

## I Peter 4:17

**For *it is* time for judgment to begin with the household of God; and if *it begins* with us first, what *will be* the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God?**

During the eighties, there were several televangelists who were exposed in their hidden sins. Since then, others have been exposed and have lost everything that they had worked for in their ministries. Can we expect more ministers to be exposed of the sins hiding in their closets? Unfortunately, yes. But it isn't going to stop with the pastors and leaders; it is going to trickle down to every man and woman in the body of Christ. You see, our God hates it when we live hypocritical lives, and His righteous judgment will not tolerate His church writhing in sin, while He deals with the rest of the nation. Throughout history, one thing is certain, "God is the same yesterday, today, and forever." If anyone is to be held to a higher standard, it is the church. The ones held to the highest accountability, are the men who are called in any of the five fold ministries. Yet, will the men of God today, be ready to face their Maker in eternity? I know pastors who are some of the most sarcastic and verbally cutting people that I have ever met. In fact, if sarcasm was a gift of the Spirit, then these men would be the holiest people I know. So why do we continue to live in our idolatrous and sinful lives? Many Christians are deceived into believing that it doesn't matter what they do here in this life, as long as they have prayed the "Sinner's Prayer." Have we forgotten about the part where we are told to repent of our sins? Do we honestly believe that we can continue to live in our unrepentive sins without any eternal accountability? Church, as long as we continue to live in open and unrepentive sin, then we are of no threat to Satan and the demons of hell. We have become as powerless as the masses that are going to hell. Many people are simply playing a game with God, and unfortunately a game which will have eternal consequences.

If there is one thing that you can take to the bank, it is that judgment is coming to the church. If we don't take this serious, then the church will fall with the rest of the nation. Many of the men and women in America are clueless about themselves spending eternity in hell. Why, because we are no longer concerned about witnessing; because it might become embarrassing for either them or ourselves. So the church has simply mastered being silent, as the world heads down a one way road to hell. More and more pastors are becoming concerned with numbers and special programs, than they are with teaching that sin is a one way ticket to eternal torment. We have become man pleasers, instead of fishers of men. Brethren, our God is calling for each of us to repent!! One way or the other, each of us will face humility. Either we will choose it for ourselves, and turn our hearts and lives back to our Savior or, we will be humiliated when our God exposes those hidden sins. Each and every one of us deals with sin, and I believe that our Heavenly Father is giving each of us today a choice and opportunity to deal with them. Please don't take lightly the awesome gift of forgiveness that comes with repenting of ones sins, and of asking Jesus Christ into your hearts and lives. This is the most wonderful and undeserving gift that any of us have ever received. So why do so many Christians live no differently from the rest of society? Too many people in church are just as guilty of lying, cheating, hating and committing every form of sexual immorality, as those outside of it. Do we really believe that such hypocrisy is without consequence? Will you join me and repent today? Will you join me and pray for revival in our nation? Pastors, if it doesn't start with us, it will certainly end with us!