

Mercy and Judgment

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Then he began to reproach the towns where most of his mighty deeds had been done, since they had not repented. «Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty deeds done in your midst had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would long ago have repented in sackcloth and ashes. But I tell you, it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon on the day of judgment than for you. And as for you, Capernaum: Will you be exalted to heaven? You will go down to the netherworld. For if the mighty deeds done in your midst had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day.»

Through this episode of the Gospel, Jesus tells us **not to under estimate the fact that He is also judge of our lives due to his death for each of us.**

For sure, Jesus loves us as we are, he is dead for all sinners, but his goal **is our conversion, to change and transform our hearts.**

Jesus represents a gift and an opportunity given for free, so that we can receive the salvation, receive his life and enter his Kingdom. Nevertheless, **if we refuse this gift, if we do not exploit this opportunity, if we are indifferent to his invitations, his attentions, his love, we will be asked, at the end of our days, to come to terms with all this.**

Here is what the Gospel tells us today: **beware not to confuse God's free mercy with the fact that at the end we all will be judged.**

Praise the Lord Jesus Christ.