

“The Righteous Judgment of God.”

Rom. 2:1-11

Introduction:

- a. The righteous judgment of God is a basic Bible doctrine.
 - i. Jesus died, buried, raised again for sin, will come again to judge man.
 - ii. 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:

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

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

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

- a. The past ages judged by God’s law for them. (vs. 12-16)
 - i. The Jews had the law of Moses - judged by it.
 - ii. The Gentile had “law written on their hearts” - judged by it.
 - iii. 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).
 - i. Will not be judged by same standard as Moses, David, or prophets.
 - (1) Sabbath keeping, instrumental music, animal sacrifices, dietary laws.
 - (2) Tabernacle and temple worship, feasts, etc.
 - ii. Will not be judged by same standard as thief on cross or rich young ruler.
 - (1) They lived and died under another law without the without gospel.
 - (2) They lived and died before the great commission. (Mk. 16:15-16).
 - (3) They lived and died before church and law governing it.

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

- a. Reward for the penitent - Eternal life.
 - i. Not because have never been sinned - but are penitent.
 - ii. The penitent turn from disobedience to obedience.
 - (1) Obey what must do to be saved. (Acts 2:36-38).
 - (2) Obey what must be to stay saved. (v. 7).
 - (3) Obey what must do to be restored when sin. (Acts 8:22)
- b. Wrath for the impenitent - Tribulation and anguish.
 - i. Such is righteous thing with God. (2 Thess. 1:5-6).
 - ii. 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.
 - i. God does not want to punish anyone - does everything possible not to.
 - ii. God offers salvation to anyone who repents and obeys Him - without respect of persons.
 - iii. God provides help to keep us saved.
 - (1) The Scriptures to furnish us unto every good work. (2 Tim. 3:16,17)

- (2) The throne of grace to find help in time of need. (Heb. 4:16)
- (3) The protection against temptations too big for us. (1 Cor. 10:13).