

graceWORKS ! GOING DEEPER¹ The Papou Study Bible is a daily study provided by me to



help folks explore the depth and joy of the “conneXion” life of God. It’s my personal study, and is not intended as a doctrinal statement or statement of any church or denomination or congregation. It’s also my belief that “grace” works, and the servant of God should always want to go deeper. Multi-tasking as usual, I’m also calling this the “Papou Study Bible.” I’m writing it as if I were speaking to my girls who love me and any descendant they have that love their Papou too. And to anyone who wants to consider me a spiritual Dad or “Papou.” I want them to be able to study the Bible with Papou (grandpa in Greek) after I’m gone---and if they don’t, I’ll haunt them. The Scriptures say it’s noble to “search the Scriptures daily” to verify truth like the ancient Bereans did (Acts 17:11). My folks came from Berea. My incredible Dad (and your grandfather and great grandfather, guys), Vasil Charles Valekis taught me to do this like he did---every day until I die. He taught me and everyone I know to go to church no matter what and to put God first. While Mama (Maria Pagona Stratakis Valekis) never really did this, she made sure we listened to Daddy on this one. She would have hit us with a spatula or frying pan or worse if we didn’t. This is a simple sharing my “daily search.” And I’d like to think it is a continuation of God’s life through my Dad through me. Both my “Dads” by the way. And a way to honor him, mama and our loving “Dad”---God. And for all of us to be together, in Spirit, even when we I join them in heaven. I like to use

the Blue Letter literal, very “visual,” Greek translation a lot to help “visualize” these truths

the beautiful way Greek enables you to view. And I like to share this with folks serving in an elder capacity, or any capacity, to grow them, challenge them, and stretch them. But especially share it with anyone I’ve ever brought to Christ and family members who truly love me. And when you study these, I’ll make sure to connect with you from heaven. *Ever an orthodox Greek, Jim Valekis*

Christ IN You Series

Colossians 1:27 (King James Version)

²⁷To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is *Christ in you*, the hope of glory

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Nahum 1 Part 3²



God does redeem His people. And He does “avenge” them. “Vengeance is mine,” He says, and I will “repay!”

Nineveh does have to answer for all her brutality. Nineveh will have to confess the evil she has done.

Do you live like there is going to be a judgment? We all should. Because there will be a day of judgment we all experience, before the Throne of Jesus Christ! Enjoy!

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God is a God of love. But His love includes “judgment.” Let’s just notice the “judgment” as it’s talked about in the New Testament to set the context for this continued study.

1. **Matthew 5:21**

Murder

“You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, ‘You shall not murder, But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister will be subject to **judgment**. Again, anyone who says to a brother or sister, ‘Raca,’ is answerable to the court. And anyone who says, ‘You fool!’ will be in danger of the fire of hell.

Jesus speaks as if the judgment is real.

2. **Matthew 10:15**

Truly I tell you, it will be more bearable for Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of **judgment** than for that town.

There will be some things that are hard to bear on the “day of judgment.” Here is the back story of who is being spoken to hear.

¹¹ Whatever town or village you enter, search there for some worthy person and stay at their house until you leave. ¹² As you enter the home, give it your greeting. ¹³ If the home is deserving, let your peace rest on it; if it is not, let your peace return to you. ¹⁴ If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, leave that home or town and shake the dust off your feet.

Then it adds:

Truly I tell you, it will be more bearable for Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of **judgment** than for that town. . .

3. **Matthew 11:22, 24**

But I tell you, it will be more bearable for Tyre and Sidon on the day of **judgment** than for you. . . But I tell you that it will be more bearable for Sodom on the day of **judgment** than for you.”

Here is the fuller verse here:

Woe on Unrepentant Towns

²⁰ Then Jesus began to denounce the **towns in which most of his miracles had been performed, because they did not repent.** ²¹ “Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the miracles that were performed in you had been performed in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. ²² But I tell you, it will be more bearable for Tyre and Sidon on the day of judgment than for you. ²³ And you, Capernaum, will you be lifted to the heavens? No, you will go down to Hades.^[e] For if the miracles that were performed in you had been performed in Sodom, it would have remained to this day. ²⁴ But I tell you that it will be more bearable for Sodom on the day of judgment than for you.”

The thing they would be judged for is seeing God’s miracle, and not repenting.

4. Matthew 12:36

But I tell you that everyone will have to give account on the day of **judgment** for every empty word they have spoken.

Here is the fuller verse.

³² Anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but anyone who speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, either in this age or in the age to come. ³³ “Make a tree good and its fruit will be good, or make a tree bad and its fruit will be bad, for a tree is recognized by its fruit. ³⁴ You brood of vipers, how can you who are evil say anything good? For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of. ³⁵ A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in him, and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in him. ³⁶ But I tell you that everyone will have to give account on the day of judgment for every empty word they have spoken. ³⁷ For by your words you will be acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned.”

5. Matthew 12:41, 42

The men of Nineveh will stand up at the **judgment** with this generation and condemn it; for they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and now something greater than Jonah is here. . . .The Queen of the South will rise at the **judgment** with this generation and condemn it; for she came from the ends of the earth to listen to Solomon’s wisdom, and now something greater than Solomon is here.

Here is the larger verse

³⁸ Then some of the Pharisees and teachers of the law said to him, "Teacher, we want to see a sign from you."

³⁹ He answered, "A wicked and adulterous generation asks for a sign! But none will be given it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. ⁴⁰ For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of a huge fish, so the Son of Man will be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. ⁴¹ The men of Nineveh will stand up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it; for they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and now something greater than Jonah is here. ⁴² The Queen of the South will rise at the judgment with this generation and condemn it; for she came from the ends of the earth to listen to Solomon's wisdom, and now something greater than Solomon is here.

So we're studying Nineveh, and Nineveh is not only going to be severely punished, but also appear in the judgment and do better at the judgment than the Pharisees!

And the judgment that is to come will be because they rejected Jesus, and kept demanding a sign over and over again!

6. **John 5:22**

Moreover, the Father judges no one, but has entrusted all **judgment** to the Son,

The Son will be our judge.

7. **John 8:26**

"I have much to say in **judgment** of you. But he who sent me is trustworthy, and what I have heard from him I tell the world."

8. **John 9:39**

Jesus said, "For **judgment** I have come into this world, so that the blind will see and those who see will become blind."

9. **John 12:31**

Now is the time for **judgment** on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out.

At the time of the cross the Prince of this World was cast out.

10. **John 16:8**

When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and **judgment**:

11. **John 16:11**

and about **judgment**, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.

The world is wrong about judgment. Jesus said the prince of this world now stands condemned.

These are all Jesus' words about judgment. And it's interesting to note that Nineveh, so comprehensively condemned in Nahum, stands in the Judgment and does better than the Pharisees who rejected Jesus!