

The Now judgment

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*1Pe 4:17 **For the time is come** that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, **what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?***

*1Corinthians 5:11-12 But now I have written unto you not to keep company, if **any man that is called a brother** be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such an one no not to eat. For what have I to do to judge them also that are without? do not ye **judge them that are within?** But **them that are without God judgeth.** Therefore put away **from among yourselves** that wicked person.*

What then are we to expect, and **when**, if judgment begins at the house of the Lord? Let's look at the beginning of this judgment.

Do we not see this judgment beginning just after Pentecost with a couple of believers, married to each other who, apparently, agreed to sell some of their property for distribution to some other believers? They, apparently, agreed with each other, also, to lie about the price they got, to make themselves look more giving in the eyes of this new believer company. However, Peter **perceived** that they had lied. Peter said, when accusing them that..... **they lied to the Holy Ghost.**

Guess, what? Peter (the apostle) was one of the administrators of this new, "**now is the judgment**" that God has for this couple of Christian liars who are a part of God's new creation. God, once again, is **beginning** His "New Creation" by separating the darkness from the light.

*Gen 1:4-15 And God saw the light that it was good. **And God divided between the light and the darkness.** And God called the light, Day. And He called the darkness, Night. And the evening and the morning were the **first day.***

Judgment was pronounced, by Peter, on earth and swiftly delivered in the form of physical death for both of these, "New Creation", liars, on the spot. From what source the deaths came, we are not told, However, judging from the recorded reaction of all the believers around, it would be a safe bet to assume it was supernatural in origin, even if natural in appearances.

Act 5:11-13 And great fear came upon all the church, and upon as many as heard

these things. And by the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people; (and they were all with one accord in Solomon's porch. And of the rest durst no man join himself to them: but the people magnified them.

Peter was acting on the authority given him, in earth, to; **"loose in heaven"** some form of heavenly power that, then, was manifest on earth for cause and effect (judgment), **as purposed by God.** Peter, like Jesus, most certainly did not judge of himself, **but his judgments were of and by the Holy Spirit that he had, recently, been given.** First given by Jesus, when Jesus first **breathed** on his disciples and said; **"receive ye the Holy Ghost"**, before His final ascension; and, then, as Jesus promised, in power, **"LIKE a mighty wind"**... again, further clothing them with His Spirit and power and authority on the day of Pentecost.

*John 20:21-23 Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: **as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.** And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost: **Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained.***

*Luke 24:49 And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, **until ye be endued with power from on high.***

So... if Ananias and his wife were true Christians and they knowingly, willingly and deliberately lied to the Holy Ghost, what of their eternal Spirit? That is clearly answered by Paul in 1Corinthians 5:5:

" To deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus."

It may not always appear to happen that way (God knows) but for **a Christian** to **knowingly and deliberately continue to sin without timely repentance** is always dangerous ground and should bring a fearful looking for of a judgment of some type.

Yes, after the Holy Ghost is given to Peter and the other apostles and to those believers and followers of Jesus on whom the Holy Ghost fell on the day of Pentecost, **judgment began**, at this new house of God. God's judgment is first recorded to fall on this brand new house of the Lord by the hands of who? **His most mature and trusted followers!** For what good Father in the natural would give power of attorney to a rebellious, disobedient child? How much more, our Heavenly Father would not.

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So, judgment has now been given to the Saints of the most high God, as Daniel (Daniel 7:) predicted. This honor is given to ALL Saints, (Psalms 149:) it is a part of the Saints inheritance as a child of God. However, the full power and authority for the administration of that judgment is given only after ...**"their obedience is fulfilled"**.

It is **sort of like**, in the natural; the ranch is ours from the day of our birth because we are sons and daughters of the owners and it is ours by our relationship and it is our heritage. However, we don't get the checkbook, or the power and authority to run things until we grow up and display some responsibility.

We Christians are a New Creation, in Christ, old things have passed away, all things have become new.

2Co 10:3-6 (ISV) Of course, we are living in the world, but we do not wage war in a world-like way. For the weapons of our warfare are not those of the world. Instead, they have the power of God to demolish fortresses. We tear down arguments and every proud obstacle that is raised against the knowledge of God, taking every thought captive in order to obey the Messiah. **Once your obedience is complete, we will be ready to reprimand every type of disobedience.**

*Acts 14:22 Confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we must through much tribulation (affliction) enter into the Kingdom of God. (Enter, fully, into the peace, joy and right relationship with God and man under **the total dominion of the King**)*

The flesh hates it. It hates subjection to authority. It hates discipline and correction. It hates not having its own way and not being preeminent.

Never the less, there is a maturity that is purposed by God that the people of God should attain to and it is not out of reach, it is **"at hand"** and has been "at hand" since Pentecost.

Some, the Bible says, will be "ever learning and never able to come to the knowledge

of the truth". However, to this and a laundry list of other undesirable and ungodly traits to be manifest in the last days, by some in the Church, there is added this statement:

*"Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith. **But they shall proceed no further: for their folly shall be manifest unto all men, as theirs also was.**"*
(2Ti mothy 3:8 -9) (Also, see; all of the book of Jude)

Watch closely, in coming days, we will see as God's judgment comes forth, through His servants, upon such men of corrupt minds. Their folly shall be manifest unto all men. If we will acknowledge it and recognize it, we know that we HAVE seen it happen in the past **and I believe such judgment, in the Church, will increase until such folly, also, proceeds NO FURTHER.**

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The truth is; God's plan for bringing His Church to maturity and authority in Christ is through **instruction** and **discipline** and includes **judgment** for, sustained, willing disobedience, that is without repentance.

Here are just **a few examples of recorded judgment and disciplinary correction, in the Church:** *(through much tribulation we enter the Kings dominion)*

- *The judgment of the Christians who lied about their land sale in the book of Acts.*
- *Paul's thorn in the flesh, given to control his ego, due to abundant revelations.*
- *Admonishment by Paul for Christians to Judge themselves in order that they need not be judged by God (however He might choose to do that).*
- *Paul admonishing the Corinthians to come together (in the Spirit of Christ) and deliver one in their Christian fellowship who was sleeping with his father's wife to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, in order that his Spirit be saved.*

Without God's headship and gifting we can do NOTHING of value. As in the past, only destruction and chaos will result if we choose to do it "My Way" to feed our ego and defer to our flesh.

As the body of Christ we are, each, given certain gifts and abilities by God's design and are, then, to use these gifts and abilities, by His authorization and in His strength, only at His good pleasure and by His direction. (coming under the "Kings-Dominion")

Php. 2:13 "For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure.

We are, all, designed to work in harmony under the, complete, direction and authority of the Head.

Lots of room here, also, for the 5 fold ministry to work in total harmony under the headship and direction of, only, the Holy Spirit. To work with each other and all the rest of the body of Christ, in order for God to finish building HIS house of living stones. Until we, ALL, grow and develop and finally attain unto the fullness of the stature and measure of, our pattern Son, Jesus Christ.

Each member of the body is to give only what they have been given by God to give or say or do. Each member, to be totally willing and to know when and where and how to defer to one another. Like gears in a fine machine, each engaging, only when and where the design engineer has purposed it to function. No shoving, or looking for self promotion. This is coming into the fullness of the Dominion of the King. This is His King-dom come, in earth, just like.... or..." **AS** it is in heaven." It's going to happen you know!

The Church is not unlike a natural family household, and the administration and functioning of that family government or..."king-dom" where Dad and Mom rule;

Dad and Mom facilitate the birth of a child and then provide the nurturing to maturity, with good food, timely and appropriate instruction, discipline and lots of love and protection until a child grows from a babe, on milk, to a fully mature Son or Daughter. A son or daughter that the parents can, in the fullness of time, fully trust and have confidence that they can give power of attorney to, in order for them to do the families business in their stead or in their name, as they would do it. A disobedient son or daughter..? Perhaps not to be trusted with the check book. Still...they will be, forever, a son or daughter.

We would expect, in the natural, every aspect of a child's nourishment, education and discipline, **if done correctly**, should bring to maturity, solid, responsible citizens, who **will mirror** the very values and nature of their Father and their Mother. Likewise, it is in the Kingdom of God.

However, it is not a perfect comparison, natural parents make mistakes, God does not.

2Co 3:18 (ISV) As all of **us reflect the glory of the Lord** with unveiled faces, we are becoming more like Him with ever-increasing glory **by the Lord's Spirit**.

One final thought:

Lest we be; "over-zealous and presumptuous"...remember, we are, first, to judge ourselves lest we be judged. **We are to insure our obedience to Christ is fulfilled and then and ONLY then, with the mind of Christ and on His timetable are we to Judge those in the Church. And...even principalities and powers...**

1Co 6:3 Know ye not that we shall **judge angels**? How much more things that pertain to this life?

"For we overthrow arrogant 'reckonings,' and every stronghold that towers high in defiance of the knowledge of God, and we carry off every thought as if into slavery - into subjection to Christ; while we hold ourselves in readiness to punish every act of disobedience, as soon as ever you as a Church have fully shown your obedience." (*Weymouth translation: 2Corinthians 10: 5-6*)

"Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ; And (then) having in a readiness to revenge **all** disobedience, **when your obedience is fulfilled.**" (KJV 2Co 10:5-6)

John 12:28-32 **Father, glorify your name.**" Then a voice came from heaven, "**I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again!**" **John 12:29** The crowd standing there heard this and said that it was thunder. Others were saying, "An angel has spoken to him."

John 12:30 Jesus replied, "**This voice is for your benefit, not for mine. John 12:31** **Now is the time for the judgment of this world to begin. Now will the ruler of this world be thrown out.** **John 12:32** As for me, if I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw all people to myself."

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