

The Judgment Has Begun

Scripture reading: I Peter 4:12-19

The word I am hearing is, “*The judgment has begun* [not “is going to begin,” but “has begun”] *at the house of God.*” If you do not feel the judgment of God working within you and around you, ask God what is wrong, because the first judgment we will feel is the judgment upon our status as a person. God does not want any other status for us but “*to know Jesus Christ and Him crucified*” (I Corinthians 2:2). God does not want your degrees, your specific abilities, your pride, or your human achievements. All God wants is a man or woman whose ambition is to please Him.

It is the Holy Ghost that takes one into the Holy of Holies. As we move “*in the Spirit,*” He takes us into Christ. You need to understand that I am not speaking about the Spirit moving in you, but about you moving in the Spirit. The Spirit of God can move in a person, but it is with the intention that the person would get “*into the Spirit*”—that is, allowing the Spirit to control his actions. Every move of the Spirit is to profit withal—that is, to bring forth whatever gift or the ministry that the Spirit wants to express in the congregation. When the praise reaches the point of touching heaven and the people of God begin to move, the very air around you becomes rarefied and one feels lifted in the Spirit. Some start stomping their feet, some shout praises to God, and the Spirit is moving on you and in you. That is, however, not the ultimate. The ultimate is for you to move “*in the Spirit.*” That is, you do not move until the Spirit moves. “*Moving in the Spirit*” is when your mind and your heart conforms to the Lord, and the thing which God wants to be done at that specific time, in that particular place, is being done.

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Thought for today: God is looking for a man or a woman whose ambition is to please Him. Will you hear the call and answer it?