

The Judgement to Come

This is a time for serious reflection. The terrorist attack on America shocked the world, especially those of us who never experienced war and strife.

What a horrid reminder of human sinfulness! How can it be that men would implement a heartless premeditated act of destruction and mass murder? Their hatred and indifference to human life and suffering is revolting. The blood of the victims calls for justice. And justice will certainly be done for God "will render to every man according to his deeds ... indignation and wrath, tribulation and anguish, upon every soul of man that doeth evil."

We clearly perceive and condemn the wickedness of the terrorists. However let us not forget that they were not animals or monsters; they were human beings like us. We are all made of the same stuff. We are not good at heart as many foolishly assume. Ben Laden, St Paul, you and I can all say: "I know that in me, that is, in my flesh, dwelleth *no good thing!*" Though our corruption may not be manifest in the same outrageous manner, we are depraved sinners nonetheless. We are all by nature children of wrath.

Many left home for work as usual on that fateful morning of September 11th. Little did they know that it would be their last day on earth before their appointment with the Divine judge. Who knows when our turn would be? Are we ready? "It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment."

This is a time for humble repentance before the Almighty. We urgently need to turn from self and sin, and seek mercy and pardon through Jesus Christ. God alone can cleanse from sin by the blood of the Lamb. God alone can renew the heart, and transform sinners to saints.