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**Matthew 11:20-24**

**How Will We Escape  
Such Great Evidence?**

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**This Generation Rejects Great Evidence**

**Matthew 11:20–21**

Then He began to denounce the cities in which most of His miracles were done, **because they did not repent.** 21 Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! **For if the miracles had occurred in Tyre and Sidon which occurred in you,** they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes.

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**Greater Light = Greater Culpability**

**Matthew 11:22–23**

Nevertheless, I say to you, it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon in *the* day of judgment than for you. 23 And you, Capernaum, will not be exalted to heaven, will you? You will descend to Hades; for if the miracles had occurred in Sodom which occurred in you, it would have remained to this day.

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**Greater Light = Greater Culpability**

**Matthew 11:24**

Nevertheless I say to you that it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in *the* day of judgment, than for you.

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**Applications**

1. We should understand that no human being has the excuse of ignorance when they reject God.
2. Every person must know that judgment will fall on all who reject Jesus Christ.
3. We must know that greater revelation leads to greater culpability before God.

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**No One Has An Excuse!**

**General revelation:** Creation  
**Special revelation:** God's word

**Psalm 19:1**

The heavens are telling of the glory of God; And their expanse is declaring the work of His hands.

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### No One Has An Excuse!

#### **Romans 1:19–20 (ESV)**

For what can be known about God is plain to them, **because God has shown it to them.** 20 **(For)** his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. **So they are without excuse.**

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### The Believer's Bema Judgment

#### **1 Corinthians 3:13-15**

...each man's work will become evident; **for the day will show it because it is to be revealed with fire,** and the fire itself will test the quality of each man's work. 14 If any man's work which he has built on it remains, he will receive a reward. 15 If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer loss; **but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.**

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### The Unbeliever's Judgment

**2 Thessalonians 1:6–7** For after all it is *only* just for God to repay with affliction those who afflict you, 7 and *to give* relief to you who are afflicted and to us as well when the Lord Jesus will be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels in flaming fire 8 dealing out retribution to those who do not know God and to those **who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus.**

**Revelation 20:15** And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, **he was thrown into the lake of fire.**

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### How Will We Escape?

#### **Hebrews 2:2–4**

For if the word spoken through angels proved unalterable, and every transgression and disobedience received a just penalty, **3 how will we escape if we neglect so great a salvation?** After it was at the first spoken through the Lord, it was confirmed to us by those who heard, **4** God also testifying with them, both by signs and wonders and by various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit according to His own will.

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