QUOTES – JESUS' JUDGMENT AND WOES AS A MEANS OF GRACE

8/7/22 – Bert Turner

Why do the nations rage
    and the peoples plot in vain?
The kings of the earth set themselves,
    and the rulers take counsel together,
    against the Lord and against his Anointed, saying,
"Let us burst their bonds apart
    and cast away their cords from us."
He who sits in the heavens laughs;
    the Lord holds them in derision.

Psalm 2:1–4
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Serve the Lord with fear,
    and rejoice with trembling.
Kiss the Son,
    lest he be angry, and you perish in the way,
    for his wrath is quickly kindled.
Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

Psalm 2:11–12
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"Christian communities are in special trouble on Judgment Day, not because Jesus has not really been in the communities, but because he has… Every member of the church has Jesus, for Jesus is present in his Word, fellowship, and sacraments. But Jesus does not have every member of his church. He only has those who, under the impact of this miraculous grace, are actually changing."

Frederick Dale Brunerin, *The Christbook*

First, God is the one truly competent judge, for He alone knows all things.

Second, God is sovereign. He does not owe anyone his revelation.

Third, there is corporate as well as individual responsibility.

Fourth, those who claim to be religious are often the most hardhearted of all.

Fifth, we should not shy away from Jesus' teaching on judgment and hell, even if it seems unpopular. Heaven and hell are eternal realities, and it is both right and helpful to tell people so.

Sixth, let us labor wisely in our missional work. Jesus said Tyre, Sidon, and Sodom – unlikely places all – could come to faith. Other unlikely cities – Alexandria, Ephesus, and Rome – became centers of the early church.

Daniel M. Doriani, *Lessons from Matthew*

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"Capernaum saw (the works of Christ) but, for a while, remained unmoved. I say "for a while," for Capernaum was the center of Christianity by A.D 50–55. That is, Jesus' plain speech, his woe, his word of judgment was effective."

Daniel M. Doriani, *Lessons from Matthew*