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With Sunny Place Church of God

June, 2020

Judgment - ARE YOU READY?

JUDGEMENT

With the world in the situation that it is in at this time, I think judgment is the perfect word to be writing about. As this pandemic started happening, I was thinking about all those people that were dying; I was wondering if any of them were really ready. I don't mean ready to die, but ready for GOD's final judgment. I know that GOD knows everything because the Lord searches every heart and understands every desire and every thought; and he knows the secrets of the heart and examines the mind, to reward each person according to what their deeds deserve. PSA 7:9, King David singing to the Lord, "Bring to an end the violence of the wicked and make the righteous secure, you the righteous God who probes minds and hearts." Ok, I know I could go on and on, but just one more: HEB 4:13, "Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account." Sorry, one more, Jer 1:5, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart."

Alright, we know God is the perfect judge and he knows exactly what will happen with every person on earth ... or, "Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the **Creator** of the ends of the earth." (ISA 40:28) I also know that God is in complete control of the universe, so this situation at hand might be like a wakeup call for all the people around the world, and God knows what the outcome will be. So I would like to ask you, do you *think* you are ready, or do you *know* you are ready? I want to be that sheep on the right and not the goat on the left. We need to know that we are ready at any time, and every second, because we don't know the day or

the hour. "He is the Lord our God; his judgments are in all the earth." (PSA 105:7) "You also must be ready because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him." (LUK 12:40) "Just as people are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him." (HEB 9:27-28) Are you ready and waiting for him?

As most of you can see, I have put in a lot of bits and pieces of Scripture, and most of it was copy and paste. You might think it's because I'm lazy; but I can tell you this, I have been working on this for the last month and a half, on and off, because words don't come to me very well, and the Lord wants me to do my best for him. Whenever I have to do an article, before I can even start, I always look at all the Scriptures containing that word or about the word. So you know I had a lot to look at because the word "judgment" is used about 158 times. I copied and paste the ones that speak to me on my notebook so I can recall them. Well... needless to say, I have about 6 pages to look through as He leads me to the words.

I have a story to talk about that came to me before I started to write this article. We just finished a Thursday night zoom Bible Study; I normally go to bed right after watching a little news till 10. I never have a problem falling asleep when I turn off the TV and my head hits the pillow. I'm out in 10 minutes or less. But for some reason I couldn't fall asleep, and something just kept running through my head: "The road less traveled," over and over; so I had to get up and

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write it down on my pages of notes, because I know I wouldn't remember this in the morning.

“Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.” (MAT 7:13-14) When I visualize this in my mind, I think of a whole bunch of large highways or expressways that have a bunch of signs above them that say things like: “This Way To... fancy cars, big houses, power, pornography, lust and whatever you want, etc.!” And those roads are filled with millions of cars going 100 MPH. And at the beginning and throughout the length of all these highways, there are small frontage roads that have a sign with a light shining on it that simply reads: “Be Like Jesus.” And on those roads, you only see a few cars just taking their time and doing the speed limit. But at the end of all the highways is the Grand Canyon, and they can't see what is ahead of them, and don't care ... so down they go. “The tumult will resound to the ends of the earth, for the Lord will bring charges against the nations; he will bring judgment on all mankind and put the wicked to the sword,” declares the Lord.” (JER 25:31) “For God will bring every deed into judgment, including every hidden thing, whether it is good or evil.” (ECC 12:14)

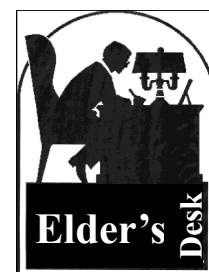
Now, I also imagine there are some cars in between the small road and the highways. They get off and follow the small road for a while, then go back to the highways. “If we deliberately keep on sinning after we have received the knowledge of the truth, no sacrifice for sins is left, but only a fearful expectation of judgment and of raging fire that will consume the enemies of God.” (HEB 10:26-27) So go ahead ask yourself: “Are you ready? Are you on that narrow road?” We know “the

Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.” (2PET 3:9) But we don't know when that time will come; so how about we just get ready now, and stay ready. “For Christ did not enter a sanctuary made with human hands that was only a copy of the true one; he entered heaven itself, now to appear for us in God's presence.” (HEB 9:24) He did that for us ... so don't you think the least we could do is to be more like Christ?

“For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.” (2COR 5:10) “For we will all stand before God's judgment seat.” (ROM 14:10) “But I tell you that everyone will have to give account on the day of judgment for every empty word they have spoken.” (MAT 12:36) “God will bring into judgment both the righteous and the wicked, for there will be a time for every activity, a time to judge every deed.” (ECC 3:17)

Are you ready to stand before the Lord and say, “Here I am Lord, it is I?” As I see it, you have two choices (1) You can choose to do the will of *yourself*, while “the world and its desires pass away,” and take your chances; or (2) “But whoever does the will of God lives forever,” and KNOW.

Your humble servant in Christ,
Ted Gehman



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Connecting Families With The Love Of Christ

Elders Minutes of Meeting held May 6, 2020

Attended by Pastor Pete Weber, Phyllis Clark, Tim Kasza, Ted Gehman, Scott Krout, Glenda Kasza and Nona Koivula

Prayer and Devotion: Psalm 34:8-19 "Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the man who takes refuge in him. Fear the LORD, you saints, for those who fear him lack nothing. The lions may grow weak and hungry, but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing. Come, my children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD. Whoever of you loves life and desires to see many good days, keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking lies. Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it. The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their cry; the face of the LORD is against those who do evil, to cut off the memory of them from the earth. The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears them; he delivers them from all their troubles. The LORD is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit. A righteous man may have many troubles, but the LORD delivers him from them all."

Ministry Reports:

Treasurer: Budgeted Bank Balance \$ 2,643.25 Giving for April \$13,765 Expenses \$12,957.25 Glenda informed the Elders that the budget for Faith Promise was met and there was an excess of \$550.

Worship & Prayer: The Worship team posts messages on Faithlife and a Facebook Worship group. The Sunday bulletin is published on Faithlife for anyone to view. Pastor Pete is retaining a list of all prayer needs. He sent it to the Body of Christ via email and it is on Faithlife also.

Christian Education & Fellowship: Bible Studies continue on Thursday evening and Sunday morning. The Tuesdays Together Fellowship and Wednesday Connect for young adults continue via Zoom.

Pastoral Care & Encouragement: Mother's Day cards were sent and telephone contact continues to encourage the Body of Christ.

Outreach & Missions: Because of the pandemic, we were unable to experience the Missions Festival on the first weekend of May. The Missions Ministry connected with our Missionaries Jenny and Bobby Mihsill who were guest speakers on Sunday May 3. Their message was inspirational. Outreach continues to contact the senior citizens who attended our Second Saturday Luncheons. They are touched that our Ministry team remembers them during this difficult time. To show our church's appreciation for first responders and nurses, the team had lunches delivered to a clinic in Joliet where Tiffany Farrell is employed. The team will assemble encouragement bags which will include personal items, candy and Sunny Place church information and deliver them to the Addison Amita care group.

Stewardship & Support Services: Tim reported that he walks through our church buildings and property on Thursdays. There were no seepage problems in the basement after many rain showers and storms. All is well with Sunny Place.

New and Old Business:

- Faithlife is a platform for our church members. There will be an invitation sent via email to all Sunny Place people. All are encouraged to sign up and use this site as a resource for spiritual development, family studies, documentaries, and the logos Bible. Share on a post if you find a message or resource valuable to you or your family.
- The Missions Ministry will prepare informational packages about Faith Promise and Commitments for 2020-2021 and distribute.
- The Elders discussed necessary changes to prepare our Sunny Place Church to reopen and to comply with CDC safety protocols. We do not know when Illinois will allow gatherings of more than 10 people. We want to be prepared.

Next Elders meeting Wednesday June 3

Sunny Place Church



Church Events

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During the time we are under the coronavirus stay-at-home order, all of our Worship Services, Bible Studies and Meetings. will be held at the scheduled times on ZOOM. If you would like to join us for a service or study, send an email with your name and contact information to sunnyplacecog@gmail.com to request a link to be sent to you.

You can also listen to the audio sermons, or watch the full video sessions of the services, within a few days afterwards, by selecting either version on: www.sunnyplacechurch.org/resources/audio-sermons.



Adult Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.
"The Church of God
Revealed in Scripture"

Wednesday



7:00 p.m.

Designed especially for young adults and youths.
A Spirit led time of hanging out, sharing thoughts, prayer, encouragement, Scripture reading, and more.

7:00 p.m.

Tuesdays
TOGETHER

A time to share with others:
stories and answers
of how the Lord has
answered prayers in your life

THURSDAY

7:00 p.m.

**"The Lessons of
the Kings"**

A Study of the four books of the Kings.
Led by Pastor Pete