RUSSELL SANDERS 12-15-2023 THE HOUSE OF JUDGMENT

1 Peter 4:17 says, "For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God..." Why is that?

The house of God is the entire body of Christian believers. We have been given the entire word of God. We are to be a light of the gospel to the world around us. We are to be the "salt" of the earth to flavor (influence) everything around us. We have failed.

We, as the body of Christ are supposed to take care of the poor and needy. Instead, we have let the secular government take over this task. We were supposed to educate our children. Instead, we let a godless government control their education. We have allowed immoral social values which have deteriorated moral values into immoral paths.

The bible tells us to whom much is given, much is required (expected). To whom little is given, only a little is expected. If Sodom and Gomorrah had our truth, they would have responded and would have been judged more softly than the church who has had the truth. The church is being judged for its failure.

If you have been observant, you will have noticed that Christians are increasingly coming under fire from our political and social leaders. Fundamental Christians have already been branded by Homeland Security as a group of domestic terrorists. Isn't that a small part of our judgment allowed by God?

To those that know to do right according to the word of God and do not do it, God calls that behavior sin. Pray that the church as a whole will awaken to the word of God and do what it says.