

“The Righteous Judgment of God.”

Rom. 2:1-11

Introduction:

- A. The righteous judgment of God is a basic Bible doctrine.
 - 1. Jesus died, buried, raised again for sin, will come again to judge man.
 - 2. God is just God: Rewarding the righteous punishing the wicked.
- B. Paul makes some points that we need to know about the righteousness of God's judgment.

Discussion:

II. It Will Be Righteous in its *Fairness*. (vs. 6,11)

- A. God has no double standard. (v. 1-3)
 - 1. Jews rightly judged Gentiles condemnation. (v. 2; 1:28-32).
 - 2. Jews failed to apply same rule of judgment themselves.
 - 3. Sin condemns the sinner no matter who does it.
- B. God has demonstrated his willingness to save (v. 4).
 - 1. Toward the Jews in times past.
 - 2. Toward all men even today (Tit. 2:11, 12; 2 Pet. 3:9,10)
 - 3. Sinners bring the wrath of God upon themselves. (v. 5)

III. It Will Be Righteous in its *Standard*.

- A. The past ages judged by God's law for them. (vs. 12-16)
 - 1. The Jews had the law of Moses - judged by it.
 - 2. The Gentile had “law written on their hearts” - judged by it.
 - 3. Neither had kept their law - so condemned as sinners.
- B. The present age judged by God's law from it -- gospel. (v.16 cf. Jn. 12:42).
 - 1. Will not be judged by same standard as Moses, David, or prophets.
 - a. Sabbath keeping, instrumental music, animal sacrifices, dietary laws.
 - b. Tabernacle and temple worship, feasts, etc.
 - 2. Will not be judged by same standard as thief on cross or rich young ruler.
 - a. They lived and died under another law without the without gospel.
 - b. They lived and died before the great commission. (Mk. 16:15-16).
 - c. They lived and died before church and law governing it.

IV. It Will Be Righteous in its *Results* (vs. 5-10).

- A. Reward for the penitent - Eternal life.
 - 1. Not because have never been sinned - but are penitent.
 - 2. The penitent turn from disobedience to obedience.
 - a. Obey what must do to be saved. (Acts 2:36-38).
 - b. Obey what must be to stay saved. (v. 7).
 - c. Obey what must do to be restored when sin. (Acts 8:22)
- B. Wrath for the impenitent - Tribulation and anguish.
 - 1. Such is righteous thing with God. (2 Thess. 1:5-6).
 - 2. Tribulation and anguish as eternal as the eternal life.

Conclusion:

- A. It is a mistake to think that God's goodness will cancel out his wrath.
- B. It is a mistake to think wrath of God, without thinking of his goodness.
 - 1. God does not want to punish anyone - does everything possible not to.
 - 2. God offers salvation to anyone who repents and obeys Him - without respect of persons.
 - 3. God provides help to keep us saved.
 - a. The Scriptures to furnish us unto every good work. (2 Tim. 3:16,17)
 - b. The throne of grace to find help in time of need. (Heb. 4:16)
 - c. The protection against temptations too big for us. (1 Cor. 10:13).

Basic Bible Doctrine ■ DBR for sin, come again judge ■ Just: reward righteous, punish wicked ■ **Paul makes points need to know about righteousness of judgement.**

It Will Be Righteous in its *Fairness* (vv. 6, 11)

No double standard (vv. 1-3) ■ Jews rightly judged Gentiles (v. 2; 1:28-32) ■ Failed to apply to selves ■ Sins condemns no matter who. (Cf. 1 Cor. 10:1-12). ■ **Demonstrated willingness to save** (v. 4) ■ Jews in past ■ All men even today (Tit. 2:11-12; 2 Pet 2:9) ■ Bring wrath upon selves (v. 5).

It Will Be Righteous in its *Standard*.

Past ages judged by law for them (vv. 12-16) ■ Jews - Moses ■ Gentiles - “written in hearts” ■ Neither kept - so condemned sinners ■ **Present age law for all - gospel** (v. 16; cf. Jn 12:42) ■ Not judged for by standard for Moses, David, prophets ■ Not by standard of thief or young ruler ■ Not under NT law (cf. Heb. 9:17) ■ Before great commission (Mk 16:16) ■ Before church and law for it.

It Will Be Righteous in its *Results* (vv. 5-10)

For penitent - E. Life ■ *Not because never sinned* ■ *Turn from disobedience to obedience* ■ To be saved (Ax 2:36-38) ■ To stay saved (v. 7) ■ To be restored (Ax 8:22) ■ **For impenitent - Tribulation & anguish** ■ Righteous thing with God (2 Th 1:5-6) ■ As eternal as life.

Mistake think goodness cancels wrong ■ **Mistake to think wrath w/o goodness** ■ Does want to punish ■ Offers salvation w/o respect of persons ■ Provides help to keep saved - Scriptures (2 Tm 3:16) ■ grace/throne (Hb 4:16) ■ Protection against temptations too big (1 Co 10:13)