

Luke 10:1-20

What Did Jesus Teach about Eternal Judgment?

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There are **two eternal realities** described in this portion of Scripture represented by these words:

- **Woe to you** - speaks about the destiny of those who REJECT Christ
- **Rejoice** - speaks of those who RECEIVE.

Every human being will take one of these two roads...

Mat 7:13-14 NIV "Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. 14 But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.

There are **two resurrections** mentioned in Scripture - each describes the two destinies of the Eternal Judgement (decision)

- Daniel - Everlasting Life and Everlasting Contempt (Daniel 12:1-3)
- Jesus - The Resurrection of Life and the Resurrection of Damnation (John 5:24-29)
- Paul - Resurrection of the Just and Resurrection of the Unjust (Acts 24:14-15)

There was a sense of urgency in the sending ...Luke 10:1-7 ESV

...After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others

...*"The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore **pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.***

...*Go your way; behold, I am **sending you** out as lambs in the midst of wolves.*

Urgency seen in escalating numbers sent

- The 12 -- Now 72 others

Urgency is seen in prayer to ask for more

- "Pray **EARNESTLY** to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers"

Urgency seen in the particular use of the word "Send out"

A forceful word - to eject, to drive or thrust forth, shows the urgency of the mission

- Same word is used when he drove the moneychangers out of the temple
- Same word is used when the evil spirit drove the man with the legion into the wilderness

Urgency of evangelism is set against the backdrop of Judgement

- Ezekiel 33:11 ESV Say to them, As I live, declares the Lord GOD, **I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?**

Jesus came to save us from God's Wrath

- Rom 5:9 ESV Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more **shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.**
- 1Th 1:9-10 ESV ... you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, 10 and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, **Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.**
- John 3:17, "God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."
 - **That the world might be saved**
- John 3:36, "Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but **the wrath of God remains on him.**"
 - Disobeying the Son does not bring us under his wrath - we are there already
 - Obeying him saves us from WRATH

1) Jesus taught there IS a judgement day (Luke 10:12 & 14)

Luke 10:12- I tell you, it will be more **bearable on that day** for Sodom than for that town.

- THAT Day is speaking of judgment day
- Luke 10:14 But it will be more **bearable in the judgment** for Tyre and Sidon than for you.
- Act 17:29-31 ESV Being then God's offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. 30 The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, 31 **because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world** in righteousness **by a man whom he has appointed;** and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

2) Jesus taught each of us is personally accountable (Luke 10:13)

Luke 10:13 "**Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works done in you** had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in

sackcloth and ashes.

Every human being

- Rom 14:11-12 ESV ...for it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God." 12 **So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.**

Is held accountable for what we say

- Mat 12:36-37 ESV I tell you, on the day of judgment **people will give account for every careless word they speak**, 37 for by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned."

And for what we do

- 2Co 5:10 ESV For **we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ**, so that each one may receive what is due **for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.**

3) Jesus taught repentance is the response required (Luke 10:13)

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- 2 Peter 3:9 ESV The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, **not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.**

4) Jesus taught the reality of hell "Hades" (Luke 10:15)

Luke 10:15 And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? You shall be brought down to Hades.

- Rich man and Lazarus - a place of conscious torment with no hope of escape

Some do not believe in hell

- *Quoting from Dr. Deffinbaugh's article - "A Hell to Shun" Many do not wish to believe that some will suffer eternal torment. One survey over ten years ago indicated that 58% Methodists, 60% Episcopalians, 54% Presbyterians, 35% American Baptists, 22% American Lutherans deny it is a specific place after death.*

Some believe in what is called Annihilation

- At death we are taken into unconsciousness - & we cease to exist
- Some believe hell is not eternal - “universalism or purgatory”**
- Eventually judgment is satisfied and all are redeemed

5) Jesus taught that to reject the message is to reject God (Luke 10:16)

Luke 10:16 **"The one who hears you hears me, and the one who rejects you rejects me, and the one who rejects me rejects him who sent me."**

- why would God force someone into heaven who has decided to reject Him

6) Jesus taught about the Book of Life (Luke 10:20)

20 Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but **rejoice that your names are written in heaven.**"

If your name is NOT in this book you will be thrown into the lake of fire

- Revelation 20:12-15 ESV (12) And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Then another book was opened, which is the book of life. And the dead were judged by what was written in the books, according to what they had done. (13) And the sea gave up the dead who were in it, Death and Hades gave up the dead who were in them, and they were judged, each one of them, according to what they had done. (14) Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. (15) And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

If your name IS in this book you will enter the New Jerusalem

- Rev 21:27 ESV But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

What does this mean for us?

- He wants us to rejoice that our name is written in heaven
 - There is a promise we will not be thrown into the lake of fire
 - There is hope for us when we die, or someone we love dies knowing Christ
- He wants us to remember there is the word of WOE as well.
 - May we have a sense of urgency in sharing the gospel
 - May we not be blind to Eternal Judgement or embrace false teaching that takes the power out of the message of the gospel of the kingdom