

Surviving God's Judgment

Judgment was a recurring theme of the prophets of old. They described it in a frightening way. What can melt the tallest mountain? What can dry up the ocean? What can sink a continent? What can remove the stars from the sky?

These were questions asked by the prophets of old. They were almost rhetorical questions. The answer to all these questions is: The God who created everything by speaking them into existence can! When He comes in judgment!

Another message coming from the prophets—enforced by Jesus—is that no one will escape judgment either! The Hebrew writer said, *“...it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment!”*

Who can survive this appointment with God's judgment? Who can stand and survive in the presence of He who melts mountains and dries up the sea with the holiness of His presence? Habakkuk says, *“but the righteous shall live (survive) by his faith!”*

Isn't it wonderful that God has provided for any who will turn to Him for help? Listen again to the Hebrew writer as we put the above promise into context: *“And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him”* (Hebrews 9:27-28).

Praise God! Aren't you glad you looked at that passage again in its context? This is not to say that you are not going to judgment. But God is promising you that you can live through it. Jesus will save you from being condemned by it if you are trusting in Him and if you are looking and waiting for Him!

God bless your faith and your wait!

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