

Prophecy – Part 1

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I. Introduction.

II. Lessons from the dispensations.

A. Conscience. (Genesis 6:5)

1. Conscience is not a reliable guide.
2. God has always provided an alternative to his judgment because of his great love.
3. Only God can keep a man safe.

B. Human government.

1. It is futile to fight God.
2. Government will not solve our problems.
3. God knows everything that is going on. (Hebrews 4:13)
4. God has no pleasure in killing people. He is merciful. (Ezekiel 33:11; Matthew 25:41; 1 Timothy 2:4)

C. Promise.

1. It is better to stay with God where you are at and not find better pastures.
2. God's discipline is good. (Hebrews 12:6, 11; Psalm 30:5)
3. The foolishness of disobedience. (Romans 8:32; Ephesians 1:8)
4. The danger of disobedience.

D. Law. (Exodus 19:3-8; Deuteronomy 28)

1. We cannot keep the Ten Commandments in and of ourselves.
2. The law was given to bring us to Christ. (Galatians 3:24)
3. God's judgment is sure. (Galatians 6:7; Hebrews 9:27)

E. Grace. (John 1:12; Romans 8:14)

1. Christ changes lives. (2 Corinthians 5:17; 1 John 2:3-4)

2. The next event in God's plan of history is the Rapture. (1 Thessalonians 4:16-17)

3. There will be no second chance to receive Christ.

F. Kingdom.

III. The judgments.

A. The judgment of sin that happened for Christians on the cross of Calvary. (2 Corinthians 5:21; Hebrews 10:10; Romans 5:1)

B. The judgment of believers' sins. (Psalm 66:18; Isaiah 59:1-2; Revelation 3:19; 1 John 1:9; 1 Corinthians 11:31-32; Isaiah 31)

1. God wants us to be in fellowship with him.

2. Trust god and press on in trials.

C. The judgment of the believers' works.

Application questions:

1. What are the dispensations? How are they helpful?

2. What dispensation are Christians in now? How is this dispensation different than other dispensations?

3. What kind of judgments should Christians expect?
