

**Scripture:** Revelation 6:12-17; 20:7-15

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**Singing:** 257:1, 4, 5 – 139:1-6 – 32:1-4 – 206:1-5

### THE FINAL HOUR OF THIS WORLD (3)

I. It comes unexpected II. It brings the resurrection  
III. It ushers in the final judgment IV. It commences a life or death everlasting

#### **III. The final hour ushers in the final judgment day**

A. Scripture speaks of the solemn universal judgment:

1. Acts 3:19-23; 17:30-31; Rev. 20:11-15; Zeph. 2:1-3; 3:8

2. Paul used the reality of that day of God's universal judgment as motive to get right with God (Acts 17:30-31)

a. Who will we meet on the throne? (2 Cor. 5:10; John 5:20)

B. The world has never witnessed such a majestic moment

1. We will stand with *resurrected bodies* before Jesus Christ as our Judge

a. He will be revealed in His full glory (Dan. 7:9-10; Rev. 20:11)

b. much prayer will be heard that day (Rev. 6:12-17)

2. John saw in vision this moment Jesus often preached about: Rev. 20:12

a. Matt. 24:30-31: *the elect shall be gathered before His throne first*

b. Luke 17:34-36; Matt. 25:32-33: *painful separations will happen*

3. Be comforted, trembling believers in Jesus Christ

a. You will not only meet your Judge: *He will be your Savior whom you trust and your Lord whom you obey* (Rom. 10:11-13)

b. Be comforted also that *He will reward you graciously for all you did out of love for Him* (Heb. 6:10; Matt. 19:29)

d. But slothful and indulgent believers will *suffer loss*: 1 Cor. 3:11-15

4. Be warned who live in disobedience to the law and Gospel: 2 Thess. 1:7-10
- a. Jesus will be the Judge of all the wicked (Rev. 21:8)
  
  - b. Jesus will judge all the secrets of men (Rom. 2:16; Heb. 4:13)
  
  - c. Jesus will judge according to all we have done (Rom. 2:6; Rev. 20:12)
  
  - d. Jesus will judge one deed as worst (John 3:19; Matt. 11:23-24)
  
  - e. Jesus will judge by various books (Rev. 20:12)
    - book of the natural law written on our heart
    - book of the revelation of God's Word
    - book of God's remembrance
    - book of our conscience
    - book of life
  
  - f. Jesus will have plenty collaborating witnesses in this court
    - angels & devil/demons will witness (Zech. 1:11; Rev. 12:10)
    - awakened conscience will witness (Rom. 2:15)
    - dust & rust will witness (Matt. 10:14-15; James 5:3)
    - heaven and earth will witness (Micah 6:2; Deut 30:19)
    - sinners and saints will witness (Luke 11:32; Matt. 12:42)
- C. This day will bring astonishing revelations
1. What appeared *golden* will prove to be *fake* (Matt. 7:23)
  
  2. What appeared *worthless* will prove to be *priceless* (Is. 66:2, 5)
- D. Finally the irrevocable and unchangeable sentence will be proclaimed
1. Jesus will welcome His people into His Father's Kingdom: Matt. 25:34
  
  2. Jesus will banish His enemies forever from God's presence: 2 Thess. 1:9; Matt 25:41

Finally: *Be warned (Prov. 29:1) and hasten to His still open arms (1 Tim. 1:15; 2:4)*