**God’s Righteous Judgments**

*Romans 2:1-16*

**Romans 1:21**—*For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks, but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened.*

**Romans 1:24**—*Therefore God gave them over in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, so that their bodies would be dishonored among them.*

**Romans 1:32**—*and although they know the ordinance of God, that those who practice such things are worthy of death, they not only do the same, but also give hearty approval to those who practice them.*

3 principals of God’s Judgment

**I. There is no escaping God’s judgment on your own merit**

1. Understand the high standard of a holy God.

**Luke 18:9-14**—*And He also told this parable to some people who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and viewed others with contempt: “Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and was praying this to himself: ‘God, I thank You that I am not like other people: swindlers, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes of all that I get.’ But the tax collector, standing some distance away, was even unwilling to lift up his eyes to heaven, but was beating his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, the sinner!’ I tell you, this man went to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted.”*

**Romans 2:1**—*…you who judge practice the same things.*

**Romans 2:3**—*But do you suppose this, O man, when you pass judgment on those who practice such things and do the same yourself*

**Matthew 5:48**—*Therefore you are to be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.*

**Romans 2:1**—*Therefore, you have no excuse…*

**Romans 2:3**—*But do you suppose this, you foolish person who passes judgment on those who practice such things, and yet does them as well, that you will escape the judgment of God?*

**2 Corinthians 10:12**—…*they measure themselves by themselves and compare themselves with themselves, they have no understanding.*

**Psalm 51:4**—*Against You, You only, I have sinned and done what is evil in Your sight, so that You are justified when You speak and blameless when You judge.*

1. God is incredibly patient; don’t presume on it.

**Romans 2:4**—*Or do you think lightly of the riches of His kindness and tolerance and patience, not knowing that the kindness of God leads you to repentance?*

There is in every willful sin an interpretative contempt of the goodness of God; it is spurning at his bowels, particularly the goodness of his patience, his forbearance and long-suffering[[1]](#footnote-1)

1. Unrepentance stores up wrath

**Romans 2:5**—*But because of your stubbornness and unrepentant heart you are storing up wrath for yourself in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God*

**Hebrews 10:30-31**—*For we know Him who said, “Vengeance is Mine, I will repay.” And again, “The Lord will judge His people.” It is a terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the living God.*

**John 3:16-19**—*For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him. He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. This is the judgment, that the Light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the Light, for their deeds were evil.*

**II. Salvation is based solely on faith alone in Christ alone; God judges us based on our deeds**

**Acts 4:12**—*And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among mankind by which we must be saved.*

**Romans 2:6**—who will repay each person according to his deeds

**2 Corinthians 5:*10****—For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive compensation for his deeds done through the body, in accordance with what he has done, whether good or bad.*

**Romans 2:11**—*For there is no partiality with God.*

1. God’s impartiality is a two-edged sword[[2]](#footnote-2)

1. Salvation for all who believe

2. Judgment for those who reject the gospel

1. Good works is the outworking of our faith

**Ephesians 2:8-10**—*For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.*

**James 2:*18****—But someone may well say, “You have faith and I have works; show me your faith without the works, and I will show you my faith by my works.”*

1. When good works are absent, God’s just judgement abides

**Revelation 20:11-15**—*Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat upon it, from whose presence earth and heaven fled away, and no place was found for them. And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and books were opened; and another book was opened, which is the book of life; and the dead were judged from the things which were written in the books, according to their deeds. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead which were in them; and they were judged, every one of them according to their deeds. Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. And if anyone’s name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.*

**III. God’s just judgement will be inclusive of all our thoughts and deeds**

1. Inclusive of those who sinned without the Law

**Romans 2:12a**—*For all who have sinned without the Law will also perish without the Law…*

* 1. Because God has written a moral code on the hearts of man

**Romans 2:14**—*For when Gentiles who do not have the Law instinctively perform the requirements of the Law, these, though not having the Law, are a law to themselves*

* 1. Because God has given a conscience to man

**Romans 2:15**—…*in that they show the work of the Law written in their hearts, their conscience testifying and their thoughts alternately accusing or else defending them…*

**Romans 2:16**—*…on the day when, according to my gospel, God will judge the secrets of men through Christ Jesus.*

**Romans 1:16-17**—*For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, “But the righteous man shall live by faith.”*

1. Inclusive of those who sinned under the Law

**Romans 2:12b**—*…all who have sinned under the Law will be judged by the Law*

1. Matthew Henry, [Matthew Henry's Commentary on the Whole Bible](https://www.goodreads.com/work/quotes/947856) [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. #  The Universal Nature of God’s Judgment, Dustin Folden,

 [↑](#footnote-ref-2)