

APPOINTMENT WITH DEATH AND JUDGMENT

We have divided Heb.9:23-28 into three Greek sentences for study:

- (Heb.9:23) “Therefore it was necessary for the copies of the things in the heavens to be cleansed with these, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these”.
- (Heb.9:24-26) “For Christ did not enter a holy place made with hands, a *mere* copy of the true one, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us; nor was it that He would offer Himself often, as the high priest enters the holy place year by year with blood that is not his own. Otherwise, He would have needed to suffer often since the foundation of the world; but now once at the consummation of the ages He has been manifested to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself”.
- (Heb.9:27-28) And inasmuch as it is appointed for men to die once and after this *comes* judgment, so Christ also, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time for salvation without *reference* to sin, to those who eagerly await Him.

Because these sentences offer key New Covenant doctrines, I have chosen to study each Greek sentence separately.

NOTE: Because of key doctrines, I have divided Heb 9:27-28 into separate studies and this lesson title comes from (Heb 9:27). “And inasmuch as it is **appointed for men to die once and after this comes judgment.**”

This lesson will study four aspects of Appointment with Death and Judgment.

1. It has been divinely decreed (appointed) that every member of the human race will die and be judged because of Adam’s Original Sin (Gen.2:17) [Double ‘muth’ - dying you will die].

(Heb 9:27) “**It is appointed** (apokeimai/ p.p.ind.3ps) **for men** (tois anthropos) [mankind] **to die** (apothnesko/ a.a.infin.nsm) **once and after this (comes) judgment (krisis).**”

(Rom.5:12) “Therefore, just as through one man’s sin entered into the world, and **death through sin**, and so **death spread to all men**, because all sinned.”

(1 Cor.15:21-22) “For since **by man** came death, **by a man also** came the resurrection from the dead. For **in Adam** all die, so also **in Christ** all will be made alive.”

2. Our lesson text opens with a special phrase that gives God’s answer to Adam’s Original Sin of death and judgment.

Special phrase: “and inasmuch as (kai kata +acc. hosos).” refers back to the **answer to Adam’s Original Sin, Death and Judgment.**

(Heb.9:26) “But now once at the **Consummation of the Ages** He has been manifested to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself.”

- **First Coming:** (Heb 9:27) “**So Christ** also, having been offered once to bear the sins of many,
- **Second Coming:** (Heb.9:28) “will appear a second time for salvation **without reference to sin**, to those who eagerly await Him.”

Christ appeared in human history the first time to “put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself.” (Heb.9:26)

(1 Tim.1:15) “It is a trustworthy statement, deserving full acceptance, **that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners**, among whom I am foremost of all.” (1 Jn.2:2; Rom.5:6-21) [much more] (Rom.5:9, 10, 15, 17, 20-21)

3. **For the unbeliever, his appointment with death and judgment will result in eternal damnation of the Lake of Fire.**

(Matt.25:41) “Then He will also say to those on His left, ‘Depart from Me, accursed ones, into the **eternal fire which has been prepared for the devil and his angels.**”

(Rev.20:10) “And the devil who deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are also; and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.”

Spiritual death will become the **Second Spiritual death** when an unbeliever physically dies without grace salvation in Jesus Christ (Rom.5:12-21).

- **Spiritual death** is only removed by faith in the Gospel of Jesus Christ (1 Cor.15:3-4; Rom.1:16; Eph.2:1-5, 8-9). When there is no spiritual death, then there is no second spiritual death.
- **Second spiritual death** is appointed after the Great White Throne Judgment (GWTJ) (Rev.20:11-15).

Every unbelieving member of the human race who rejected the gospel of grace salvation in Jesus Christ will stand before the Great White Throne Judgment and then will be cast into the lake of fire (Rev.20:11-15).

(Rev.20:15) “And if anyone’s name was not found written in the Book of Life, he was thrown into the Lake of Fire.”

4. **Because of grace salvation, everyone who believes that Jesus died for their sin, was buried and raised on third day has a different appointment with death and judgment (1 Cor.15:3-4; Rom.1:16; Eph.2:8-9).**

The believer’s appointment with death and judgment is entirely different.

He will stand before the Judgment Seat of Christ (JSC) (Rom.10:4; 2 Cor.5:10).

He will receive eternal rewards, crowns, and a life fit for the New Heavens and Earth

- Rewards (1 Cor.3:10-15)
- Crowns (James 1:12; 2 Tim.4:7-8; 1 Pet.5:4; 1 Thess.2:19; Phil.4:1-3)
- New Heaven and Earth (Rev.21-22; 2 Pet.3:5-13)

(2 Pet.3:13) “But according to **His promise we are looking for new heavens and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells.**” (2 Cor.5:21)