

The Court of the Lord

Scene: A Courtroom

The scene starts out like a scene from the show “Law and Order.”

You are standing in the Court of the Lord... all alone. Your hands and feet are chained together... as you listen...

The Devil is over on the side of the courtroom, suit and tie, hair slicked back perfectly... As he rustles through his paper, he is accusing you of every little wrong you’ve done in your life. He starts, by bringing up the times when you were very young... Those times when you did all those horrible, disgusting thing in your life... The Devil tells each story in immense detail while everyone in the courtroom listens intently.

After the Devil is done telling those stories he moves on to all the other bad things you’ve done throughout your life. He goes through every little aspect, every lie, every failure, every sin, marking each one with dates and times of the events... All the while, up above God the Father listens from his Judgment Seat.

You are embarrassed, ashamed and humiliated as the details of your life are brought out for all to see.

You look up with tears in your eyes. You can see the pain in God’s face as the Devil continues to mock your acts even more before finally chuckling the words, “So Judge, as you can plainly see this person is NOT worthy to be in your Heaven... Just look at all the things this person has done in their life... They are clearly guilty of all their ACTS... and they deserve punishment. ...And the Law clearly states that the punishment of sin is DEATH.”

And Then Devil says, while looking over at you, “You have done so much wrong in your life... You’ve hurt so many people... You have lied so many times... You are nothing more than a black smudge on humanity, unworthy of freedom. You’re not even worth saving.”

The Devil then looks back up at the Judge and says in the most respectful tone he can muster up. “So, your Honor, in light of all the evidence, I feel I have no other choice but to recommend the Death Sentence for this defendant.”

The Devil then rests his case with an evil smirk on his face while looking back at you. “I have nothing more to say, Your Honor.”

“You’re not worth saving.” Sadly those words seem to be true to even you. After hearing all the wicked/detestable things you’ve have done in your life... Maybe it’s true. Maybe you aren’t worth saving...

Suddenly, you hear the voice of God the Father from the Judgment seat... He asks you a question... “Do you have a Lawyer... Someone to argue in your defense...”

Sadly you answer, “No Sir. I do not have anyone to argue for me.”

The voice of The Judge comes back. “Would you like to have a Lawyer appointed to you?”

The offer sounds good, but the Devil has made a pretty “air tight” case against you. I mean, there’s no doubt about it... you are guilty.

The Voice of God asks again, “Sir, would you like to have a Lawyer appointed to you?... He’s really good at his job...”

Seeing that you have no other choice, you finally answer, “Yes, Judge... I would like to have a Lawyer present, please.”

Suddenly, the back door of the courtroom bursts open and in walks a bearded man with long white hair. He heads straight to your side of the Court and sits down at the desk where you are at. He pops open his briefcase...

You look over and notice that there is only one book in it... It’s the Bible... He puts that book on the desk. The bearded man then looks at you and asks, “Are you sorry for all the wrong you’ve done in your life?”

At first you don’t know how to answer... “Excuse me?” you mutter back.

The bearded man then looks at you again; his eyes pierce your eyes, reaching deep into your soul. He asks you again, “Are you TRULY sorry for all the wrong you’ve done in your life...”

You nod your head, “Yes, yes, I am.”

The bearded man then asks, “Do you believe I can save you from all the wrong you’ve done in your past and can set you free from your sins forever?”

That question makes you pause for a moment, you’re worried that there is some kind of catch to the deal, but something inside of you makes you want to trust the bearded man. You answer, “Yes, I believe you can save me from my sins...”

The bearded man replies, "Okay, then... from here on out you have to walk away from evil works and start living right... No more hurting people... No more lying... No more using people to get what you want... You will love everyone, your family, your friends, your co-workers and even your enemies. You will do good to those who hate you and love those who despise you... And most importantly, you will love God and know that he will always loves you and never wants to lose you... Do you understand?"

You nod nervously, answering, "Yes. Yes, I understand."

The bearded man then places his arms around you, saying, "Repeat after me." He then begins to say a small but powerful prayer in your ear.

You tearfully repeat his words as he tells you them, "I am a sinner. I have done many things wrong in my life. But now I choose to be set free from my sin. I ask God the Father to forgive me of my sins and set me free from my past through the power of His Son's sacrifices made for me." You then say the final words he tell you. "In Jesus' name I pray! Amen!" Your heart suddenly feels free, you feel like you have a chance now to win your case as you lift your eyes.

Quickly, the bearded man stands to his feet, looks up to the Judgment seat and says, "Father! I move that all charges be erased from the records immediately."

The Devil jumps up, yelling, "Your Honor! I object! This is absurd. You can't just wipe out all the defendant's sins... with just a few words. They've done so much evil in their life... They're guilty, your Honor! They're clearly guilty!"

God the Father looks over at the Devil and says, "Objection overruled..."

The Devil fires back, "But Your Honor! It's not fare..."

God stares the Devil down... saying, "Be quiet Devil, before I find you in contempt of My Court, ...again."

The Devil has no other choice but to sit down... as the bearded man continues... "Father, yes my client is clearly guilty of all charges. There is no doubt about that ...But my client has called on me to help him... And after speaking with him I have found that my client is repentant of their works and is ready for a second chance."

The bearded man then opens the Bible and reads from it. "In accordance with the Word of the Law... Romans 10:13 states that: Whoever calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

The bearded man walks around to the front of the desk. “In light of this new information, I move that all fines be paid for in full and the penalties of my client’s sins be no longer valid from here on out.”

Once again, the devil stands to his feet and yells out, “Your Honor... This is an outrage!”

There is a thunderous bang sound from the throne; a flash of light fills the room... The Devil ducks down behind his desk... as the voice of the Judge yells out to him. “ONE MORE INTERRUPTION FROM YOU ...AND WE WILL BE DOING YOUR TRIAL NEXT!”

The Devil says nothing more...

The voice of God comes gently down to your side of the court room again. He asks, “...And how will the debt be paid for IN FULL?”

The bearded man says, “I will pay for it myself... father... I will take my client’s place... I will take the Punishment of Death... so that my client can be set free...”

You look back at the Judgment Seat. You can see deep sadness suddenly fill God’s face.

Reluctantly, God the Father, the Judge, looks over at the Devil ...who now has a smirk on his face...

The Devil stands up slowly from behind his desk. He gives a nod in agreement to the offer.

God looks back over at you... He then says sadly, “Very well.... So be it... My Son will die for your sins... so that you can be set free...”

The chains on your arms and legs suddenly disappear ...and then quickly reappear on the hands and feet of the bearded man...

The Devil runs across the court room and grabs hold of the chains of the bearded man and pulls him out the back door of the courtroom...

The voice of the Judge tells us as the room goes dark... “Mankind is now saved ...and you are free to go.”

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