

Facing God's Judgment 4389

I. Biblical Judgment

- A. Jesus revealed as *Judge* (Rev. 1:12–18)
- B. First the *churches* (Rev. chs. 2 & 3)
- C. The judgment seat (2 Cor. 5:10)
- D. Begins at *the house of God* (1 Pet. 4:17–18)

II. Examples From Old Testament—Judgment Begins At The House Of God

- A. Ezekiel 9:1–11
 - 1. First, mark those who grieve (v. 3–4)
 - 2. Then kill—beginning *at the sanctuary* (v. 5–6)
 - 3. God's assessment of Israel (v. 8–10)
 - 4. “Marker” reports back (v. 11)
- B. Ezekiel 22:23–29
 - 1. Every section guilty; but primarily *the spiritual ones*
 - a. Prophets (v. 25, 28)
 - b. Priests (v. 26)
 - c. Princes (v. 27)
 - d. People (v. 29)
 - 2. Motivation: Covetousness; the love of money (e.g., Balaam)
- C. Sins of Sodom (Ezek. 16:49)—produce homosexuality—compare USA today
 - 1. Pride
 - 2. Fullness of food
 - 3. Abundance of idleness
 - 4. Failure to care for the poor

III. Application To USA

- A. “Are you willing to ask Me to give you My heart for America?”—Jesus
- B. A man among them . . . (Ezek. 22:30–31)
- C. Is the U.S. church “salt that has lost its savor?” (Matt. 5:13) “Having a form of godliness . . . ?” (2 Tim. 3:5)
- D. Three possibilities: (1 Cor. 11:27–32)
 - 1. Judge ourselves . . . and repent
 - 2. Be chastened by God . . . and repent (compare Heb. 12:5–11)
 - 3. Reject God's chastening . . . and be condemned with the world
- E. . . . Not grieved for the affliction of Joseph (Amos 6:1–6)

Would the man with the ink horn put his mark *on you*?

Are you concerned for the condition of America?