

Isaiah 28:20, “For the bed is shorter than a man can stretch himself on it and the covering narrower than he can wrap himself in it.” Have you ever tried to sleep on a bed that is too narrow and the covers were way too short? It’s a bit uncomfortable and getting a good night rest is impossibility. Israel had departed from God and was comfortable in their sins. Judgment was coming upon the children of Israel. Within a few decades of Isaiah’s prophecy, Assyria came against Israel and took them into captivity.

There is another judgment day coming—the final judgment in which all the nations will be gathered together before the judgment seat of Christ. 2 Corinthians 5:10, tells us of that time to come—“For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that everyone may receive the things done in the body. According to all they have done, whether it is good or bad.” It’s a cold hard fact that many will realize their bed is too short and their cover too narrow.

Who are some of these people? An easy place to start is those who do not believe in Christ. Atheists do not believe in God, so it makes certain they do not believe in Christ Jesus. The Psalmist wrote in Psalms 14:1, “The fool has said in his heart there is no God...” What about “faith only advocates”? Many preachers who tell people to believe in Christ and accept Him in their hearts and they will be saved. While the Bible does tell us faith is essential to salvation, it is not the only condition for the remission of sins. Look to Luke 13:3 and then to Romans 10:9-10. Make a mark there a turn to Acts 2:36-38 and read the question asked and answered. Mark records the words of Jesus in Mark 16:16. The final group is the nominal Christians (Nominal means “in name only.”) Those who have no true convictions or dedication relative to serving God. They live lives where others think they “good people” but not a faithful child of God.

I want to encourage each of you to make sure your bed is made according to God’s specifications. Then and only then can we lie down and rest peacefully. May God watch over each of you as you serve Him daily.

In Christ,

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