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I Have Decided: A Tree And Its Fruit

1. There Will Be A Final Judgment Of God.
2. The Dead Will Be Resurrected And Judged According To Their Works And Whether Their Name Is In The Book Of Life.
3. The Guilty Will Share In The Punishment Of The Devil And His Angels, The Beast, And The False Prophet.
4. The Punishment Is Forever.

Some Will Enter And Some Will Not

Matthew 7:15-20 - *"Beware of false prophets who come disguised as harmless sheep but are really vicious wolves. ¹⁶ You can identify them by their fruit, that is, by the way they act. Can you pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? ¹⁷ A good tree produces good fruit, and a bad tree produces bad fruit. ¹⁸ A good tree can't produce bad fruit, and a bad tree can't produce good fruit. ¹⁹ So every tree that does not produce good fruit is chopped down and thrown into the fire. ²⁰ Yes, just as you can identify a tree by its fruit, so you can identify people by their actions.*

Pay Attention To One's Ethical And Moral Behavior

Don't Overlook Or Cover Up Bad Behavior

Mark 13:22-23 - *For false messiahs and false prophets will rise up and perform signs and wonders so as to deceive, if possible, even God's chosen ones. ²³ Watch out! I have warned you about this ahead of time!*

2 Peter 2:1-3 - *But there were also false prophets in Israel, just as there will be false teachers among you. They will cleverly teach destructive heresies and even deny the Master who bought them. In this way, they will bring sudden destruction on themselves. ² Many will follow their evil teaching and shameful immorality. And because of these teachers, the way of truth will be slandered. ³ In their greed they will make up clever lies to get hold of your money. But God condemned them long ago, and their destruction will not be delayed.*

1 John 2:18 - *Dear children, the last hour is here. You have heard that the Antichrist is coming, and already many such antichrists have appeared. From this we know that the last hour has come.*

A Way Of Salvation That Doesn't Include A Narrow Gate And A Hard Road

We Need The Ability To Discern True Sheep From The Wolves

Character And Conduct

No Matter What A Person Claims To Be, Their True Character Will Eventually Reveal Itself

Claims Are Easier To Make Or Even Fake Than True Results

Examine Them And Their "Fruit" Closely

Matthew 7:19 - *So every tree that does not produce good fruit is chopped down and thrown into the fire.*

Matthew 5:13 - *You are the salt of the earth. But what good is salt if it has lost its flavor? Can you make it salty again? It will be thrown out and trampled underfoot as worthless.*

Matthew 5:22 - *But I say, if you are even angry with someone, you are subject to judgment! If you call someone an idiot, you are in danger of being brought before the court. And if you curse someone, you are in danger of the fires of hell.*

Matthew 6:15 - *But if you refuse to forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sins.*

Matthew 7:1-2 - *"Do not judge others, and you will not be judged. ² For you will be treated as you treat others. The standard you use in judging is the standard by which you will be judged.*

Failure To Live Out His Words Exposes Us To Judgment

The Sermon On The Mount Leads Us To Christ