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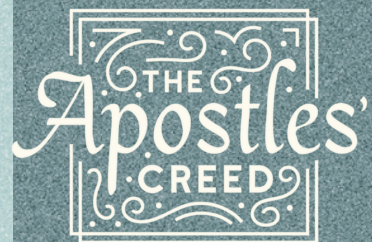
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I BELIEVE IN JESUS CHRIST,  
HIS ONLY SON, OUR LORD,  
WHO WAS CONCEIVED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT,  
AND BORN OF THE VIRGIN MARY.  
HE SUFFERED UNDER PONTIUS PILATE,  
WAS CRUCIFIED, DIED, AND WAS BURIED;  
HE DESCENDED INTO HELL.  
THE THIRD DAY HE ROSE AGAIN  
FROM THE DEAD. HE ASCENDED INTO  
HEAVEN, AND IS SEATED AT THE RIGHT  
HAND OF GOD THE FATHER ALMIGHTY.  
FROM THERE HE WILL COME TO JUDGE  
THE LIVING AND THE DEAD.

**TRULY, TRULY, I SAY  
TO YOU, WHOEVER  
HEARS MY WORD AND  
BELIEVES HIM WHO  
SENT ME HAS ETERNAL  
LIFE. HE DOES NOT  
COME INTO JUDGMENT,  
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**JOHN 5:24**



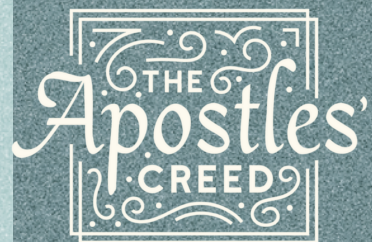
**AND THIS IS THE  
JUDGMENT: THE LIGHT  
HAS COME INTO THE  
WORLD, AND PEOPLE  
LOVED THE DARKNESS  
RATHER THAN THE  
LIGHT BECAUSE THEIR  
WORKS WERE EVIL.**

**JOHN 3:19**



**BECAUSE HE HAS FIXED A  
DAY ON WHICH HE WILL  
JUDGE THE WORLD IN  
RIGHTEOUSNESS BY A  
MAN WHOM HE HAS  
APPOINTED; AND OF  
THIS HE HAS GIVEN  
ASSURANCE TO ALL  
BY RAISING HIM  
FROM THE DEAD.**

**ACTS 17:31**





**JI PACKER**

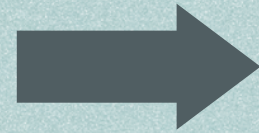
**DO YOU BELIEVE IN DIVINE JUDGMENT? BY WHICH I MEAN, DO YOU BELIEVE IN A GOD WHO ACTS AS OUR JUDGE? MANY, IT SEEMS, DO NOT. SPEAK TO THEM OF GOD AS A FATHER, A FRIEND, A HELPER, ONE WHO LOVES US DESPITE ALL OUR WEAKNESS AND FOLLY AND SIN, AND THEIR FACES LIGHT UP; YOU ARE ON THEIR WAVELENGTH AT ONCE. BUT SPEAK TO THEM OF GOD AS JUDGE AND THEY FROWN AND SHAKE THEIR HEADS. THEIR MINDS RECOIL FROM SUCH AN IDEA. THEY FIND IT REPELLENT AND UNWORTHY. BUT THERE ARE FEW THINGS STRESSED MORE STRONGLY IN THE BIBLE THAN THE REALITY OF GOD'S WORK AS JUDGE.**



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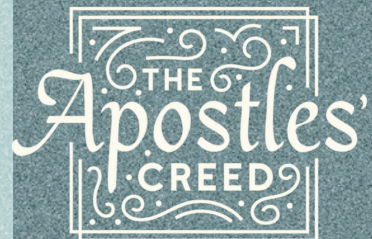


**JUDGMENT EXPOSES NOT IMPOSES**



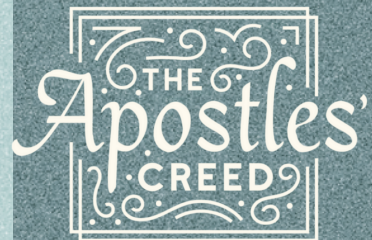
**FOR GOD WILL  
BRING EVERY DEED  
INTO JUDGMENT,  
WITH EVERY SECRET  
THING, WHETHER  
GOOD OR EVIL.**

**ECCLESIASTES 12:14**



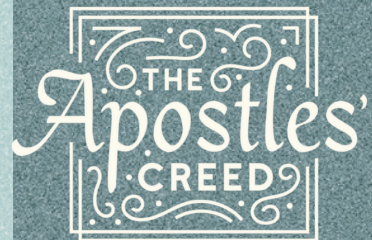
**I TELL YOU, ON THE DAY  
OF JUDGMENT PEOPLE  
WILL GIVE ACCOUNT  
FOR EVERY CARELESS  
WORD THEY SPEAK, FOR  
BY YOUR WORDS YOU  
WILL BE JUSTIFIED, AND  
BY YOUR WORDS YOU  
WILL BE CONDEMNED.**

**MATTHEW 12:36-37**



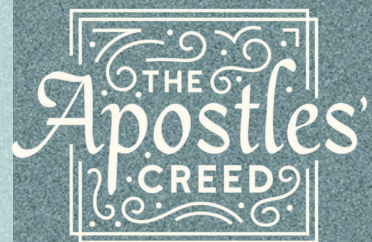
**NOTHING IS COVERED UP  
THAT WILL NOT BE  
REVEALED, OR HIDDEN  
THAT WILL NOT BE KNOWN.  
THEREFORE WHATEVER YOU  
HAVE SAID IN THE DARK  
SHALL BE HEARD IN THE  
LIGHT, AND WHAT YOU  
HAVE WHISPERED IN  
PRIVATE ROOMS SHALL BE  
PROCLAIMED ON THE  
HOUSETOPS.**

**LUKE 12:2-3**



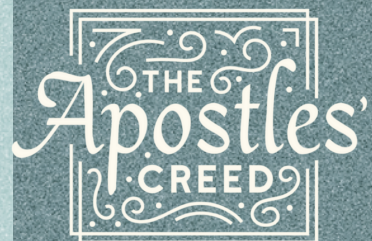
AND I SAW THE DEAD, GREAT  
AND SMALL, STANDING BEFORE  
THE THRONE, AND BOOKS WERE  
OPENED. THEN ANOTHER BOOK  
WAS OPENED, WHICH IS THE  
BOOK OF LIFE. AND THE DEAD  
WERE JUDGED BY WHAT WAS  
WRITTEN IN THE BOOKS,  
ACCORDING TO WHAT THEY HAD  
DONE. AND THE SEA GAVE UP  
THE DEAD WHO WERE IN IT,  
DEATH AND HADES GAVE UP THE  
DEAD WHO WERE IN THEM, AND  
THEY WERE JUDGED, EACH ONE  
OF THEM, ACCORDING TO WHAT  
THEY HAD DONE.

REVELATION 20:12-13



**FOR AS THE FATHER  
RAISES THE DEAD AND  
GIVES THEM LIFE, SO  
ALSO THE SON GIVES  
LIFE TO WHOM HE WILL.  
FOR THE FATHER  
JUDGES NO ONE, BUT  
HAS GIVEN ALL  
JUDGMENT TO THE SON.**

**JOHN 5:21-22**



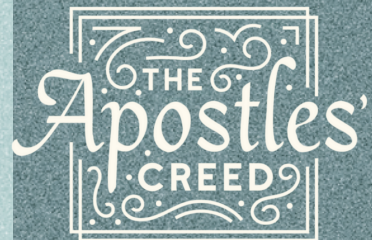
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**THE LORD IS NOT  
SLOW TO FULFILL HIS  
PROMISE AS SOME  
COUNT SLOWNESS, BUT  
IS PATIENT TOWARD  
YOU, NOT WISHING  
THAT ANY SHOULD  
PERISH, BUT THAT ALL  
SHOULD REACH  
REPENTANCE.**

**2 PETER 3:9**





HELL IS SIMPLY ONE'S FREELY CHOSEN IDENTITY APART FROM GOD ON A TRAJECTORY INTO INFINITY... IN ETERNITY, THIS CHOICE BECOMES A DISINTEGRATION THAT GOES ON FOREVER. THERE IS INCREASING ISOLATION, DENIAL, DELUSION, AND SELF-ABSORPTION. WHEN YOU LOSE ALL HUMILITY YOU ARE OUT OF TOUCH WITH REALITY. NO ONE EVER ASKS TO LEAVE HELL. THE VERY IDEA OF HEAVEN SEEMS TO THEM A SHAM.

TIM KELLER

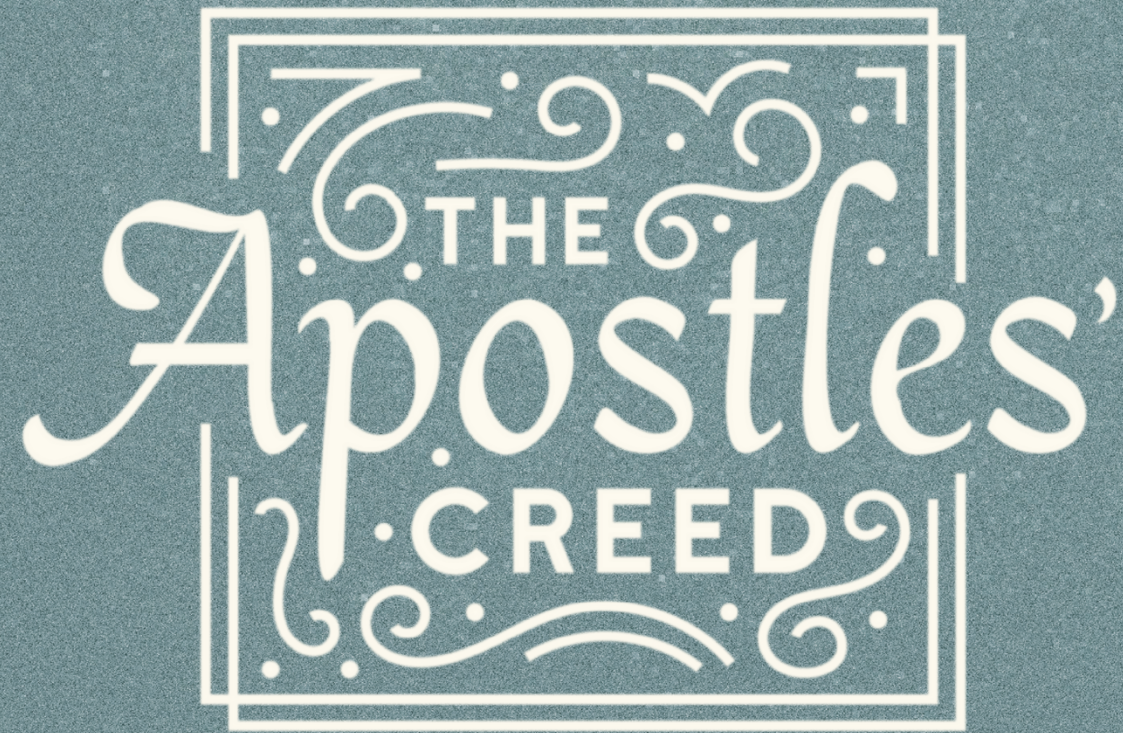




HELL BEGINS WITH A GRUMBLING MOOD, ALWAYS COMPLAINING, ALWAYS BLAMING OTHERS... BUT YOU ARE STILL DISTINCT FROM IT. YOU MAY EVEN CRITICIZE IT IN YOURSELF AND WISH YOU COULD STOP IT. BUT THERE MAY COME A DAY WHEN YOU CAN NO LONGER. THEN THERE WILL BE NO YOU LEFT TO CRITICIZE THE MOOD OR EVEN TO ENJOY IT, BUT JUST THE GRUMBLE ITSELF, GOING ON FOREVER LIKE A MACHINE. IT IS NOT A QUESTION OF GOD 'SENDING US' TO HELL. IN EACH OF US THERE IS SOMETHING GROWING, WHICH WILL BE HELL UNLESS IT IS NIPPED IN THE BUD.

CS LEWIS





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The image features a decorative title for a book or document. The text is arranged within a square frame with a double-line border. The word "THE" is in a small, simple, all-caps font at the top. Below it, "Apostles'" is written in a large, elegant, cursive script. At the bottom, "CREED" is in a simple, all-caps font. The entire design is accented with intricate white flourishes, including scrolls and dots, particularly around the top and bottom edges of the frame.