

# Thoughts on That Judgment Day by Leonard Ravenhill

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*The sermon emphasizes the importance of living a life that is pleasing to God, being accountable for our actions and motives, and having a strong devotion to God.*

**Duration:** 7:05

**Scripture:** Psalm 51:17, Malachi 3:16, Matthew 12:36, Matthew 25:21, 2 Corinthians 5:10, Philippians 3:20, Colossians 3:2, James 4:10, James 4:14, 1 Peter 4:17

**Topics:** "Judgment Day", "Eternal Accountability"

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## Description

This sermon emphasizes the need for believers to have a deep revelation of the majesty of God and the accountability they will face at the judgment seat of Christ. It challenges the church to return to a place of true devotion, prayer, and obedience, living with eternity's values in view and being willing to be transformed by God's presence.

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## Transcript

Oh God, stamp eternity on my eyeballs. But you know, if God should stamp eternity or even judgment on our eyeballs, or, if you like, on the fleshy table of our hearts, I'm quite convinced we'd be a very, very different tribe of people, God's people in the world today. We live too much in time, we're too earthbound.

We see as other men see, we think as other men think. We invest our time as the world invests it, we invest our money. We're supposed to be a different breed of people.

I believe that the Church of Jesus Christ needs a new revelation of the majesty of God that all are going to stand one day. Can you imagine it? At the judgment seat of Christ, to give an account for the deeds done in the body. This is what? This is the King of Kings, and he's the judge of judges, and it's the tribunal of tribunals, and there's no court of appeal after it.

The verdict is final. Listen, when you see Jesus, you're not going up and say, Hey, buddy, I'm glad you died for me. When you see Jesus, you'll be almost paralyzed with fear, unless you have a glorified body and a glorified mind.

You say, well, Mr. Raymond, I won't be in serious trouble, because, you know, I don't have a good memory. Well, I'll tell you what, you'll have one that day. In Malachi, it says that God has a book of

remembrance, and I think it would do you good before you go to bed every night this week to ask God, what did you put in your book today for my life? Did you get up this morning and thank God you're pure? Did you thank Him that that devilish fever you used to have for sniffing cocaine and drugs or something, that He brought the effect of it? Are you really glad you're not a prostitute now? You're going to be a part of a bride of the Lamb? Are you glad He's removed from your heart covetousness and bad temper and all those creepy, horrible things that used to master you? The most shattering thought I've ever had is my personal accountability to God one day.

We're not going to be judged just because of what we've done. We've got to be judged for why we did it. Not for the action, for the motive.

What motivated your giving? Why? What's the motive behind it? He doesn't just take your sins, He takes yourself. He takes the government of your life. And it's not only true that we live in a world of bankrupt politics.

We live in a world, and this is the most tragic of all, of a bankrupt church. When in God's name is the church going to open a heart again and open a mind again and see again? Can God forgive every sin I've ever committed? I said, He sure can. That is, if you repent of your sin and you plead for the blood of Christ and you ask for mercy, that tender Christ who went about doing good and He kissed little babies and blessed people, now, ah, there's nothing more beautiful than a little lamb.

There's nothing more terrible than the wrath of the Lamb. God should bring every work into judgment with every secret thing. The dead, small and brave, is going to stand before God in that awesome day.

But say, am I just a showman? What's my secret life like? For God has not merely given us Jesus Christ, He's given us all things. And because there isn't enough joy in the house of God, we need entertainment. Because entertainment is a devil's substitute for joy.

I think before we point the finger at the world, we'd better turn to the church and say, look, we'd better all get sacked off in ashes and humble ourselves and say, Almighty God, when I see the church in the New Testament, they didn't have stately buildings, they didn't have paid evangelists, they didn't have a lot of money, they didn't have organizations, they didn't come get on TV and beg. But I'll tell you what they did, they turned the world upside down. And I'm embarrassed to be part of the church of Jesus today because I believe it's an embarrassment to a holy God.

Most of our joy is clapping our hands and having a good time, and then afterward we're talking all the drivel of the world. Oh, to be lost in Him, to be consumed in Him. You get so near to the heart of God that you share His grief over a world and over a backslidden church that we have today.

Because if you're going to get mature in God, all the dwarfs around you will criticize and sneer at you and say you're trying to be holier than the rest of us, eh? You'll discover this, the men who have been most heroic for God have been the men with the greatest devotion of life. The only thing that will tie me in victory continually through the blood of Christ is my personal devotion to Him, the Son of God. My adoration that I give Him my tribute every day.

It's more than my service, it's more than giving my money. That I love Him and I adore Him and I magnify Him. I take Him as He was by the feet.

Do you know why the world is poor and sick outside? Because we really don't know how to pray, that's why. I've said it many times, I've said it again this morning, that no man is greater than his prayer life. Let me live with a man a while and share his prayer life and I'll tell you how tall I think he is or how majestic I think he is in God.

It's going to be an awesome day. You see, there's no possibility of any rehearsal. And what? There's no possibility of any repetition.

Because again, this is the final judgment. I think again of a statement Dr. Toter made to me once, he said, Len, you know what? He said, we'll hardly get our feet out of time into eternity and gain on eternity what we bow our heads in shame and humiliation and say, my God, look at all the riches there were in Jesus Christ and I've come to the judgment seat almost for proper. Master, forgive and inspire us anew.

Banish our worldliness. Help us to ever live with eternity's values in view. Said that great man who birthed that revival, God, stamp eternity on my eyeball.

You know, if we can't live as a different breed of people on this earth, we've no right to live here. And if we get back to a people who are really baptized with obedience, submissive to the total will of God, not concerned about human opinion, not asking for more to spend prodigally on ourselves, but say, oh God, I want this life of mine adjusting so when I stand in your awesome presence, as James said, we shall not be ashamed of disappearing.

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