

Judgment Day Surprises

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Introduction

1. Text Joel 1:15; 2:1, 11, 31; 3:14
2. The theme of the book of Joel is an appeal from Jehovah to the people to seek Him through repentance.
 - a. One way to motivate people to repentance is to show them that there will be a judgment when they will give an account of their actions
3. There is much we need to learn so that we can stand justified before God on that great day of the Lord.
4. What can we learn?

II Discussion

1. There will be a Great day of the Lord!
 - a. Five times in the book of Joel the day of the Lord is mentioned
 - i. Three were for the present
 - ii. One was the day of Pentecost
 - iii. The other was for the Gentiles
 - b. There are others who wrote of this day Amos 4:12; Ecclesiastes 12:14; 2 Corinthians 5:10
2. We need to be geared up for that day
 - a. Mark 13:32-37; Matthew 25:1-13; Revelation 2:5,16; 3:3,19-20
 - b. That day will come as a thief in the night 1 Thessalonians 5:2,6
 - c. Some of us will be scoffers 2 Peter 3:4
 - d. Some will be surprised about this day Matthew 7:21-23
3. God has given a way of justification before Him
 - a. By being in a covenant relationship with God
 - b. Under the Old Testament people were born into this relationship
 - c. Under the New all will be taught Hebrews 8:7-13
 - d. We must be born into the relationship John 3:3-5
 - i. Repentance Acts 17:30-31
 - ii. Confession Romans 10:9-10
 - iii. Baptism puts one into Christ Galatians 3:26-27
 - iv. One is then a new creature in Christ 2 Corinthians 5:17
 - e. We must remain faithful to this relationship to be justified in the end.

III Conclusion

1. God has given us warnings of the judgment
2. If we are not in a covenant relationship with God when we meet Him at the judgment then we will have to face Him alone.
3. This relationship and the maintenance thereof is so important because of the judgment
4. Are you in this relationship with Him, Why not is so then are you maintaining it?
5. If you need to start this relationship then now is the time, if you have not maintained it then start now!

Sources: Old Sermon preached in 1990 Sermon Skeletons by J.C. Choate; Preaching from the prophets by Yates