

John 16:11

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged.

Analysis

Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged (περὶ κρίσεως δέ, ὅτι ὁ ἄρχων τοῦ κόσμου τούτου κέκριται, peri kriseōs de, hoti ho archōn tou kosmou toutou kekritai)—the perfect tense kekritai (has been judged) indicates completed action with ongoing results. Satan's judgment at the cross is finished fact, though final execution awaits. **The prince of this world** (ὁ ἄρχων τοῦ κόσμου, ho archōn tou kosmou) appears three times in John (12:31, 14:30, 16:11).

The Spirit convicts that judgment is certain because the cross already accomplished Satan's defeat. The ruler of this evil age has been judged; therefore, those who follow him face certain doom. Conversely, believers are freed from condemnation because Christ bore the judgment we deserved. The Spirit's conviction of judgment warns the unbelieving that their rebellion is futile—the prince they serve is a defeated foe—and assures believers that no accusation can stand, for the accuser himself has been judged.

Historical Context

Jesus referred to Satan's judgment hours before the cross where that judgment would be executed. Colossians 2:15 describes how Christ 'disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.' Satan's power was broken at Calvary, though his final punishment awaits Revelation 20:10. The Spirit applies this finished work, convicting the world that their spiritual master stands condemned.

Related Passages

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. How does Satan's already-accomplished judgment at the cross give you confidence in spiritual warfare?
2. In what ways does the Spirit's conviction of judgment serve both as warning to unbelievers and assurance to believers?
3. How should the certainty of final judgment inform your evangelism and your daily choices?

Interlinear Text

περὶ	δὲ	κρίσεως	ὅτι	ό	ἄρχων	τοῦ	κόσμου	τούτου
Of	G1161	judgment	because	G3588	the prince	G3588	world	of this
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Additional Cross-References

John 12:31 (Judgment): Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out.

1 John 3:8 (Parallel theme): He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

Hebrews 2:14 (Parallel theme): Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;

Colossians 2:15 (Parallel theme): And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.

John 14:30 (Parallel theme): Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me.

2 Corinthians 4:4 (Parallel theme): In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

Revelation 1:7 (Parallel theme): Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.

Hebrews 6:2 (Judgment): Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.

Hebrews 9:27 (Judgment): And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:

Acts 10:42 (Judgment): And he commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that it is he which was ordained of God to be the Judge of quick and dead.