

Dig Your Wells Before You Are Thirsty

Living a “Prepared” Life

Dig Your Wells Because...

The Day of Judgment

- The day is coming when all will be judged by God.
 - It has been *appointed* – Acts 17:30-31
 - All will be judged for *what they have done* – 2 Cor. 5:10; Rom. 14:12
- If you don't dig your wells now, you may face Judgment without the water you need to survive! – Lk. 12:19-21

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Times of Temptation are Coming

- The Christian life is full of temptation.
 - Temptation comes from our adversary the devil – 1 Pet. 5:8
 - Temptation comes from our fleshly desires – Jas. 1:14
- If you take temptation lightly and don't dig your wells now...
 - You will not have roots deep enough in Christ to withstand the heat and will fall away – Lk. 8:13
 - You will fall victim to the deceitfulness of sin – Heb. 3:12-13

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Times of Trial and Tribulation are Coming

- Christians must face trials and tribulation
 - Following Christ means peace in Him, while having tribulation in the world – Jn. 16:33
 - Paul's life and teaching showed this to be true – 2 Tim. 3:10-12
- These trials and tribulations may be many and diverse – 2 Cor. 6:4-5

**Now is the Time to Start
Digging**

Dig Your Wells Now...

To Prepare for the Day of Judgment

- Digging wells to enter eternal life is not easily accomplished – Matt. 7:14
 - We must avoid the desire to cruise through life
 - We forget that being a Christian means being a **soldier** and **doing battle** against evil that stands against the knowledge of God – 2 Cor. 10:3-6
- These wells are dug by...
 - Deeds of mercy and compassion – Matt. 25:33-36
 - Seeking the things of God and putting sin out of our life – Col. 3:1-7

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To Prepare for Temptation

- Dig these wells with **confidence** because God is on your side
 - He has provided the needed answers to overcome sin – 1 Jn. 2:1-2
 - He protects the Christian and provides a way of escape – 1 Cor. 10:13
- Dig these wells with the **tools** God has provided
 - Overcome the sinful works of the flesh through the Spirit – Rom. 8:13; Eph. 6:17; Psa. 119:9, 11
 - Use the support of God's family – Heb. 10:23-25
 - Use the line of communication in prayer – Mt. 6:13; Heb. 4:14-16
 - Confess and repent of sin to God and your brethren – 1 Jn. 1:9; Jas. 5:16

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To Prepare for Trials and Tribulation

- Dig the well of **rejoicing** in your salvation – 1 Pet. 1:3-6
- Dig the well of regular **prayer** for peace and strength – Phil. 4:6-7
- Dig the well of **knowledge** concerning...
 - The purpose of trials – Jas. 1:2-3
 - Why trials come upon us (i.e., we are different from the world) – 1 Pet. 4:3-5
- Dig the well of **comfort** from your brethren – 2 Cor. 1:3-4