

fortified, yet if there be a treacherous party within that is ready to betray it on every opportunity, there is no preserving it from the enemy. There are traitors in our hearts, ready to take part, to close and side with every temptation, and to give up all to them; yes, to solicit and bribe temptations to do the work, as traitors incite an enemy. Do not flatter yourself that you shall hold out.

~ John Owen



His vengeance, though it delay, does not sleep. The day is fixed. His determination is made. He is now recording our every act, and word, and thought, against that day. So that even now our account is making up, our judgment is preparing. The day is fixed. It will come, and come in all its terrible truth. When that day shall come, no man knoweth. They profane the scriptures who dare to pronounce it. But the same scriptures teach that it will be at the end of the world. Not at the end of this dispensation, as some interpret the word. That is not the usual meaning of the word world in Scripture; and we have no right to change a meaning the Holy Ghost has given, when the Holy Ghost does not change it.

The judgment must be after the final resurrection, for all the dead will be there. It is to be followed immediately by the eternal punishment of the wicked, and the eternal life of the righteous. It shall be when Christ comes in great glory, and all his holy angels with him, and he shall sit upon the throne of his glory. It shall be at the consummation of the things of this world, or else the design of the judgment in vindicating all God's ways to man will not be met.

Ah, my friends, whether that day be remote or near, the day of our death is near, and after death there can be no preparation made to meet it. Would that the time, wasted in curious questions about times and seasons, were spent in holy walking with God, and preaching and telling the story of Christ crucified.

~George W. Bethune

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