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On judgment day the Judge, Jesus Christ, will call forth His witnesses and these will testify either for you or against you.

The first witness is the Word of God itself: "He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day" (John 12:48).

For every sermon or gospel song ever heard, every Bible verse or tract ever read, account must be given. Jesus says, "Every word I have spoken to you will judge you on that day. My Word will be the witness!" Witnesses shall arise, such as the men of Nineveh, the men of Sodom, and the queen of Sheba.

Jesus says, "The men of Nineveh shall rise in judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: because they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and, behold, a greater than Jonah is here. The queen of the south shall rise up in the judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it" (Matthew 12:41-42).

When you stand before the Judge and your book is opened, vast multitudes of Ninevites will step forward. Those who died in the holocaust of Sodom and Gomorrah will come forth, as will those of Tyre and Sidon. These wicked ones will gat her round, incredulous as they hear the list of all the opportunities you had to receive the Word of God: Bibles, radio, TV teachers, witnesses, friends, family.

They will cry out, "This man's judgment ought to be worse than ours. How could he reject so many opportunities and deny such powerful light? We had no Bible, no constant reminder, no second opportunity. But he had all this!"

Jesus says Sodom would have repented if they had heard a fraction of the gospel preaching you have heard: "For if the mighty works, which have been done in thee, had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day" (Matthew 11:23).

Preachers and pastors will be called forth as witnesses. "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations" (Matthew 24:14).

We shepherds will have to stand and bear witness that you were in attendance in the house of God. You heard the witness of the gospel preached. And we must affirm before the Judge of all people every truth you heard—either for you or against you.

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