A DAY OF ACCOUNTING

(Deuteronomy 8:10-20)

INTRODUCTION - (Romans 14:10) "... For we shall stand before the judgment seat of Christ" (v12) "So then each of us shall give account of himself to God"

The Bible exhorts us about this coming day of judgment (accounting):

(2 Corinthians 5:10) "So then we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ" (Hebrews 9:27) "it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment" (Heb. 10:30-31) "... The Lord will judge His people ..."

Consider some things for which we may be accountable:

1. FOR OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL (the Biblical message)

(John 12:48) "He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him, the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day"

(Matthew 28:19-20) "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations ... teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you ... "

(Mark 16:15-16) "Go into all the world and **preach the gospel** to every creature. **He who believes and is baptized** will be saved ... "

(2 Thessalonians 1:7 – 10) "... taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ ... when He comes ..."

2. FOR THINGS ENTRUSTED TO US

(1 Corinthians 4:2) "it is required in stewards that one be found faithful"

"Steward" - manager; guardian; one to whose care something has been given.

God has given us life, talents, and opportunities; therefore, no matter how one worked to obtain what he has, it is God who provided: (Deuteronomy 8:10-20) (1 Timothy 6:7) "we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we carry nothing out"

3. FOR OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP NEIGHBORS

(James 4:17) "to him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin"

(Luke 10:25 – 37) "... love your neighbor ... and who is my neighbor? ... (v36-37) "So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among thieves? And he said, **He who showed mercy on him.** Then Jesus said to him, **Go and do likewise**"

4. FOR OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP BRETHREN

- (Galatians 6:2) "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ" (v10) "Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith"
- (Hebrews 6:9-12) "... yes, things that accompany salvation ... in that you have ministered to the saints, and do minister ... do not become sluggish ... "