Or would we forsake "the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some" (Hebrews 10:25), because we had something better to do?

If Judgment Day was going to be tomorrow, would we have to start doing differently today? Why would we have to start doing differently today? Would it be because we are not ready? Being ready to stand before the Lord in judgment should be our number one priority in this life. Jesus tells us to "seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness" (Matthew 6:33). We know the Lord is coming some "tomorrow", but we don't know which tomorrow. "Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming in an hour you do not expect" (Matthew 24:44). "For we shall all stand before the Judgment seat of Christ" (Romans 14:10). We should live our lives as though today was the day before Judgment Day, because some day it will be.