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## EDITORIAL

### THE JUDGMENT DAY—WHY WE NEED IT.

The Apostle Paul declares: For we must all appear before the Judgment seat of Christ, that everyone may receive the things done in his body according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.—II. Cor. 5-10.

A certain lady who believed that the soul with the body went into the grave at death, and slept or was unconscious until the Judgment, asked the writer: What is the need of a Judgment if all go to Heaven or Hell at death? We told her that the Judgment day was not to decide where souls would spend eternity, for that fact is settled before one leaves this world; but the Judgment day is to decide the nature of the rewards and punishments that every soul will receive, because our influence lives on to the end of time even after we are dead. It is said of Abel: "He being dead, yet speaketh." It is very obvious, however, that this world and men in general need a Judgment day when Jesus, the great all-seeing, all-wise God will sit in Judgment to administer Justice to all mankind.

This fact has often been brought to our attention when horrible crimes have been committed in this country, and the guilty party or the one who committed the crime was never punished for it.

Just a few years ago an elderly lady was brutally murdered in the day time, in the City of Fredericton, and in spite of the fact that a young woman, who had been working for her, and had been spending more money than she had been receiving for her services in the home; and furthermore when she was arrested they found blood stains on her clothing and also other evidences which showed that she had been associated with the crime, this young woman nor any one else was ever punished for that crime.

And this is only one of thousands of criminals who escape Justice after they have committed horrible crimes. Again a few days ago two boys were hanged at Dorchester, N. B., who had been found guilty by judge and jury of murder; and I suppose that everyone who heard or read the testimonies of the witnesses at the trial, is convinced that one of the boys at least who was hanged was guilty of the crime, and whereas the other one was with him at the time, he was hanged also; but all who were familiar with the findings of the trial know that the mother of those two boys

was also connected with the murder, for she sent, not only her boys, but her girl also, to abduct a baby from the man and woman who were murdered. It came out in the trial that this notorious woman wanted that baby girl, which she tried to make people believe was her own, to blackmail certain men from whom she was trying to get money. The children who went and got the baby testified in court that they did not want it for themselves; hence that woman, who is not fit to be called a mother, was the instigator of that horrible crime; instead of those two boys, who never had a chance to live in the true sense of the term, because they were born of such miserable parents and had always lived in an environment which was only evil; their associates being rum-drinking, cigarette smoking, Sabbath breaking gamblers; they had no one to help or teach them to be respectable citizens. So their brief lives terminated on the gallows while that woman whom they called mother, who was undoubtedly most responsible for the crime, is sentenced to three and a half years in prison. Now I ask is that a fair administration of justice? Now I am not saying that the judge and jury did not do their duty in this case; for I believe they did for they were sworn to be governed by the testimonies given in court and act according to the laws on our statute books, which no doubt they did; but what I am saying is this: that when our law courts do their best to administer justice, they may come far short of doing so, because of their limited knowledge of the cause which is back of the act. Hence I say reason and justice demands a tribunal where the all-wise Judge sits who is an eye-witness of all men's deeds and also knows the cause back of every crime. The Apostle John wrote that in his great revelation he saw the small and great stand before God, and the books were opened, and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books. Rev. 20-12. When we all appear before the Judgment seat of Christ, it will then be revealed just who was responsible for that crime, whether the boys alone—or the mother. Perhaps the neighbors of that community, for not creating a better environment for the boys to live in, or the officers for not enforcing the laws of our country against Sunday desecration, liquor drinking and gambling, or the people in general who voted for the repeal of the prohibition law and brought this cursed thing of government sale which has been the cause of a tremendous increase in drunkenness among the youth of our country of both sexes. Perhaps it will be revealed that the churches and professing Christians have failed in the discharge of their duty because they have not sent the gospel into that community, and hundreds of others like it in this country, where the rising generation has scarcely any religious teaching to help boys and girls to be the kind of citizens they ought to be. Who knows whether God will hold some of us preachers responsible who are living at ease and in luxury, in the cities, drawing large salaries, entertaining the people, and getting none saved, because we have not obeyed the command and gone out into the needy places with the gospel of Christ. Well, our God is a just God and He will have an administration of Justice where all the guilty, rich and poor, high and low, great and small, will be punished, and the good and faithful will be adequately rewarded.

### FAITH AWAKENS EARNESTNESS

Rev. Charles Simeon kept the picture of Henry Martyn in his study. Move where he would through the apartment, it seemed to keep its eyes upon him, and ever to say to him, "Be earnest, be earnest! don't trifle, don't trifle!" And the good Simeon would gently bow to the speaking picture, and, with a smile, reply, "Yes: I will be in earnest; I will, I will be in earnest: I will not trifle; for souls are perishing, and Jesus is to be glorified." O Christian! look away to Martyn's Master, to Simeon's Saviour, to the omniscient One. Ever realize the inspection of his eye, and hear his voice.—S. J. Moore.

Rev. Rowland Hill, addressing the people of Wotton, exclaimed, "Because I am in earnest, men call me an enthusiast. When I first came into this part of the country, I was walking on yonder hill, and saw a gravel-pit fall in, and bury three human beings alive. I lifted up my voice for help so loud, that I was heard in the town below, at a distance of near a mile. Help came and rescued two of the sufferers. No one called me an enthusiast "then"; and when I see eternal destruction ready to fall on poor sinners, and about to entomb them irrecoverably in an eternal mass of woe, and call aloud on them to escape, shall I be called an enthusiast "now"? No, sinner: I am no enthusiast in so doing; and I call on three aloud to fly for refuge to the hope set before thee in the gospel."—Foster's Cyclopaedia.

If unpardoned men are in such peril as the Bible says they are, and we believe it, would we be such precisionists, so cold, and stolid, and unemotional? Suppose a blind man were on a rail-track, and you saw a train coming, would you go up to him and say: "My dear friend, a machine commonly called a locomotive, invented by James Watt, is making very rapid revolutions towards the place where you are, and unless you change your course of pedestrianism, it will be soon decided which of the two is the stronger?" Would you do that? As, no; men are not so stolid about temporal peril: You would cry: "Get out of the way! The cars are coming!"

Oh, for something of the urgency of the angel that came to Lot; not coolly discussing with him the chemical properties of the storm that was coming, but laying hold of him with both hands, pulling him on, pushing him out, and crying with an emphasis that must have sent him at the top of his speed: "Escape for thy life; look not behind thee, neither stay thou in all the plain; ed!"—T.

### BLESSED IS THE MAN WHO—

In Spite of—

The selfishness of some; and  
The harshness of some; and  
The fault-finding of some; and  
The hypocrisy of some; and  
The covetousness of some; and  
The compromising of some; and  
The backslidings of some; and  
The coldness of some—

Keeps—

An interest in the welfare of others;  
Kindness and compassion for the erring;  
The ability to see good in the preacher, the people and the church;  
Sincerity of heart;  
A spirit of generosity;  
Fidelity to truth and the principles of our religion;  
A steady, forward Christian course;  
A religious experience like the freshness of the morning and heated by the love of God.—Free Methodist.