

Sermon Notes for November 7, 2021

## JUSTICE WILL PREVAIL – ACTS 17:31

### SERIES: STANDING ON THE PROMISES

<sup>31</sup> For he has set a day for judging the world with justice by the man he has appointed, and he proved to everyone who this is by raising him from the dead.” **Acts 17:31 (NLT2)**

#### ➤ LIFE ISN'T FAIR!

<sup>17</sup> O Lord, how long will you look on? Rescue me from their attacks. Rescue my precious life from the lions. **Psalms 35:17 (GW)**

<sup>1</sup> You are always righteous, O LORD, when I bring a case before you. Yet I would speak with you about your justice: Why does the way of the wicked prosper? Why do all the faithless live at ease? **Jeremiah 12:1 (NIV)**

### 1. THE “\_\_\_\_\_ DAY”

<sup>31</sup> Because He has fixed a day when He will judge the world righteously (justly) by a Man Whom He has destined *and* appointed for that task, and He has made this credible *and* given conviction *and* assurance *and* evidence to everyone by raising Him from the dead. **Acts 17:31 (AMP)**

#### A. “Bema Seat” – Judgment of believers’ \_\_\_\_\_ for rewards

<sup>9</sup> Therefore we also have as our ambition, whether at home or absent, to be pleasing to Him. <sup>10</sup> For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad. **2 Corinthians 5:9-10 (NASB)**

<sup>19</sup> Besides, while he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, “Have nothing to do with that righteous man, for I have suffered much because of him today in a dream.” **Matthew 27:19 (ESV)**

#### B. “Great White Throne” – Judgment of \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>11</sup> Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. From his presence earth and sky fled away, and no place was found for them. **Revelation 20:11 (ESV)**

<sup>7</sup> And when the thousand years are ended, Satan will be released from his prison <sup>8</sup> and will come out to deceive the nations that are at the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them for battle; their number is like the sand of the sea. <sup>9</sup> And they marched up over the broad plain of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city, but fire came down from heaven and consumed them, <sup>10</sup> and the devil who had deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and sulfur where the beast and the false prophet were, and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

**Revelation 20:7-10 (ESV)**

#### C. The “Book of Life” – reveals each person’s \_\_\_\_\_ destiny

<sup>12</sup> 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. ... <sup>14</sup> Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. <sup>15</sup> And if anyone’s name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

**Revelation 20:12, 14-15 (ESV)**

### 2. LORD JESUS’ THREE DECLARATIONS

#### A. He will \_\_\_\_\_ pardon His people

<sup>16</sup> This will take place on the day when God will judge men’s secrets through Jesus Christ, as my gospel declares. **Romans 2:16 (NIV)**

#### B. He will applaud the service of His \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>10</sup> God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them.

**Hebrews 6:10 (NIV)**

#### C. He will honor the \_\_\_\_\_ of the unsaved / unbeliever

<sup>21</sup> For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. <sup>22</sup> Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools <sup>23</sup> and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like mortal man and birds and animals and reptiles. <sup>24</sup> Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another. <sup>25</sup> They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator—who is forever praised. Amen.

**Romans 1:21-25 (NIV)**