

THE DAY WE ALL FACE **(Matthew 25:31-33)**

I. When it will be?

- A. This is an easy question to answer because the Bible tells us that only one being knows and He is God the Father.
 - 1. Mark 13:32-33.
 - 2. Jesus said that even He did not know the judgment date.
- B. Many have set dates for the Lord's return and the judgment.
 - 1. Hal Lindsey has predicted it on two different occasions at least.
 - 2. Pat Robertson picked a date in the 80's.
 - 3. Benni Hinn had picked 1993.
 - 4. Predictions are on record as having been made as early as 90 AD.
 - 5. The Jehovah's Witnesses were notorious for setting dates during the mid and early-1900's.
- C. The fact is that we don't know and there are no signs found in the Bible that will help pinpoint a date.
- D. Because of this fact, each of us is commanded simply to be ready (Matthew 24:42; Mark 13:37; 1 Thessalonians 5:6).

II. Who will be there?

- A. This is another easy question to answer because all will be there.
- B. In our text we are told that all nations will be present.
 - 1. Jesus gave the great commission and told us to go teach all nations (Matthew 28:19).
 - 2. We know this to mean all people.
 - 3. Thus, all people are going to be at the judgment.
- C. If you ever lived, are living or will live on this earth, you will be at the judgment (2 Corinthians 5:10).
- D. We each have an appointment with death and then the judgment (Hebrews 9:27)..
 - 1. The word "appointed" carries the idea of "to be reserved for."
 - 2. There is a spot at the judgment for all of us and it is reserved for us.
- E. The angels will also be there according to Peter (2 Peter 2:4; Jude 6).
- F. The godly and the unjust will all be there ((2 Peter 2:9).

III. What will take place?

- A. First of all, Jesus will return (1 Thessalonians 4:14-17).
- B. Then the judgment will begin with Jesus as our Judge.
 - 1. Jesus said the judgment was committed to Him (John 5:22-30).
 - 2. God chose Jesus and approved Him to be our judge (Acts 10:42; 17:30-31).
- C. The reason that Jesus is the Judge is that He is the Son of Man (Mark 5:27).
 - 1. Jesus knows what God expects of mankind because He is deity and is one with the Father.
 - 2. Jesus knows what man is going through here on earth and understands our viewpoint because He lived on this earth in the

form of man.

- D. There will be books opened on that day (Revelation 20:12).
 - 1. The Book of Life is going to be there, in which we should desperately want our names (Revelation 3:5).
 - 2. The Bible will be there because it is that document by which we shall be judged (John 12:48).
 - 3. The record of the events, actions and thoughts of our lives will be opened on that day.
 - a. All the things we have done, thought or said will be there.
 - b. Matthew 12:36; 1 Corinthians 4:5; 2 Corinthians 5:10.
- E. There will be a separation made on that day.
 - 1. The sheep will be set on the right hand of God.
 - a. These are those that will be found having been faithful while on earth.
 - b. Matthew 25:33a.
 - 2. The goats will be set on the left hand of God.
 - a. These are those that will be found having been unfaithful while on earth.
 - b. Matthew 25:33b.
- F. There will be a sentencing on that day.
 - 1. The ones on the right will hear wonderful words (Matthew 25:34).
 - 2. The ones on the left will hear terrible words (Matthew 25:41).
- G. The earth will be destroyed (2 Peter 3:10).

IV. **Will any be unjustly condemned?**

- A. Sadly, there are those in our justice systems who have been unjustly condemned.
 - 1. They were found guilty of crimes that they did not commit.
 - 2. They had to serve sentences that were unjust because they had done nothing wrong.
- B. This will never be the case with the Lord as Judge.
- C. It will be righteous judgment given on that day (Romans 2:5).
 - 1. If we are lost it will be because we deserved that sentence.
 - 2. God is righteous and would not allow someone to be unjustly sentenced either way.
- D. Jesus is a righteous judge (2 Timothy 4:8).
 - 1. He is such because He is deity.
 - 2. He is such because He seeks to do the will of the Father (John 5:30).