

THE FINAL JUDGMENT

One of the more popular television programs today is a court room setting where the participants are not actors. They are having their court cases settled on TV, being their own lawyers, and allowing the whole world to watch. I find this show quite interesting because the law is not always understood as written. The verdict given at the end of the case is the judge's knowledge and experience as he best understands civil law.

When we have been wronged, or have wronged someone else we can find ourselves in court. We are at the mercy of a judge (and jury) to listen correctly, understand all of the circumstances, and then without any prejudice at all make a decision that is fair to all, in accordance with the law or laws violated. When you think about it, that is an awesome responsibility for those in the decision-making positions.

And the real problem is, and they are not to blame, they are human and will make mistakes. Undoubtedly, some have gone to jail that were innocent of the charges made. And more often than not those who have committed crimes never pay the price of their transgression.

Lawyers play a vital role in the legal system. By their experience with the law, certain judges, and the circumstances of the case can make the legal system look so bad, that cold blooded murderers will continue to walk the streets. This doesn't mean that defense lawyers are bad, but by doing their job an accused criminal will never pay a fine or be incarcerated.

How does one react to all of this? Again, the Christian can cope with injustices in the judicial system because he knows there is a judge who never made a mistake and never will. "Vengeance is mine saith the Lord, I will repay" are the words of Romans 12:19. On that great and final day, when all mankind will be judged by Christ in the presence of the Almighty, no mistakes will be made. All the evidence will be presented and lawyers will be useless. Your case will stand or fall on its own merit, not the ability of a silver-tongued preacher or "city-slick" lawyer.

This "court case" will render to every man what is due him. No mistakes will be made. Those who may have been able to circumvent the law, and break it without penalty will have no such chance on the final day. If they have sowed to the flesh, they will reap corruption. There will be no jury to convince or lie to. The judge will not have any prejudice toward race, color, religion, or creed. His judgment, will be your life verses the Bible. It is that plain, and it's that simple.

The comfort for the faithful Christian is that they need not worry that an individual, who has got away with sin" for their whole life, will escape an eternal sentence. Again, there will be no mistakes! On the other hand, the faithful Christian need not fear this judgment knowing that as a member of the Lord's church they have an advocate, Jesus Christ. Those outside of Christ will have no such advantage.

Yes, until the earth is consumed on the final day, judges and juries made up of humans trying to give justice to made-made laws, will make mistakes. Those guilty of crimes will sometimes go free, and those innocent of wrong-doing will pay the price of others lawlessness. I encourage you to develop your PSA (Positive Spiritual Attitude) by recognizing that our heavenly Father will, send the wicked "away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."