

SET A MARK

SCRIPTURE: EZEKIEL 9:3-6

INTRODUCTION

HERE THE LORD COMMANDS HIS ANGEL TO MARK THOSE WHO WEEP AND GRIEVE OVER THE SIN OF THE LAND. THE PRIMARY MARK OF THE CHRISTIAN IS HIS ABHORANCE OF SIN.

I. GO ...AND PUT A MARK ON THE FOREHEADS

GALATIANS 6:17 NIV FINALLY, LET NO ONE CAUSE ME TROUBLE, FOR I BEAR ON MY BODY THE MARKS OF JESUS.

- A. THE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE DIVINE NATURE
- B. THE FAMILY RESEMBLANCES OF GOD'S FAMILY

II. KILL ... WITHOUT PITY OR COMPASSION

1 PETER 4:18 NIV IF IT IS HARD FOR THE RIGHTEOUS TO BE SAVED, WHAT WILL BECOME OF THE UNGODLY, AND THE SINNERS.

- A. GOD'S JUDGEMENT OF THE WORLD IS EMINENT
- B. GOD WILL JUDGE:
 - 1. RIGHTEOUSLY
 - 2. JUSTLY
 - 3. WITHOUT PARTIALITY
- B. GOD WILL PUNISH THE WICKED

III. BEGIN AT MY SANCTUARY

1 PETER 4:17 NIV FOR IT IS TIME FOR JUDGEMENT TO BEGIN WITH THE FAMILY OF GOD; AND IF IT BEGINS WITH US, WHAT WILL THE OUTCOME BE FOR THOSE WHO DO NOT OBEY THE GOSPEL OF GOD?

- A. GOD'S JUDGEMENT WILL BEGIN AT HIS SANCTUARY
 - 1. HE WILL JUDGE OUR MOTIVES
 - 2. HE WILL JUDGE OUR PURITY
 - 3. HE WILL JUDGE OUR HYPOCRISY
- B. GOD'S PUNISHMENT WILL BEGIN AT HIS SANCTUARY

HEBREWS 10:29 NIV HOW MUCH MORE SEVERELY DO YOU THINK A MAN DESERVES TO BE PUNISHED WHO HAS TRAMPLED THE SON OF GOD UNDER FOOT, WHO HAS TREATED AS AN UNHOLY THING THE BLOOD OF THE COVENANT THAT SANCTIFIED HIM, AND WHO HAS INSULTED THE SPIRIT OF GRACE?

CONCLUSION

IF THE ANGEL OF THE LORD WERE TO BEGIN SETTING A MARK IN THE FOREHEADS OF THE RIGHTEOUS WHO GRIEVE OVER THE WICKEDNESS OF THE DAY, WOULD HE MARK YOU? OR WOULD THE ANGEL OF PUNISHMENT BEGIN WITH YOU?