

## THE MIGHTY HAVE FALLEN. SOME THOUGHTS ON GOD'S JUDGMENT.



At the time of this writing, there is a cascade of prominent men falling. It looks like God's judgment and probably is.

But there is more to God's judgment than just exposing these few perpetrators.

There are plenty of wolves in sheep's clothing out there. Exposing them warns the others (and us). But there is more to judgment than just that.

IN THIS LIFE God's acts of judgment are for our GOOD – both correction and warning. God is perfectly fine about removing EVERYTHING from a stubborn sinner if that person can be reclaimed for heaven.

“When you discipline a man with rebukes for sin, you consume like a moth what is dear to him.” (Psalm 39:11).

Jesus said, “For what will it profit a man if he GAINS THE WHOLE WORLD and forfeits his soul?” (Matthew 16:26).

These men who have lost EVERYTHING (from the world's point of view) can nevertheless find REAL life, life in the kingdom of God, now and forever – if in their humiliation and pain, they repent.

Their lives can STILL end well, in spite of their wicked behavior.

God takes no delight, the Bible says, in the destruction of the wicked. He is patient with us all, wanting all to be saved and come to a knowledge of the TRUTH.

But his patience does have a limit. At some point in time, for each one of us, “time” will be called. The whistle will blow. The tree will lie where it falls. Then comes judgment.

There is not a whisper of a hint in the Bible of a “second chance” after death. NOW is the time when God extends his invitation to come to him and be saved. While you have breath you have the opportunity to be saved.

When you pass into the next life, it will then be too late.

If you are ready to come to God, I've put a link below of a seven-minute video that will lead you to do just that.

God's scariest judgments are NOT his temporal acts. Those are really acts of MERCY, as mentioned above, for correction and warning.

His scariest form of judgment, laid out in Romans chapter 1, is that of sinners being GIVEN OVER to their sin.

What does that look like? It works this way.

God in effect says to them, "It is now too late. I gave you time to repent. I sent you warnings, time and time again. But you rejected my kindness, you refused to learn – you only hardened your heart further. You shall, therefore, have exactly what you want. You will have your sin. You will not have me. Ever again."

"O God, keep me and all those who read this, from allowing our hearts to be so hardened to you. Please Lord, do not turn us over to our sins! Turn us BACK to yourself. Bring us once more to repentance and renew our faith in Jesus Christ! AMEN."