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He Lives

Hymn 299



Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

Hymn 87



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Call to Worship

Psalm 35:4-9

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Heaven Came Down

Hymn 657



Sweet, Sweet Spirit

Hymn 159





Praise and Prayer Request

Philippians 1:3-6 I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

Receiving of the Offering



2 Corinthians 9:5 So I thought it necessary to urge the brothers to go on ahead to you and arrange in advance for the gift you have promised, so that it may be ready **as a willing gift**, not as an exaction.

Famous Quote:

“I have no confidence at all in polished speech or brilliant literary effort to bring about a revival, but I have all the confidence in the world in the poor saint who would weep her eyes out because people are living in sin.”

CHARLES SPURGEON

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Today's Message

“If Anyone Hears”

Scripture text: John 12:44-50

In John 12:44–50 we have our Lord’s last message before He “hid Himself” from the people. Again, the **emphasis was on faith**. A number of the basic themes in John’s Gospel run through this message: God sent the Son; to see the Son means to see the Father; **Jesus is the Light of the world; His words are the very words of God; faith in Him brings salvation; to reject Him is to face eternal judgment.** **In fact, the very Word that He spoke will judge those who have rejected it and Him!**

It is an awesome thought that the unbeliever will face at the judgment every bit of Scripture he has ever read or heard. The very Word that he rejects becomes his judge! Why? Because the written Word **points to the Living Word, Jesus Christ (John 1:14).**

John 1:14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 11:21-27 Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you." Jesus said to her, "**Your brother will rise again.**" Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "**I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?**" She said to him, "**Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world.**"

John 11:40-44 Jesus said to her, "**Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?**" So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, "**Lazarus, come out.**" The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "**Unbind him, and let him go.**"

John 11:45-50 Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him, but some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done. So the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered the Council and said, **"What are we to do? For this man performs many signs. If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation."** But one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, **"You know nothing at all. Nor do you understand that it is better for you that one man should die for the people, not that the whole nation should perish."**

Luke 16:26-31 And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house--for I have five brothers--so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' But Abraham said, '**They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.**' And he said, 'No, father Abraham, **but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.**' He said to him, '**If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.**'"

Many people reject the truth simply because of the fear of man (John 12:42–43).

John 12:42-43 Nevertheless, many even of the authorities believed in him, but **for fear of the Pharisees they did not confess it**, so that they would not be put out of the synagogue; for they loved the glory that comes from man more than the glory that comes from God.

John 16:1-2 "I have said all these things to you to keep you from falling away. They will put you out of the synagogues. Indeed, **the hour is coming when whoever kills you will think he is offering service to God.**

Matthew 10:26-33 "So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. And **do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell.** Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. **Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows.** So everyone who **acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.**

Among those who will be in hell are “the fearful” (Rev. 21:8). Better to fear God and go to heaven than to fear men and go to hell!

Revelation 21:7-8 The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son. **But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death."**

The word judge is repeated four times in the closing words of this message, and a solemn word it is. Jesus did not come to judge; He came to save.

John 3:16-18 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that **whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.** For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but **whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.**

John 3:19-21 And **this is the judgment**: the light has come into the world, and **people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil**. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. But **whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God.**"

John 3:36 Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever **does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.**

John 8:12-16 Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

So the Pharisees said to him, "You are bearing witness about yourself; your testimony is not true."

Jesus answered, "**Even if I do bear witness about myself, my testimony is true**, for I know where I came from and where I am going, but you do not know where I come from or where I am going. **You judge according to the flesh; I judge no one. Yet even if I do judge, my judgment is true, for it is not I alone who judge, but I and the Father who sent me.**

Luke 10:12-16 I tell you, it will be more bearable on that day for Sodom than for that town. "Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For **if the mighty works done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes.** But it will be more bearable in the judgment for Tyre and Sidon than for you. And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? You shall be brought down to Hades. **"The one who hears you hears me, and the one who rejects you rejects me, and the one who rejects me rejects him who sent me."**

If the sinner will not trust the Savior, the Savior must become the Judge. The sinner is actually passing judgment on himself, not on the Lord!

Act 17:30-31 The times of ignorance God overlooked, but **now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness** by a man whom he has appointed; and **of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."**

Blessed Assurance

Hymn 67

