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GOD HAS APPOINTED A DAY

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The theme of the Bible is the Kingdom of God, its pages reveal forthcoming events that teach us much of the who, what, when and where concerning God's government in this earth. The beginning days of God's manifest government are described by the Apostle Paul as the "blazing forth" (epiphaneia) of Jesus Christ: **I charge you therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and (even) His kingdom** (2 Tim. 4:1). Paul, speaking from Mars hill referring to the Athenian's altar to the "unknown god" pointed them to the one true God telling them that in the future Jesus Christ would judge (set the order for) the world: because He has fixed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness through a Man whom He has appointed, having furnished proof to all men by raising Him from the dead" (Acts 17:31 NAS).

Those who revere God's word are urged to live soberly, righteously and Godly in this present flow of things, while we wait for the blessed hope- the glorious appearing (epiphaneia) of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ (Titus 2: 13).

When our expectation is realized it will be the first open manifestation from Heaven in over 2000 years, ending the present silence of God and His long dispensation of His grace. We look for this first day of Heaven's government when God through His Spirit will openly enlighten all of living mankind, making Jesus Christ known to every being in the universe, who He is and what He is in God's sight. The awe-inspiring manifestation will cause universal awe and worship from all men including the agnostics, the atheists and unbelievers: Wherefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him a name which is above every name.

This introduction and enlightenment will cause every knee to bow and every tongue to confess that Jesus is Lord to the glory of the Father (Phil. 2:9-11). It is the same promise God made concerning Himself while manifest as Jehovah in Isaiah's day: **Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else. I have sworn by myself, the word is gone out of my mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, That unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear** (Isa. 45:22-23). An individual's reaction to the blazing light of truth is not a means to salvation, for each individual's record has been written and now must be judged.

As God's Spirit enlightens all living, they will become the recipients of Jesus Christ's great outflow of life and health, being "made whole" in body and mind, possessing every physical and mental attribute of Adam and Eve prior to sin's entrance. Many are the gifts for men that Christ bought with His crucifixion and triumph over death (Ps 68:18). Whether each individual will retain these gifts of eonian life will be determined when their record is reviewed by the judge of all the earth. For there is nothing hidden that will not be disclosed, and nothing concealed that will not be known or brought out into the open. (Luke 8:17 NIV).

For the believer, the gainful possession of eonian life is an absolute certainty, but others will lose everything. There's an awesome reminder in scripture; for we must all be made manifest before the judgment-seat of Christ; that each one may receive the things (done) in the body, according to what he has done, whether (it be) good or bad (2 Cor 5: 10 ASV). It does not imply a specific location where each of us must appear to be judged, but it does mean that every one will be judged (evaluated and a determination made) instantly by Jesus Christ wherever we are when His Spirit touches us. This evaluation will bring about a separation of the worthy from the unworthy, the righteous from the unrighteous, God will not share His righteous government with unrighteous men: For yet a little while, and the wicked shall not be: yes, you shall diligently consider his place, and it shall not be. But the meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace (Ps 37: 10).

The Old Testament Prophets and Psalmist were inspired by God to proclaim the message that when God governed, His reign would change things: Come and see the works of the LORD, the desolations he has made

on the earth. He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear, he burns the shields with fire. "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth" (Ps 46:8-10 NIY).

The minds and hearts of men will be changed, the earth itself even animal life will be drastically different than it is now: The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatting together; and a little child shall lead them (Isa 11 :6). They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea (Isa 11:9).

The words "My holy mountain" are a reference to the government of God in this earth, Isaiah 25: 6,7 uses the same symbolism in prophetically describing the unveiling (manifestation) of Jesus Christ, when the covering is removed and He is plainly seen by all nations. (I suggest that in reading this portion, the reader would use the words "rich and good" when they come upon the word "fat," as it will help to make the prophecy much clearer): And in this mountain shall the LORD of hosts make unto all people a feast of fat things, a feast of wines on the lees, of fat things full of marrow, of wines on the lees well refined. And he will destroy in this mountain the face of the covering cast over all people, and the veil that is spread over all nations. (Compare 1 Cor. 1:7, apokalupsin, which is translated coming but means unveiling).

There is a well known passage in Psalm 22: 27-28 that describes the early effects of the kingdom in the earth, but other verses that make up the context, 26, 29-31 especially verse 29 are more obscure and need to be opened up to our understanding. I am convinced that this entire portion when carefully examined reveals the first days outcome of Christ setting the order for all the living on the earth. Here is a verse by verse look. God's government has taken over the earth, here are some of the results of that action:

- Ps 22:26; **The meek shall eat and be satisfied: they shall praise the LORD that seek him: your heart shall live for ever.** (KJV)

The submissive ones eat to their satisfaction in God's government. In that day there will be no hunger, Jesus Christ who fed the multitudes is on the throne. The submissive (meek) indeed have come into their inheritance,

Ps. 37, Matt. 5:5. Those that sought the Lord, now experiencing their salvation, have good reason to praise the Lord (worship). And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it (Isa. 40:5). Your heart shall live forever; immortality, the gift of Jesus Christ will make that happen, but this is not necessarily the organ that pumps blood, but is the same idea as Ezekiel 36: 26, a new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you... indicative of an enlightened attitude.

- Ps. 22:27-28; **All the ends of the world shall remember and turn unto the LORD: and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before thee. For the kingdom is the LORD's: and he is the governor among the nations.**

The effect of God's enlightenment, His imprinting on every living persons minds concerning who and what Jesus Christ is, causes every knee to bow and every tongue to confess that He is Lord. The families of the most remote nations will turn to Him in worship and in His name shall the nations trust (Matt.12:21).

For the kingdom is the Lord's: God's rule extends to the ends of the earth, He is the governor among the nations: The result of His judging the living brings a separation of those that inherit a portion in the kingdom of God and those who do not. For such as be blessed of him shall inherit the earth; and they that be cursed of him shall be cut off (Ps 37:22).

- Ps 22:29; **All they that be fat (rich and good, the inheritors) upon earth shall eat and worship: all they that go down to the dust shall bow before him: and none can keep alive his own soul.**

The abundant blessings of the now redeemed earth flow out to the blessed, life light and the produce of a curse-free earth, while the condemned bow the knee before their creator, reluctantly submitting to their loss of life. If he (God) set his heart upon man, if he gather unto himself his spirit and his breath; all flesh would perish together, and man shall turn again unto dust (Job 34:14-15). Lacking the salvation offered by Jesus Christ, this is the only future for the unredeemed, the loss of everything that comprises eonian life.

- Ps 22:30-31; A seed shall serve him; it shall be accounted to the Lord for a generation. They shall come, and shall declare his righteousness unto a people that shall be born, that he hath done this.

The outcome of Christ's judgment and separation of all the living will produce a sifted and worthy generation of all those who have a portion in the kingdom of God. It seems that God considers this generation as a new beginning. Here we have a very clear statement that when Jesus Christ rules from the heavens, family life will continue under new conditions and new generations will enter into heavens government by the birth process. These little ones must be taught; One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty acts (Ps 145:4).

This study was purposely confined to the judgment of the living generation that will happen to be on the earth when divine intervention comes and the reign of Jesus Christ begins. My personal belief is that the order for the living is set first, immediately followed by many individual resurrections, every man in his own order (1 Cor. 15:23). Jesus said: **"Truly, I say to you, an hour is coming and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God; and those who hear shall live (John 5:25).**

The greatest number of individuals that will make up the population of the kingdom enter it by resurrection. Their introduction to eonian life will be the same as for the living: God's Spirit gives life, light and responsibility. Their judgment as an individual will be based upon their record when their order is set. It can be said of all who enter the kingdom, "no matter how short, unfair and painful their life may have been, in Jesus Christ, they will have gained everything (eonian life) and will have lost nothing."

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