



Galatians 6:7
Living Bible

7 Don't be misled; remember that you can't ignore God and get away with it: a man will always reap just the kind of crop he sows!

The passage above expresses that the earth has now moved into Judgment day and the entire world will undergo a trial in which God will evaluate each man's works. From the beginning of history to the end, mankind has had enough time to work out their innermost desires and accomplishments. Since

judgment Day is an earth wide inspection we must all stand before the judgment seat of God. In opening this address we will look within the Bible to find exactly what God wants to tell us as an introduction concerning Judgment Day. What passage in the Bible helps us understand the conditions of Judgment Day based on Galatians 6:7? At *Job 13:9 (Easy-to-Read Version)*⁹ *If God checked you very closely, would he see that you are right? Do you really think you can fool God the same as you fool people?* The important information in the passage helps us understand that God acknowledges human nature and the way people think. By using this feature to pass fair judgment on all mankind we do not expect God to be unreasonable or unsophisticated. The information relayed within the Bible tells us exactly what judgment day is that the information that we can expect from God who is the ultimate judge.

Before we proceed to extract divine information of judgment from the Bible I feel it is best to address certain terms that have flourished throughout human history. Does the Bible support the idea of Hell? No the Bible does not support the notion that the dead are still alive and can process thoughts and feelings that produce torments. There are places within the Scriptures that speak in a literal term that the dead have thinking

ability but this is observed only literally and not actual truth but used as an illustration. What passage in the Bible explains the true state of life once we die? At *Ecclesiastes 9:5 (Living Bible)*⁵ *For the living at least know that they will die! But the dead know nothing; they don't even have their memories.* The passage speaks of the dead and how they know nothing or cease to exist; the memories of the dead have faded from life. What information does the Bible have for the state that the dead resides in? At *Psalms 88:10 (Living Bible)*¹⁰ *Soon it will be too late! Of what use are your miracles when I am in the grave? How can I praise you then?* The key point in this passage explains that the residence for the dead is the common grave which we know to be a burial plot for a casket. Going online the word Common Graves is expressed as: *A common grave was a plot which belonged to the owners of the cemetery rather than to a private individual. These plots were used to bury the bodies of unrelated individuals who died over the course of a few days and did not have the means to pay for a plot with private burial rights. These graves were not marked with any kind of headstone and so the occupants were not formally commemorated though the burial itself would have been paid*

for by the family of the deceased. What additional information can we find in the Bible that supports the common grave as the final resting place of the dead? At *Psalm 146:4 (Names of God Bible)* ⁴*When they breathe their last breath, they return to the ground. On that day their plans come to an end.* What prophecy recorded in the Bible actually states the truth about the dead and the condition that they end up in? At *Genesis 3:19 (Living Bible)* ¹⁹*All your life you will sweat to master it, until your dying day. Then you will return to the ground from which you came. For you were made from the ground, and to the ground you will return."*

Another aspect of judgment would be divine punishment and what it means for us that are accused as guilty and deserving. Does the Bible ever express that God intended to punish people? Yes at *2 Thessalonians 1:8-9 (Easy-to-Read Version)* ⁸*He will come with burning fire to punish those who don't know God—those who refuse to accept the Good News about our Lord Jesus.* ⁹*They will be punished with a destruction that never ends. They will not be allowed to be with the Lord but will be kept away from his great power.* The key point in the passage is that God had always intended to kill people and his preferred way was with fire; anyone that did not want to know about God and refused to develop faith in Jesus Christ. But the passage uses the

concept that the fire of death never ends and causes a tormenting. This is in fact literal and meant to get the point across to people living using an illustration that gives spiritual enlightenment. In order to avoid the death that God will measure out we should accept God and Jesus Christ. What additional information can we find? At *2 Peter 3:7 (Living Bible)* ⁷ *And God has commanded that the earth and the heavens be stored away for a great bonfire at the judgment day, when all ungodly men will perish.* Here the word bonfire is used to express the punishment of judgment we know a bonfire is simply fire started by wood that is heaped into a controlled area. There is no lake or the center of the earth using magma where people are thrown in and continue burning forever this is only an illustration for death period. What does the Bible tell us to be another reason God measured out punishment of death to humans? At *Ezekiel 18:4 (Living Bible)* ⁴ *for all souls are mine to judge—fathers and sons alike—and my rule is this: It is for a man's own sins that he will die.* What additional information does the Bible have? At *Acts 3:19-23 (Living Bible)* ¹⁹ *Now change your mind and attitude to God and turn to him so he can cleanse away your sins and send you wonderful times of refreshment from the presence of the Lord* ²⁰ *and send Jesus your Messiah back to you again.* ²¹⁻²² *For he must remain in heaven until the final*

recovery of all things from sin, as prophesied from ancient times. Moses, for instance, said long ago, 'The Lord God will raise up a Prophet among you, who will resemble me! Listen carefully to everything he tells you.'²³ Anyone who will not listen to him shall be utterly destroyed.' What information does the Bible contain that exposes our sins? At *Romans 5:12 (Names of God Bible)*¹² *Sin came into the world through one person, and death came through sin. So death spread to everyone, because everyone sinned.* What additional information can we find? At *Romans 3:23 (Living Bible)*²³ *Yes, all have sinned; all fall short of God's glorious ideal.* How far back does the Bible show people to be sinners? At *Psalms 51:5 (Names of God Bible)*⁵ *Indeed, I was born guilty. I was a sinner when my mother conceived me.*

In the Bible the perfect example of ancient judgment is displayed at Genesis 3:8-24 and we can never doubt that God had been righteous in measuring out punishment for these two people. In fact without the Biblical record of Adam and Eve we would not even know that they ever lived. In the modern world God also has divine Judgment and gave it a time period called the Millennium Rule of Christ. By using two parables as was the trademark of the character Jesus Christ we will take a frank look

at Judgement Day and what it will happen between people of this world and almighty God.

Luke 16:19-31

Easy-to-Read Version

The Rich Man and Lazarus

¹⁹ Jesus said, "There was a rich man who always dressed in the finest clothes. He was so rich that he was able to enjoy all the best things every day. ²⁰ There was also a very poor man named Lazarus. Lazarus' body was covered with sores. He was often put by the rich man's gate. ²¹ Lazarus wanted only to eat the scraps of food left on the floor under the rich man's table. And the dogs came and licked his sores.

²² "Later, Lazarus died. The angels took him and placed him in the arms of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³ He was sent to the place of death^[a] and was in great pain. He saw Abraham far away with Lazarus in his arms. ²⁴ He called, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me! Send Lazarus to me so that he can dip his finger in water and cool my tongue. I am suffering in this fire!'

²⁵ "But Abraham said, 'My child, remember when you lived? You had all the good things in life. But Lazarus had nothing but problems. Now he is comforted here, and you are suffering. ²⁶ Also, there is a big pit between you and us. No one can cross over to help you, and no one can come here from there.'

²⁷ "The rich man said, 'Then please, father Abraham, send Lazarus to my father's house on earth. ²⁸ I have five brothers. He could warn my brothers so that they will not come to this place of pain.'

²⁹ "But Abraham said, 'They have the Law of Moses and the writings of the prophets to read; let them learn from that.'

³⁰ "The rich man said, 'No, father Abraham! But if someone came to them from the dead, then they would decide to change their lives.'

³¹ "But Abraham said to him, 'If your brothers won't listen to Moses and the prophets, they won't listen to someone who comes back from the dead.'"

In regards to this parable we will discuss passages that have key attributes to explaining Judgment Day and how God will address each one using this parable as a training example. We will start now by looking at verse ²⁶*Also, there is a big pit between you and us. No one can cross over to help you, and no one can come here from there.'* The key information in this verse is to identify the pit between Lazarus and the rich man. In the dictionary the word pit can be described by using a different word that best describes the situation as in the word Schism = *a split or division between strongly opposed sections or parties, caused by differences in opinion or belief.* Using the definition helps us acknowledge the difference between the two men that causes divine judgment to go in favor of one over the other. What passage in the Bible helps us to see the quality that God uses to judge these two very different men? At *Psalms 36:6 (Easy-to-Read Version)* ⁶*Your goodness is higher than the highest mountains. Your fairness is deeper than the deepest ocean.*

LORD, you protect people and animals. Because the two men have very different financial situations one man is powerfully stronger and mature than the other one is. This will merit for divine protection. What is another totally different situation that the Bible reveals to be happening here in spite of financial conditions between the two men? At *2 Corinthians 6:14-18 (Names of God Bible) Christians and Their Relationships with Unbelievers* ¹⁴ *Stop forming inappropriate relationships with unbelievers. Can right and wrong be partners? Can light have anything in common with darkness?* ¹⁵ *Can Christ agree with the devil? Can a believer share life with an unbeliever?* ¹⁶ *Can God's temple contain false gods? Clearly, we are the temple of the living God. As God said, "I will live and walk among them. I will be their God, and they will be my people."* ¹⁷ *The Lord says, "Get away from unbelievers. Separate yourselves from them. Have nothing to do with anything unclean. Then I will welcome you."* ¹⁸ *The Lord Almighty says, "I will be your Father, and you will be my sons and daughters."*

The information in this passage is the Lazarus is a chosen one and a devout Christian believer in God. He is also a true son of Abraham and it actually does not matter if he is wealthy or not. On the other hand the rich man may not be a believer at all and is not even a member of a religion. So based on their spiritual pursuits God has truly found a sheep and will reward him as the Bible prophesies will happen during Judgment Day. In the second installment of this address we will conclude the remaining information of this parable and open the final parable

that will give us all the information we need concerning Judgment Day and how God addresses the world.