

God is Angry with You But...
Our Death Reveals a Coming Judgment
Hebrews 9:26b–28
Saved from God by God
November 10, 2013
Sermon Outline

Notes:

I. **Introduction: Children’s Sermon**

- A. Who/What Saves Lives?
Doctors/Nurses...; Vaccines...; Clean Hands...
Guns...; Seat belts...; Fire Sprinklers...
- B. Only Jesus Truly Saves Lives

Key Idea

Jesus is the only hope for humanities plight. God has sentenced us to death and so only God can rescue us.

II. **We Are in Need of Saving!**

- A. There is No Doubt God is Angry with Us
 - 1. **Ancient Judgments:** The Fall & The Flood, God’s Judgment of Cities, Nations and Kings
 - 2. **A Sin Cursed World Warns Us:** Natural Disasters & Tragedies, Pain & Suffering
 - 3. **A Fallen World Reveals Our Rebellion:** Human Wickedness

B. Condemned for Our Own Rebellion

“...we simply do not want anyone else to dictate our moral sensitivities; we wish to define them ourselves. This is at the heart of our rejecting of God’s first injunction. It has very little to do with the tree and everything to do with the seed of our rebellion, namely, autonomy. We wish to be a law unto ourselves.” ... “Of course, we also wish to have control over the tree of life. We desire perpetual and autonomous existence—in effect, wanting to play God. Even though we did not author creation, we wish to author morality and take the reins of life.

Combine the two attitudes, and it boils down to this: we want to live forever on our own terms.”¹

1. Morality (God’s boundaries or ours)
2. Life (God’s salvation or ours)
 - a. My rules, I’ll save myself
 - b. My rules, God will save me (T-Shirt – “God saves so I can spend”)
 - c. God’s rules, I’ll save myself
 - d. **God’s rules, God will save me**

Hebrews 9:27

...it is appointed for man *to die once*, and *after that* comes **judgment**...

B. Two Deaths...

Revelation 20:12–15

¹² And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Then another book was opened, which is the book of life. And the dead were judged by what was written in the books, according to what they had done. ¹³ And the sea gave up the dead who were in it, Death and Hades gave up the dead who were in them, and they were judged, each one of them, according to what they had done. ¹⁴ Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. **This is the second death, the lake of fire.** ¹⁵ And if anyone’s name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

III. Judgment in Jesus is How God Saves!

Hebrews 9:26b–28

[Jesus] has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin *by the sacrifice of himself*.²⁷ And **just as** it is appointed for man to die once, and *after that comes judgment*,²⁸ **so Christ, having been offered once** to bear the sins of many, **will appear a second time**, not to deal with sin but *to save those who are eagerly waiting for him*.

¹ Ravi Zacharias. Just Thinking. THREADS OF A REDEEMED HEART Posted on August 28, 2013

- A. The Sacrifice of Jesus
 - 1. Judgment for Us
 - a. As God...**Mercy**
 - b. As a Man...**Justice** via substitution
 - 2. **Three Gifts** flow from His Sacrifice
 - a. **Washing**...
 - b. **Consecration**...

1 Peter 4:12

Beloved, *do not be surprised at the fiery trial* when it comes upon you to **test you**, as though something strange were happening to you.

"There is nothing like suffering to reveal the weakness of the things you are leaning on to make life worth living."

- c. **Communion**... (Peter's Error in Galatians)

- B. How is this Applied to Us? "...Save those who are Eagerly Waiting for Him"
 - 1. Turning from Rebellion: "...**we want to live forever on our own terms.**"
 - 2. Turning back to God: "We want to obey God even if it kills us."

Colossians 3:2–4

² Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³ For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ *who is your life* appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Revelation 2:10–11

¹⁰ Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and for ten days you will have tribulation. *Be faithful unto death*, and I will give you the crown of life. ¹¹ He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. *The one who conquers will not be hurt by the second death.*

IV. No One But Jesus Can Save You from the Coming Judgment of Eternal Death

Key Idea

Our death sentence is justly given to us by God so it stands to reason that only God could rescue us from it. Or... Only Jesus saves lives!