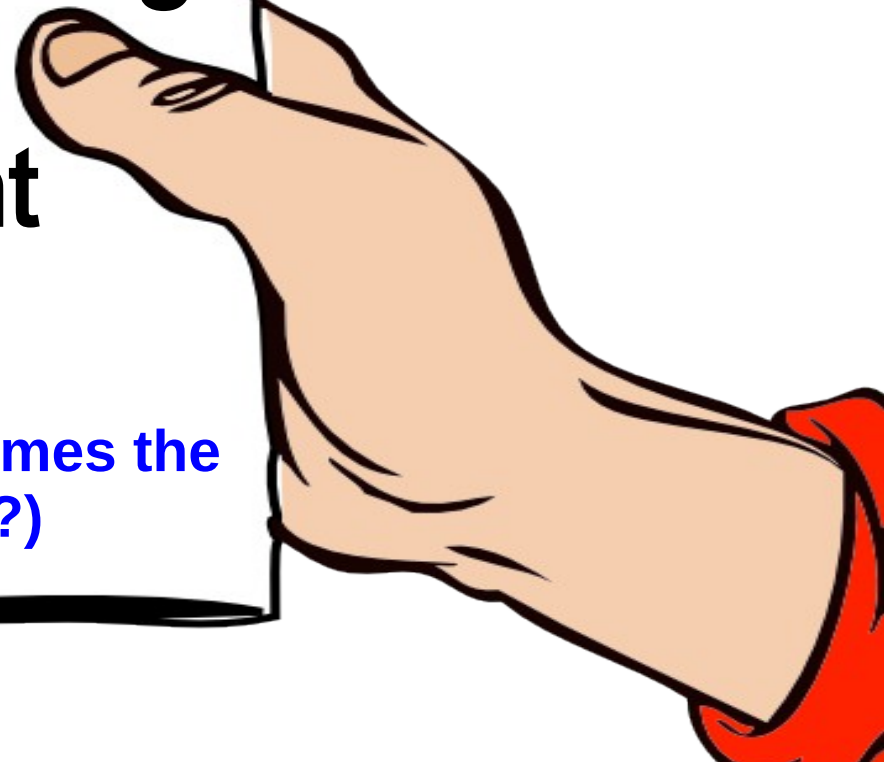


INVESTIGATION

Understanding The Judgement

(4 - After Death comes the
Judgement?)



We all know this verse off by heart:

“And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment,”

Hebrews 9:27 (NKJV)



**Is that what Paul was meaning
when he wrote it?**



Translators render the Bible into English using the context of the NT Greek words.

But when there's a range of exchange words to choose from, they rely on their beliefs, their theology and their worldview.

That means they can put a completely different slant or meaning on the expression that the writer wanted to relay to their audience in the 1st century.

They can justify their choice of words theologically by quoting their church's stance on the topic.

That's a tautology (circular reasoning¹) which doesn't uncover what the writer was really wanting to say in their time and their society.

¹ – https://www.powerthesaurus.org/circular_reasoning

Let's investigate this from the perspective of who Father is and his plan for totally reversing The Fall, rather than from evangelical theology.

We'll start with the MIRROR Bible's translation and the translator's commented reasons for how he rendered the verses.

Hebrews 9:26-27 (MIRROR)

“But Jesus did not have to suffer again and again since the fall[§] of the world; the single sacrifice of himself, in the fulfillment of history, now reveals[†] how he has brought sin to nought. He was made manifest once and for all, at the conclusion[‡] of the age, in order to do away with sin. →

→ So, every person's once-off[¥] appointment with death is mirrored in the full consequence of this[€] very judgment, which Jesus now disengaged.”

Hebrews 9 :26-27 (MIRROR)

Our next topic

The MIRROR comments on Hebrews 9:26

The word, **§**kataballo, meaning ‘to fall away’, to ‘put in a lower place’, instead of themelios, meaning ‘foundation’ [see Ephesians 2:20]; thus, translated “the fall of the world”, instead of “the foundation of the world”. The entire "Fall" was a falling away in our minds from our true identity as image and likeness bearers of Elohim.

Just like Eve, we were all deceived to believe a lie about ourselves, which is the fruit of the "I-am-not-tree". We all, like sheep, have gone astray. [Isaiah 53:6] God's Lamb took away the sins of the world.

The word, τ phaneroo, means to ‘render apparent’, to ‘openly declare’, to ‘manifest’. Here in the Perfect Passive Indicative tense, *πεφανερωται* means that the progress of an action has been completed and the results of the action are continuing on, in full effect.

The words *†συντέλεια τῶν αἰώνων*
sunteleia toon ainoon, 'at the
conclusion of the age' -- only used here
and 5 times in Matthew. Jesus is the end
of the age; he is the end of the law; what
he has done, now defines human life and
not their performance measured under
the law of works.

The MIRROR comments on Hebrews 9:27

¥Hapax as in ‘once-off’; *μετὰ* with *δὲ*
€*TOUTO* ‘this’ *κρίσις* ‘judgment’. [See John 12:31]
Now is the judgment of this world; this is
the moment where the ruler of the world-
system is conclusively cast out. [John uses
a double-barrel word here, *ekballo*
ekso -- ‘completely thrown out’. Thus,
taken out of the equation. (Luke 10:18.)]

So, the verse doesn't say that when we die we face The Judgement.

That's a misinterpretation.

That verse in most English translations is used to tie death, Judgement and Hell together, to create ECT and PSA.

But it has nothing to do with it at all.

ECT – Eternal Conscious Torment
PSA – Penal Substitutionary Atonement

In the verse's context, it's talking about the Old and New Covenants.

It indicates that everything has already been done.

Nothing further needs to be done, even on our part.

How can Father plan for us to die, when he's chosen to give us abundant life?

He wants us alive, as Adam was, not dead!

Under the NC, humanity has already received the judgement of the cross – we died because he died.

We've also been resurrected with him so that we are renewed and alive.

We're also righteous and innocent.

Judgement is a verdict,
not punishment

So, what's the verdict for us here?

It's actually about reconciliation, based on the cross and the resurrection.

The verdict of the cross and resurrection is that **death** and **sin** are cancelled once and for all.

The judgement verdict states:

- 1) “You are innocent and righteous.
- 2) Everyone’s death was included in Jesus’ death.”

What if there **IS** a judgement after death?

That judgement will not be about sin,
because we're all innocent.

Therefore it won't be about punishment
for sins committed.

The judgement can only be one of separation, like the 'sheep and the goats'.

It will be about whether we've accepted Jesus' actions or not.

That'll be based on the outcome of our free will to choose life or death. To realise and accept what Jesus did or not.

The reality for everyone will be this:

Have they put their trust in him as the one who achieved their release from the curse.

There are no Bible verses that state that accepting Jesus' achievement can't be done after physical death.

Those who believe in ECT can't find any, but out of fear, they still believe it can't happen.

CONCLUSION:

Hebrews 9:27 has been misinterpreted
and is not about a judgement for
punishment after we die

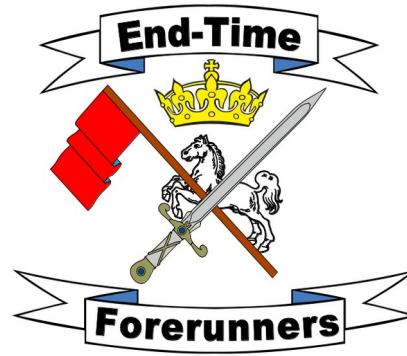


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