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**Transforming Daily**  
**“... *the judgment of the great day* ...”**  
*Jude 6*

Judgment is a word and concept that is not often spoken of these days unless it is in the context of a courtroom, computer games, or facetiously regarding of one's rights. Sadly, it is also infrequently heard (if at all) from the pulpits of the local church as well. In the biblical context, the word, concept, and practice of judgment is spoken of in the Bible repeatedly, in the past, present, and future tenses. Meaning God's judgment has been experienced, is being experienced, and will be experienced. It is specifically in the future tense that Jude reminds the believers of God's wrath and judgment yet to come.

The judgment that Jude speaks of here in verse six is that of “the great day.” This phrase is used throughout the Scriptures both in the Old Testament and in the New Testament, and though worded differently in some cases, it is the same reference to the experience of God's ultimate judgment on all of those who do not believe in the truth of the gospel. There is no salvation, forgiveness, reconciliation or even “tomorrow” after “the great day.” More specifically the reference is to the Great White Throne Judgment of God. That's why today is the day of salvation!

I once heard Adrian Rogers tell a story about one of his few regrets. I believe the setting was a summer construction job. If I remember correctly he was 19 years old. Among other construction workers there was one whom he felt particularly drawn toward with which to share the gospel. He didn't all together ignore the promptings of God to share, but he didn't aggressively approach the opportunity either. The long and the short of it is, the young man died, and as far as Dr. Rogers knew, the construction worker didn't have a personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ. Rogers said that that was the last time that he ever hesitated to share the gospel. His regret, from his perspective, whether right or wrong, was that boy's blood was on his hands.

I don't particularly hold to the same point of view as Dr. Rogers in this matter that the boy's blood was on his hands, but his point is well taken. The believer is the only one who can truly share the truth of the gospel. The believer is called, charged, and commissioned with this imperative privilege. But at the end of the day, it is God who adds the increase. Jude is reminding the believer to remain steadfast in their calling to spread the gospel because it isn't only their responsibility, but there is a great cost at stake.

What about you? Do you believe that judgment is coming? Are you aware of its severity? Are you fervently and urgently witnessing with the truth of the gospel in light of the great cost of the judgment of the great day?