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FOR IF WE WOULD JUDGE OURSELVES, WE SHOULD NOT BE JUDGED. BUT WHEN WE ARE JUDGED, WE ARE CHASTENED OF THE LORD, THAT WE SHOULD NOT BE CONDEMNED WITH THE WORLD. - 1 CORINTHIANS 11:31-32

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For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God? And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear? (1 Peter 4:17-18)

For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged. But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world. (1 Corinthians 11:31-32)

And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him: For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. (Heb. 12:5-6)

Bible verses, like the ones above, have purposely been overlooked by the modern day church. The modern church does not believe that God judges us today, nor corrects us. They teach that Jesus Christ paid the penalty for all sin, therefore there are no consequences for disobedience today for the Christian. Jesus Christ did pay the penalty for all sin by shedding His blood on the cross.



If a Christian continues to live in sin, after they are born again, God will judge them because they fail to judge themselves and repent.

What Is Judgement

The judgement of God is not punishment; it is the love and mercy of God in action. God's judgement takes place after He has dealt with someone over and over, many times for years. They failed to listen to what God was communicating to their spirit or heard and refused to do what He said. I will give you a true life example of what I am saying.

In February 1959, Rev. Kenneth Erwin Hagin was hospitalized, in El Paso, TX because he had fell and hurt his arm and elbow severely. He was lying in bed at 6:30 in the evening. He heard someone walk into his room and looked up and was startled to see Jesus Christ. Jesus walked in, got a chair and pulled it beside the bed and sat down.

Jesus said to him, "This has happened to you not because it was My perfect will for you — because it is not My will at all; this has happened to you because you got out of My perfect will into my permissive will." *I want to point out it's never God's will for bad things to happen.*

“You got into trouble because you reversed the order of your ministry, putting your teaching ministry first and your prophetic ministry second. When you did that, you got out of My perfect will and into My permissive will, thus opening the door for the devil to attack you.”

Jesus said to him, “You might ask why, if I knew you were going to fall and hurt your arm, why I didn’t prevent it. I could have, of course, but I didn’t want to. And instead of being angry with Me for not preventing it, you should be glad I allowed it to happen. *If I hadn’t permitted Satan to do this to arrest your attention, you would not have lived past the age of 55, because you would have continued in my permissive will instead of my perfect will.* This is the third time I have had to speak to you about this.” You can read the entire account in Kenneth E Hagin’s book, “I Believe In Visions.”

Jesus Christ allowed this to happen to Rev. Hagin to get his attention. He was disobedient by not doing what the Lord told him to do. He would not have lived past the age of 55 years old if this had not happened to him. Rhema started when he was 57 years old, so there would have been no Rhema Bible Training Center.

You can see that this was not punishment, but the love and mercy of God in action. God’s judgement and correction is never punishment. I am very glad for the Lord’s mercy!

Government Official

Years ago, a pastor asked me to go with him to pray for a very high up government official. He said the family desperately wanted me to come and pray for this man. We arrived and went in. I had never been in a house so large in my life.

The pastor and I went into the room where this government official was in bed. The pastor asked me to pray. I told him I would agree with him. He took off praying, claiming healing and binding devils. He went on this way for a while. The pastor grabbed my hand and told me to lay hands on the man for healing. When I laid my hand upon the man, the Spirit of God said, “Don’t pray for his healing.” I was shocked and asked the Lord why? He said, “This man has taken advantage of many people and caused hardships for them through his position. I have judged him because he would not judge himself and repent. He is going to die. Don’t pray for his healing.” I obeyed the Lord.

The pastor kept declaring that he was healed and he would get out of that bed and live. I never said a word to any of them about what the Lord said to me, as the pastor filled them with false hope. A few weeks later, sadly, the man died. His family was stricken with grief. That is why it is very important to be led by His Spirit in situations like this. You, nor I can take our faith and override what God has determined to happen.



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Apostle Paul Judges

It is reported commonly that there is fornication among you, and such fornication as is not so much as named among the Gentiles, that one should have his father's wife. And ye are puffed up, and have not rather mourned, that he that hath done this deed might be taken away from among you. For I verily, as absent in body, but present in spirit, have judged already, as though I were present, concerning him that hath so done this deed, In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when ye are gathered together, and my spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ, To deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus. (1 Corinthians 5:1-5)

The Apostle Paul did not consider it unbiblical to judge people in the church for committing sin, like the modern church does today. He dealt with this man's disobedience the moment he heard about it. It did not mean he did not love the man, but he loved the Lord Jesus Christ and His church more. He delivered the man to Satan so that through the hardships he would face, the man would turn back to God and repent. He wanted the man to be saved, not punished. That is the love of God in action.

A Lady Judged

One of my relatives grew up during the Great Depression and suffered many hardships. When she was old enough, she got married.

Her and her husband had three children. Her husband became an alcoholic and was not a good provider for his family. The only times I remember him, he was drinking and his eyes were bloodshot. She finally got a job in the Cotton Mill where they made bath clothes, towels, sheets, etc.

She worked faithfully everyday to provide for her children and never remarried. She saved all the money she could put aside. She worked in the Cotton Mill for over 48 years. Finally, they made her retire because of her age. She managed to save a lot of money over the years.

One day, I was repairing her closet door that would not close correctly. I saw shoe boxes stacked in the back of this large closet. I knew she was not a spend thrift, and it would be very unusual for her to have all those shoes. I opened one of the boxes and found U.S. Saving Bonds stacked tightly in it - thousands of dollars worth of bonds.

I quickly opened the other shoe boxes and they were filled with the bonds also! It was thousands and thousands and thousands of dollars! She had hid them there because she didn't trust the banks. The banking system had collapsed during the Great Depression so she would not keep her money in them, because she remembered those times. I called her daughter and told her. Her daughter could not believe that she had hid those bonds in a closet!

She called her sister and they made her secure those bonds and other money in the bank for safe keeping. It was a good sum of money to save just by working in the Cotton Mill all those years. Later on in life my relative progressed in age and needed assistance. She was not able to live by herself any longer.

Both of her daughters talked about the situation she was in. They finally decided that they would move her in with one of her daughters. The other daughter worked full-time and her sister didn't. She would help her sister out with her mother though.

Time progressed on and she needed more care and someone to manage her finances. Both sisters arranged with the bank to take over her finances with full authority to do what they wanted with her money. Without one of the sisters knowledge, the other sister began to spend some of my relative's money for herself. Later, she started transferring funds into her own account from her mother's bank account.

My elderly relative finally decided to move to Heaven and did so. A week or so after the funeral, the sisters decided they would meet and go through their mother's house and divide furniture and keepsakes between them. On the set day one sister arrived and no one was there. She took her key and opened the door and went in. She wondered what was up?

When she walked in the door she was surprised and shocked to see a totally empty house. All the furniture was gone and there were no pictures on the walls. There was just a dust pan on the floor. She called her sister on the phone and it rang and rang, but no one answered. Concerned, she went to the bank and found out her mother's accounts had no money in them and they were closed. She found out from the bank that her sister had done this because she had the authority to do so.

This sister was devastated, hurt and upset when it finally dawned on her what her sister had done. She finally was able to go to her sister's house and ask her what was going on. Her sister got very angry with her and yelled and screamed at her in very hateful tones. She began to sob and cry at being treated this way by her sister. They had always gotten along until this happened. She left very hurt with tears streaming down her cheeks.

She tried to reconcile with her sister even though she had stole her inheritance from her. Her sister would scream at her and tell her she was a sorry, low down person and other choice words. This went on for years. One day, this sister that was mistreated called me and was sobbing uncontrollably. I finally got her quiet, and she told me her sister had just berated her worse than ever before and she was devastated. I talked with her for a while trying to comfort her.

Suddenly the Spirit of God came on me with a word of wisdom. I said, "The Lord just told me that she would die within two years if she did not repent of her evil deeds." She said, "I don't want her to die!" Of course, I did not either, but the Lord had spoken. Judgment had been set in motion.

It wasn't long before her sister came down with an incurable liver disease that required special treatment. She was in and out of the hospital, and her sister was by her side. She asked me to pray for her, and I did many times. Each time the Lord reminded me that if she repented, she would be healed immediately. She was blocking her own healing. She had thoroughly convinced herself that she had done nothing wrong and there was no need to repent. The day came that she took her last breath with her sister standing close by. She was very sad when her sister died.

When her sister died, she left almost everything she had to her oldest son. He was a Pentecostal minister. It seemed her possessions were cursed or something. He enjoyed the money and things for a good while.

Later, he lost everything, backslid and started drinking. He left the ministry, his wife and family. I prayed for him over and over. I tried to help him and so far I have not been able to.

His mother's sin effected her family and her grandchildren. She died at 67 and her sister is still doing great at this writing. She is 85 years old. You can't continually be mean and hateful to others without consequences. You cannot cheat, lie and steal from others without opening the door for the devil to attack you. God did not do those things to her. She gave the devil permission to do it by her actions and failure to repent.

Consequences

I am not speaking about earning your salvation. You can't. Jesus Christ is your only hope of salvation, not your works. I realize that most of the modern church does not believe there are consequences for Christians who continue in sin and do not repent. They are wrong and the Bible is true. Don't take my word for it. Study this in the New Testament for yourself and you will see that it is true.

What I have shared here does not mean that God does not love you. He does not condemn you, just as He didn't with the lady caught in adultery. He told her to go and sin no more and He loved her. He loves you too! His mercies and compassion fail not. He is doing everything He can to get you to come and be with Him in Heaven when you die. Turn to Jesus today and ask Him to save you and forgive you. He will! I'll see you in Heaven!

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