

A QUESTION OF CONCERN TO EACH OF US

Scripture Job 31:14 *What then shall I do when God riseth up? And when he visiteth, what shall I answer him?*

I. THE QUESTION IS NOT WILL THE LORD VISIT US – HE WILL.

- A. The Scriptures are filled with the certain teachings of the Lord's return. Jude records the promise of the Lord coming with ten thousands of His saints.
- B. The Lord Himself promised that He would return to the earth.
John 14:1-3
- C. His sure return is the only hope of the redeemed of the Lord.
Without it, the grave would be the end.

II. THE QUESTION IS NOT WILL THE LORD CALL US INTO ACCOUNT – HE WILL.

- A. Nothing is more clearly set forth in the Bible.
Hebrews 9:27 *And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment.*
- B. Nothing is more clearly impressed upon the conscience of man.

III. THE QUESTION IS NOT WILL WE ANSWER HIM, WE SHALL.

- A. Matthew 12:36 *But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment.*
- B. Romans 14:12 *So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.*
- C. Matthew 7:22, 23 *Many will say unto me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name cast out devils? And in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.*

IV. THE QUESTION IS “WHAT SHALL I ANSWER HIM?”

- A. No excuses will be offered then; no truth shall be rationalized.
- B. No promises to change our lives shall be made – too late
- C. The Lord knows all about us; thus we shall face facts.
- D. Everyone shall simply confess to the Lord the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth.
- E. What shall I answer Him concerning MY SOUL?

1. *Every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess Jesus as Christ to the glory of the Father.*
 2. I know that I can say, Lord, you remember that I repented of my sin and asked you to save me.
 3. Can you without question answer the same way?
- F. What shall I answer Him concerning my Christian growth?**
1. The Lord calls us to grow in grace and in the knowledge of the Lord.
 2. Will I stand before Him as an old gray headed baby in Christ, or as a mature adult in the things of God.
- G. What shall I answer Him about my Bible study?**
1. The Lord commands us to study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of God.
 2. Will I answer, Lord I am ashamed that I neglected your Word.
- H. What shall I answer Him concerning my Church attendance?**
1. The Lord has commanded *Forsake not the assembling of yourselves together as the manner of some is, and even so much the more as you see the day approaching.*
 2. Where will you be found if the Lord should come during some scheduled service of this church?
- I. What shall you answer Him concerning your offerings to His work?**
1. The Lord has commanded His people *Upon the first day of the week Let every one of you lay by him in store, as the Lord hath prospered him.*
 2. The Lord knows and we can only answer what we have done.
- J. What shall I answer concerning my witnessing to others.**
1. The Lord has commanded us to go and tell.
 2. He has commanded “Let him that heareth , say come.”
 3. Will there be those in heaven who were introduced to the Lord by you?
 4. Will there be those in hell that shall say “You met me day by day and knew I was astray, and you never mentioned Him to me.
- K. What shall I answer Him concerning my attitude toward the Lord’s church, His people and His ministers?**

CONCLUSION:

- A. There is no doubt about the Lord's return and His calling each of us to answer for our lives lived on His earth.**
- B. He has given us this life to prepare for eternity.**
- C. As the Spirit searches your heart, will you let Him have His way with you?**
- D. Will you make preparations for that certain meeting with the One who loved you and died to pay your sin debt?**