

## Ten Principles of God's Judgment

- I. Introduction:
  - a. (**Matthew 25:31-34,41**)
  - b. God's Judgment is Real - No escape from Justice
    - i. (**Gal 6:7**) "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."
    - ii. (**Eccl 12:13-14**) "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil."
  - c. The Book of Romans
    - i. Teaching to the Gentiles and Jews – All people are subject to God's judgment
  - d. Paul Gives Ten Principles of God's Judgment
- II. Principle One – People are self-condemned when they practice what they condemn in others
  - a. (**Rom 2:1**) "Therefore thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest: for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest doest the same things."
  - b. (**Matt 7:1-2**) "Judge not, that ye be not judged. For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again."
  - c. (**1 John 3:20**) "For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things."
  - d. By being able to condemn one of a certain act, it must offend the conscience. If something offends the conscience and we do it anyways it is a rebellious act!
    - i. (**Rom 14:19-23**) "Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another. For meat destroy not the work of God. All things indeed are pure; but it is evil for that man who eateth with offence. It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor any thing whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak. Hast thou faith? have it to thyself before God. Happy is he that condemneth not himself in that thing which he alloweth. And he that doubteth is damned if he eat, because he eateth not of faith: for whatsoever is not of faith is sin."
- III. Principle Two – People will be judged according to the Bible
  - a. (**Rom 2:2**) "But we are sure that the judgment of God is according to truth against them which commit such things."
    - i. Judgment of God is according to truth
  - b. (**John 17:17**) "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth."
    - i. Truth is the Word of God

- c. **(John 12:48)** “He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the **word** that I have **spoken**, the same shall **judge** him in the last day.”
  - d. **(Rev 20:12)** “And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the **books were opened**: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.”
- IV. Principle Three – God’s goodness to sinners is not a sign that He approves of sin but that He wants all to repent
- a. **(Rom 2:4)** “Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?”
  - b. **(2 Peter 3:9)** “The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.”
  - c. Example: The Days of Noah
    - i. **(1 Peter 3:20)** “...when once the **longsuffering** of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water.”
    - ii. **(Gen 6:3)** “And the Lord said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years.”
    - iii. This does not show that God approved of their living.
    - iv. **God is merciful! – Waited for 120 years for someone to repent**
  - d. God’s Kindness and Love has given us the ability to be justified!
    - i. **(Titus 3:4-7)** “But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared, Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour; That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.”
- V. Principle Four – God will judge according to our Deeds
- a. **(Rom 2:6)** “Who will render to every man according to his deeds.”
    - i. Judged by our deeds
      - 1. Not quantity but kind
  - b. Obedience to God’s will
    - i. **(Matt 7:21)** “Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.”
- VI. Principle Five – God will reward well-doing and punish disobedience
- a. **(Rom 2:7-8)** “To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honor and immortality, eternal life: But unto them that are contentious, and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, indignation and wrath,”
    - i. Seekers = Doers – They receive eternal life

1. Do not OBEY the truth – Indignation and wrath
    - a. (2 Thess 1:7-9) “And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that **obey not the gospel** of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power”
    - b. (John 5:28-29) “Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, And shall come forth; they that have **done good**, unto the resurrection of **life**; and they that have **done evil**, unto the resurrection of **damnation**.”
- VII. Principle Six – Greater privilege will only cause greater, responsibility
- a. (Rom 2:9-10) “Tribulation and anguish, upon every soul of man that doeth evil, of the Jew first, and also of the Gentile; But glory, honor, and peace, to every man that worketh good, to the Jew first, and also to the Gentile:”
    - i. Jew first – Had the Law
    - ii. The Jew had a greater responsibility to keeping the Law
  - b. (Luke 12:48) “But he that knew not, and did commit things worthy of stripes, shall be beaten with few stripes. For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more.”
  - c. (James 3:1) “My brethren, be not many masters, knowing that we shall receive the greater condemnation.”
- VIII. Principle Seven – God shows no partiality
- a. (Rom 2:11) “For there is no respect of persons with God.”
  - b. Peter and Paul agreed
    - i. (Acts 10:34-35) “Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him.”
    - ii. (1 Peter 1:17) “...who (Father) without respect of persons judgeth according to every man's work...”
    - iii. (Col 3:24-25) “Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ. But he that doeth wrong shall receive for the wrong which he hath done: and there is no respect of persons.”
- IX. Principle Eight – God’s judgment will take into account the light people had or did not have
- a. (Rom 2:14-15) “For when the Gentiles, which have not the law, do by nature the things contained in the law, these, having not the law, are a **law unto themselves**: Which shew the work of the law written in their hearts, their **conscience** also bearing witness, and their thoughts the mean while **accusing** or else **excusing** one another”

- i. Some things of the law are inherently wrong
          - 1. Murder
          - 2. Robbery – Theft
          - 3. Lies – Deceivers
        - b. Does not teach universalism
          - i. Does not teach that all Gentiles were saved because of their limited light – it accused or else it excused
          - ii. It condemned or justified
        - c. Principle is that God is righteous in His judgments and will not make mistakes in His judging
- X. Principle Nine – Judgment will be according to the gospel of Christ
  - a. **(Rom 2:16)** “In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ **according to my gospel.**”
    - i. My Gospel – That is the Gospel committed to him
      - 1. **(Rom 1:1)** “Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, **separated** unto the gospel of God,”
      - 2. **(1 Tim 1:11)** “According to the glorious gospel of the blessed God, which was **committed** to my trust.”
    - b. My Gospel = Gospel of Christ
- XI. Principle Ten – The judgment will be by Christ as judge
  - a. **(Rom 2:16)** “In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men **by Jesus Christ** according to my gospel.”
    - i. Jesus has all Authority in Heaven and in Earth
      - 1. **(Matt 28:18-20)** “And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.”
    - b. Christ is to be the Judge
      - i. **(John 5:22)** “For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son”
    - c. His Word will judge us
      - i. **(John 12:48)** “He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day.”
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