

## JOHN 16:11 JUDGEMENT OF SATAN

*“And in regard to judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.” John 16:11*

This passage concerns the judgment of Satan. The judgment of Satan was executed by Christ upon the cross. It was upon the cross that Jesus Christ judged and condemned the devil in all his authority and power. How? There were two ways.

1. Satan is judged and condemned by the obedience of Christ upon the cross. God is perfectly pleased with Christ, for Christ did exactly what God wanted: *He obeyed God perfectly*. Therefore, God is bound to be perfectly pleased.

The point is this: what God wanted most of all was for Christ to die *for man*. Christ Himself said, “I do exactly what my Father commanded me” (Jn. 14:31). The ultimate commandment that would show perfect obedience was for Him...

- to die for man’s sin
- to receive the judgment of (physical and spiritual) death for man’s sin
- to suffer separation from God for man

It was upon the cross that Christ obeyed God in the supreme, ultimate, and absolute sense. It was because he died — because He obeyed God perfectly — that God...

- has highly exalted Him (see Phil. 2:9-11).
- has given Him a name that is above every name.
- has destined that every knee will bow before Him, of things *in heaven*, and things *on earth*, and things *under the earth*.
- has destined that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.
- has judged the world and appointed that it will be recreated and made into a new heaven and earth (2 Pet. 3:10-13).
- has thrown out Satan and enthroned Christ, giving Him the loyalty of man and the kingdoms of the whole world (Jn. 12:31-32).
- has assured the return of Christ and His rule and reign (Tit. 2:12-13).
- has promised that Christ will rule and reign over a new heaven and earth, over all throughout the universe (2 Pet. 3:4-5, 8-13)

2. Satan is judged and condemned by the belief of men in the cross, in the death of Christ (See *Jesus Christ, Cross*, Jn. 12:32).

The cross judged and condemned Satan in all his authority and power. The judgment can be summed up in three areas.

- 1) The cross judges and breaks the power of Satan over the world (Jn. 12:31). Satan is the ruler, the prince, the power of the world. This is taught by the Bible (Jn. 12:31; 14:30; 16:11; 2 Cor. 4:4; Eph. 2:2). The one example of his dominion familiar to most is the temptation of Christ. Satan offered the kingdoms of the world to Christ if Christ would worship him (Lk. 4:6). He possessed the kingdoms to offer. But Christ refused to yield to the temptation. Instead He chose to obey God, to secure the authority over the kingdoms of the world by way of the cross. In this particular passage, Christ proclaimed the coming triumph of the cross. The cross broke forever the power of the devil over the kingdoms of the world, and it assures the return of Christ to rule and reign throughout the universe forever.

*Col 1:13 For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves.*

*Col 2:15 And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.*

*1 Cor 15:24-25 Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.*

*Phil 2:8-11 And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death — even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

- 2) The cross judges and breaks the authority and power of Satan over death (Jn. 12:31). Satan holds the power of death. It is his selfish and sinful influence that has brought corruption, decay, and death to the earth. But Christ has broken the devil's grip over death forever. The cross delivers man from the fear and bondage of death and assures Christ the authority over life and death.

*Heb 2:14-15 Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death — that is, the devil — and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.*

*1 Cor 15:25-26, 55-57 For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. “Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?” The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

- 3) The cross judges and breaks the authority and power of Satan to corrupt men through worldliness and sin (Jn. 12:32). Satan uses the world — its pleasures

and desire for power and wealth and fame — to attract and enslave men, and enslavement inevitably leads to destruction. But the cross brings power to a man, spiritual power...

- to break his habits and bondages
- to keep him from damaging and destroying his body and spirit

The cross and its power to deliver and to give life have become the focal attraction of time and eternity. The cross liberates and frees man forever.

**John 14:30** *“I will not speak with you much longer, for the prince of this world is coming. He has no hold on me.”*

**1 Cor 10:13** *No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.*

**1 John 3:8** *He who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil’s work.*

**1 John 4:4** *You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. □*