

The world is not as it should be. There righteous are found to be persecuted, and the wicked prosper. Evils in this world go unpunished, and the glory of God isn't found saturating His creation as it should. When the Prophet Isaiah recognizes the coming of God's Son he sees a judge who will come without the errors we carry; he sees One who will come with integrity and justice.

The Advent of Justice - Isaiah 11:3-5

- #1 - won't judge by prejudice, or favoritism, appearance, flattery
- #2 - attention is given to those who have been abandoned - "needy," / "poor of the earth"
- #3 - His instrument of judgment will be His word
- #4 - "righteousness or justice" and "faithfulness or integrity" are what identifies the judge

John 5:16-30 (NIV)

16 So, because Jesus was doing these things on the Sabbath, the Jewish leaders began to persecute him. 17 In his defense Jesus said to them, "My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I too am working." 18 For this reason they tried all the more to kill him; not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God.

19 Jesus gave them this answer: "Very truly I tell you, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does. 20 For the Father loves the Son and shows him all he does. Yes, and he will show him even greater works than these, so that you will be amazed. 21 For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, even so the Son gives life to whom he is pleased to give it. 22 Moreover, the Father judges no one, but has entrusted all judgment to the Son, 23 that all may honor the Son just as they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father, who sent him.

24 "Very truly I tell you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be judged but has crossed over from death to life. 25 Very truly I tell you, a time is coming and has now come when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God and those who hear will live. 26 For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself. 27 And he has given him authority to judge because he is the Son of Man.

28 "Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice 29 and come out—those who have done what is good will rise to live, and those who have done what is evil will rise to be condemned. 30 By myself I can do nothing; I judge only as I hear, and my judgment is just, for I seek not to please myself but him who sent me.

3 Questions:

- #1 - Who has the power to judge?
- #2 - What gives Jesus the right to judge?
- #3 - When will Jesus judge?

Conclusion:

Jesus is the Judge - not you or me
Jesus is the Judge - so trust Him today
Jesus is the Judge - so watch for His return