

## God's Judgment

It is taught in the New Testament that it is given man once to die and after that the judgment. The emphasis of the N. T. teaching is that God is going to judge all man according to their works. There will doubtless be degrees of punishment although this is not explained in any detail in the N. T. However ~~it~~ it is made clear that every man who has died without a sin-bearer must be punished for his opposition to God and for his unrighteousness deeds. This eternal suffering is to be the lot of those who died in their sins. The judgment of God very properly ~~en~~ falls, <sup>in</sup> ~~on~~ ~~them~~ the life to come, thus upon all sin and disobedience to God.

It would be very interesting ~~The same teaching~~ to see how much we could find of the same teaching in the Old Testament. Certainly the one verse in Daniel about some rising to everlasting life and others to death and suffering is pertinent <sup>here.</sup> ~~to this aspect nearly~~ However, the Old Testament does ~~as much~~ not stress this aspect nearly as much as the New Testament does.

In the Old Testament we often have statements referring to the death of an individual or to suffering that comes upon an individual or a group as a result of God's judgment. A superficial interpretation of the Old Testament could lead one to feel that in this life judgment for all sins will come to the individual who has committed them. This does not fit with our observation of life and our Lord Jesus Christ clearly states that this is not a correct interpretation. ~~He tells~~ When ~~He~~ was asked whether the few men upon whom the tower of ~~Se~~ Siloam fell, or the few men whom Herod killed, whether they were worse sinners than the rest of the people, He said no, but except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.

It seems to me that we can reasonably deduce from these statements of our Lord that we cannot expect for a relation of a specific punitive action of God in this life. Sometimes it occurs but it is not the general rule. The general rule is that everyone is to be punished for his sin but that this punishment is to come in the next