Who Is God Going To Find?

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It will not come as a shock that there is a moral decline in the world today. Sadly, this decline has crept its way into the church. Family values, the seriousness of Christian living, and the importance of being a Christian example, have all come under attack. Yet this is not new. We read of times when God's people had drifted away from Him, and each time God looked for someone who would stand in the midst of the decline. The question we need to consider is "Who is God going to find?"

Ezekiel presented this same problem to God's chosen people who had taken advantage of others, shed innocent blood, and profaned what was Holy. God through Ezekiel, said, ***"I searched for a man among them who would build up the wall and stand in the gap before Me for the land, so that I would not destroy it; but I found no one"*** (Ezekiel 22:30). God simply looked for one who would stand in the gap between righteousness and wickedness to take a stand for Him and yet found no one.

What about us? If God looked for one to stand in the gap, would He find one today? We can be those who stand in the gap by defending the truth, taking the Gospel to the lost, and earnestly serving God with all we have. Are you willing to stand in the gap?

- North Main Street Church of Christ, Mocksville, NC -

GOD'S JUDGMENT

The judgment of God is a theme in the book of Jude. Jude mentions the prophecy of Enoch, "the seventh from Adam," in underlining God's judgment against those who oppose His will.

In verses 14 and 15, Jude characterized God's judgment in the following descriptions:

1. **IT IS PERSONAL.** God will judge each person based on his or her deeds. (2 Cor. 5:10).

2. **IT IS UNIVERSAL.** No one will miss the judgment. Kings as well as paupers will stand before God on that notable day (Matt. 25:31-46).

3. **IT IS JUST.** God's judgment will be based on His word (John 12:48 and our actions (Eccl. 12:13,14).

4. **IT IS FINAL.** The time for plea bargains will be past. His "depart from me" will be final. "Behold, now is the day of salvation" (2 Cor. 6:2).

- David Powell, *Bulletin Digest*

Life with Christ is an endless hope; without Him a hopeless end.

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News & Notes

5th SUNDAY QUESTIONS: If you have a Bible question you would like Bro. Rico to study and consider for a Bible answer, please submit to him in writing by next Sunday, Nov.22nd.

TURKEY TIME: Bring a frozen turkey to church to help those in need to have a more festive holiday.

CARE & SHARE BEARS: Each Tuesday 11:00 a.m.

CONVERT'S CLASS: Each Thursday at 11:00 a.m.

PANTRY: Oatmeal (round container).

REMEMBER THE SICK & SHUT-INS: ***UPMC:*** Lois Hissom, 200 Lothrop St., Room GB, Pittsburgh, PA 15213. ***At Home:*** Randy Beagle, Donna Stevens, Scharlotte Jones.

FOX: Patty McCullough, Marlene Evans, Mary Johnson.

SERRA, Weirton: Jean Haught (Skip's mother).

ELSEWHERE: Kita Miller, Rebecca Henderson, Rea Sellers, David Wilson, Nancy Hadley, Sue Baumgardner, Brenda Harris, Christy Claypool, Jackie Brown, Brett Thompson, Herman McHan.

The Inspiring Jesus

Socrates taught for 40 years, Plato for 50, Aristotle for 40 and Jesus for only 3½ years. Yet the influence of Christ's ministry infinitely transcends the impact left by the combined 130 years of teaching from these great philosophers.

Jesus painted no pictures; yet some of the finest paintings of Raphael, Michelangelo, and Leonardo Da Vinci received their inspiration from Him.

Jesus wrote no poetry; but Dante, Milton, and scores of the world's greatest poets were inspired by Him.

Jesus composed no music; still Haydn, Handel, Beethoven, Bach and Mendelssohn reached their highest perfection of melody in the music the composed in His praise.

Every sphere of human greatness has been enriched by this humble Carpenter of Nazareth. - Henry H. Bosch, *Bulletin Digest*

BIBLE MEDITATIONS: Daily 12:30-12:35 p.m.
On WOHI 1490 AM and 103.9 FM