INTRODUCTION

Not only the Bible, but many of our hymns speak about the Day of Judgment:

What Will Your Answer Be? Prepare To Meet Thy God Almost Persuaded

What does the Bible say?

1. THE REALITY OR FACT OF JUDGMENT

(Hebrews 9:27) "It is appointed for men to die once, and after this the judgment"

(Psalm 7:11) "God is a just judge" - how could a "just judge" allow the wicked to escape punishment and reward him the same as he would the righteous?

2. ALL WILL BE APPEARING IN JUDGMENT

It is not just for the wrong-doer. (Revelation 20:11-14) "I saw the dead, great and small, standing before God"

(2 Corinthians 5:10) "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ"

3. HOW OR BY WHAT WILL WE BE JUDGED?

(John 12:48-50) "... the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day ..."

(Revelation 20:12) "... and the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books"

Two scriptures give clarification on "according to their works"

(Ephesians 2:8-10) "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that **not of yourselves**, it is the gift of God, **and not of works**, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, **created in Christ Jesus for good works**, **which God prepared** beforehand that we should walk in them"

(Hebrews 6:9-12) "... yes, things that accompany salvation ... for God is not unjust to forget your work and labor of love ... "

(Titus 2:11-14) unites "the grace of God" "salvation" and "for good works"

- 4. WHO WILL BE THE JUDGE? (Romans 2:16; Acts 17:31)
- 5. GOD'S JUDGMENTS ARE FINAL (Matthew 25:34 and v41)