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What Inspired William Booth

Walter Knight

Many Christians say with their lips that they believe in the day of accountability, but are as silent as the sphinx when it comes to warning others to flee from the wrath to come. The words that had much to do with William Booth's being a "fiery" Salvation Army preacher was the indicting,

taunting statement from an infidel who once said, "If I believed what you Christians say you believe with reference to a coming judgment and day of reckoning, with the resultant eternal lostness of the impenitent Christ-rejecters, then I would crawl on my bare knees on crushed glass all over London, England, night and day, telling men

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It Can Happen to Anyone!

Bill Brinkworth

Sometimes we can be very judgmental of a person. When one sins or makes a mistake, we are reluctant to show mercy. However, we should remember that no one is exempt from making a wrong decision. Anyone of us could make a mistake and get involved in thievery, dishonesty, immorality, or any other sin. It is only God's grace, and our character that separates us from those that get involved in sin. Falling into sin can happen to anyone of us.



Peter was a prime example of unexpected, ungodly behavior. Peter boasted to Jesus that he loved Jesus so much that he would never turn against Him. He was determined that he would lay down his life for the Saviour. Prophetically, Jesus responded revealing that He knew Peter would deny Him three times

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Would You Dare?

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One of man's natural tendencies is to judge others by his own measuring stick; usually himself. Paul, in Romans 2, strongly addresses this weakness.:

"Therefore thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest: for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest doest the same things. 3 And thinkest thou this, O man, that judgest them which do such things, and doest the same, that thou shalt escape the judgment of God?"

Rom. 2:1

Many times when we judge others, we have or have had the same problem ourselves. It seems that those that have had the biggest problems, or are still having them, complain the loudest of another's weaknesses. It is the ex-



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(John 13:37-38, Mat. 26:34) before the rooster crowed.

After Jesus was taken away by an angry mob, Jesus' prophecy was fulfilled. When a woman, that opened the door, accused Peter of being one of the ones with Jesus, Peter denied that he was even associated with Christ (John 18:17). Another damsel asked Peter if he was one of those with Jesus, as he warmed himself at a fire (John 18:25, Mat.26:71). He flatly denied any association with Jesus. Later another servant asked the disciple if he was one of those with Jesus. Peter denied even knowing the Lord (John 18:26), for the third time. A rooster then crowed. Peter, I am sure, "Gulped!" He had done what he thought he would never do.

Sin can happen to anyone of us. We can never put down our guard and think that sin cannot control or overtake us. You think you are so spiritual that you will never fall? Be careful, there may be a rooster getting ready to crow for you any minute.

"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour." 1 Peter 5:8

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smoker that criticizes the loudest about another's smoke he is inhaling. An older man grumbles to a son about his child's late hours coming home, forgetting how his father used to rebuke him in his younger, cohorting days. One that recently lied on his income tax form somehow is not convicted when he judges a worker that just lied to him. On and on our hypocritical judging goes.

God, however, knows the truth, and He remembers (Rom. 3: 3). For the born-again child of God, there is no judgment for sins. All his sins are paid for and no longer remembered (Hebrews 10:17). All Christians, however, will be judged (Mat. 12:36, Gal. 6:7, Eph. 6:8, Col. 3:24) for what they did or did not do for the Lord. It is called the Judgment Seat of Christ (II Cor. 5:10), and it will involve reward or loss of rewards (Rev. 22:12).

For the unsaved person, sadly their judgment will be at the White Throne Judgment (Rev. 20:11-15). That fearful condemnation will be at the end of Christ's 1,000 year reign on this earth. At that judgment, the lost will be judged for their works (Rev. 20:14).

In light of our future day of judgment before an Almighty God who knows everything about us, (including real intents for doing something, what we did when no one else saw us, and all other dark secrets), our

“ Reputation is what man thinks of us. Character is what God knows us to be.”

judgment of others seems so insignificant and embarrassing, on our part. We certainly want our mistakes and sins over-looked, when we stand before our Judge. Can we stop judging others, and leave that to the One who knows all?

The Hand of God Was Against Them

C. Buck, 1871

Many say it is presumption in pronouncing calamities of sinners to be particular judgments of God. A study was made of many of the cruel persecuting tyrants who delighted in tormenting their fellow creatures. The study revealed that they died not the common deaths of most men. They suffered plagues and deaths that were horrible and strange. Even a skeptic would be moved at the evidence and would be apt to suspect that the hand of God was in their demise. Here are some biblical-related examples:

❖ Herod, the Great, attempted to destroy the baby Jesus Christ Himself by ordering the deaths of all the male children that were in and near Bethlehem. The histori-

an Josephus reported that Herod had a long and grievous fever, a voracious appetite, a difficulty of breathing, swelling of his limbs, loathsome ulcers, violent torments and convulsion; so much that he endeavored to kill himself. The Jews thought his evils to be Divine judgments upon him for his wickedness.

❖ Herod Antipas beheaded John the Baptist and treated Christ contemptuously when He was brought before him. Herod was defeated by Aretas, an Arabian king, and had his dominions taken from him. He was sent into banishment, along with his infamous wife, Herodias.

❖ Herod Agrippa killed James the brother of John, and put Peter in prison. The angel of the Lord soon smote him, and he was eaten of worms and died.

❖ Judas, that betrayed our Lord, died by his own hands.

❖ Pontius Pilate, who condemned Jesus to death, was, not long afterwards, deposed from his office, banished from his country, and died by his own hand.

❖ The wicked high priest, Caiaphas, condemned Christ for fear of disobliging the Romans. He was turned out of his office by the Roman governor, whom he had sought to oblige.

❖ Ananias was the high priest that persecuted Paul and ordered him to be smitten on the mouth (Acts 23:2, 24:1). He was slain, together with his brother, by his own son.