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The New Testament!
Matthew 11:20-24
"Truths About the Judgement"!

Matthew 11:20-24 (ESV) Then he began to denounce the cities where most of his mighty works had been done, because they did not repent. 21 "Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. 22 But I tell you, it will be more bearable on the day of judgment for Tyre and Sidon than for you. 23 And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? You will be brought down to Hades. For if the mighty works done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. 24 But I tell you that it will be more tolerable on the day of judgment for the land of Sodom than for you."

Introduction

Last week the rejection of Jesus by His generation and the Galilean cities

The obstinacy and fault finding that comes with the rejection of Jesus, His message and His messenger
Today! "Truths about judgement"!

1. There will be a judgement
2. There are degrees of punishment
3. The unforgiveable sin is unbelief
4. This judgement demonstrates God's omniscience!
5. This judgement demonstrates that God does not owe salvation to even one

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Woe to Unrepentant Cities

1. There will be a judgement!

John 5:25-29 (ESV) "Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. 26 For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself. 27 And he has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man. 28 Do not marvel at this, for an hour is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear his voice 29 and come out, those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment. Revelation 14:7 (ESV) And he said with a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water."

Most people never think about judgement
We must force ourselves to admit to and see the reality of the judgement

Matthew 25:41 (ESV) "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels."

Matthew 7:21-23 (ESV) "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. 22 On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?' 23 And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.'

Matthew 8:12, 13:42, 13:50, 22:13, 24:51, 25:30, Mark 9...

2. There are degrees of judgement!

We must see this teaching about the degrees of punishment

Tyre, Sidon and Sodom will be rightly punished for their wickedness and evil

These Galilean cities will be punished for their unbelief and unwillingness to repent

3. The unforgiveable sin is unbelief!

So we point out the sins of others and ignore our unbelief

John 3:18 (ESV) Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

4. This judgement demonstrates God's omniscience!

Jesus says that Tyre, Sidon, and Sodom would have repented if the miracles done in Galilee had been done in them

John 13:17 (ESV) If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.

When I think about the opportunities given to Americans to believe in Christ, I shake with fear
Hebrews 2:3a (ESV) How shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation?

People who never hear of Christ will not be as severely punished in judgement as those who hear and do not believe or who are convicted of sin and will not repent

5. This judgement demonstrates that God does not owe salvation to even one

This is the final hard lesson from this text about judgement

Romans 3:23 (ESV) For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

Romans 6:23a (ESV) For the wages of sin is death.

Romans 9:15 (ESV) For he says to Moses, "I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion."

If God "owed" mercy, mercy would not be mercy

Summary

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The day of judgement will be a day of surprises for the world, next week we will look at "the judgement" Believers will not be surprised because the Words of the gospel will still be ringing in their ears and residing in their minds and hearts

So hear the gospel, repent, believe, confess Jesus as Savior and Lord and become a well-informed follower of Christ today!