

THE JUDGMENT OF GOD AGAINST THE MORAL SINNER {The Righteousness of God Required #3 - Romans 2:1-16}

- Matthew 7:13-14 & Romans 1:18-3:20

I. *THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD INTRODUCED* (Romans 1:1-17)

II. SIN & CONDEMNATION - *THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD REQUIRED* (Romans 1:18-3:20)

A. The GUILTY VERDICT and JUDGMENT of GOD Against the *IMMORAL SINNER*. (1:18-32)

B. The GUILTY VERDICT and JUDGMENT of GOD Against the *MORAL SINNER*. (2:1-16)

1. The *connector* – is the word “_____” (2:1) which unites this section with 1:18-32.
2. The *vocative* - “*O man*” targets in particular the self-righteous _____ man who is also guilty of the same kind of sins as the immoral man but acts as their judge {“*whoever you are that judge*”}.
3. The *guilty verdict* - is “*you are _____*” or without verbal defense and guilty in the courtroom of the holy God (1:20).
4. The *reason for the guilty verdict* – is “*for in whatever you judge another* {like those in Romans 1} *you _____*; {why?} *for you who judge _____*”. What does Paul say & NOT say in this statement?
5. The *judgment of God*: {15 factors}:
 - a. Is _____ – “*But we know that the judgment of God is...*” - common knowledge that everyone one day will stand before their Creator & Judge (2:2; Ecc. 3:17; Isaiah 33:22)
 - b. Is “*according to _____*”. (2:2) Based upon truth or the facts of the case which correspond to reality; not upon myths or lies. {Deut. 32:4; Psalm 96:13}
 - c. Is _____. (2:3) – Now the prosecutor / judge asks the moral man his first rhetorical question, namely “*And do you think* {do really add up the facts and logically conclude} *this, O man, you who judge those practicing such things* {1:18-32}, *and* {you are} *doing the same* {things or sins as the immoral man}, *that you* {emphatic} *will* {somehow} *escape* {escape or avoid} *the judgment* {condemnation} *of God* {the ultimate, righteous, omniscient Judge}?”
 - d. Will be _____ - in spite of God’s present goodness & patience with man. (2:4) The prosecutor / judge now levels upon the moral man a second rhetorical question, namely “*Or do you despise* {have contempt, look down upon with disdain instead of looking up with gratitude} *the riches* {the many blessings} *of His goodness* {acts of undeserved kindness in provision & providence}, *forbearance* {the act of restraining deserved judgment}, *and longsuffering* {patience towards people who live in rebellion and sin against God including the moral sinner}, *not knowing that the goodness of God* {is intended or designed} *to leads you* {singular} *to repentance* {metanoia – a change of mind toward God, self, or others, and especially, a change of mind toward Jesus Christ & the Gospel in salvation – Acts 17:30-32; Luke 13:1-5}?”
 - e. Is according to your _____. (2:5a) *But in accordance with your hardness and your impenitent heart*. {Matt. 5:27-28; 5:21-22}

- f. Involves _____ from God. (2:5b) “*you are treasuring up* {storing up; stockpiling due to your own guilt} *for yourself* {what?} *wrath* {God’s holy hatred & indignation that demands a just penalty for sin – 1:18} *in* {or ‘for’} *the* {future} *day of wrath.*”
- g. Involves the “*revelation of the* _____ *judgment of God*”. {2:5c}
- h. Involves appropriate _____ according to the violation. (2:6a) “*who will render* {will repay or recompense}.
- i. Will be _____. {2:6b} “*to each one*”.
- j. Is “according to one’s _____” or works. {2:6c-10; Ps. 62:12; Prov. 24:12} What are the two attempted options?
- a. The result / reward: **ETERNAL LIFE** – the requirement: *to those who by patient continuance* {perseverance} *in* {actually} *doing* {not merely intending to do} *good* {from God’s perspective} *seek for* {seeking in order to acquire} *glory, honor, and immortality* {2:7} - *glory, honor, and peace to everyone who works what is good, {2:10a}*
- b. The result / reward: **INDIGNATION & WRATH, TRIBULATION & ANGUISH** – the requirement: *to those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness – on every soul of man who does evil.* {2:8, 9a} What is the problem with option #1? {Romans 3:10-12; Galatians 3:10-12; Rev. 2:11-13}
- k. Is _____ in scope {2:9b, 10b} – to “*the Jew first, and also to the Greek*”
- l. Is _____ {2:11} “*For there is no partiality with God*”. { Deut. 10:17; Acts 10:34; Col. 3:25; 1 Peter 1:17}
- m. Is in keeping with the _____ of God’s truth a person is given. {2:12-15} *For as many as have sinned* {hamartano – to miss the mark of God’s will} *without law* {the Gentiles} *will also perish* {this is God’s judgment – not lack of existence or being but of well-being in punishment - John 3:16, 10:28} *without law, and as many as have sinned in the law* {the Jews} *will be judged by the law* 13 *(for not the hearers of the law are just in the sight of God, but the doers of the law will be justified;* {10:5; Gal. 3:11-12} 14 *for when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do the things* {required} *in the law, these* {Gentiles}, *although not having the law, are a law* {a moral code} *to themselves, who show* {demonstrate or display} *the work of the law written* {not on tablets of stone but} *in their hearts,* {how is this possible?} *their conscience* {1:19} *also bearing witness* {giving them a moral testimony of right & wrong}, *and between themselves their thoughts* {are either} *accusing* {courtroom term for accusing of guilt or wrongdoing before a judge} *or else excusing them* {a defense argument to dismiss an accusation against oneself})
- n. Will be executed by _____. {2:16a} “*in the* {future} *day when God will judge* {indicative mood – it will happen} *the secrets* {which are concealed to others but not to God} *of men* {anthropos – all of mankind} *by* {the agent of the judgment} *Jesus Christ.*” {John 5:22}
- o. Is according to _____. (2:16b) “*according to* {kata – according to or in keeping with the standard or norm of} *my Gospel* {ho euangelion – the good news of Jesus Christ & salvation which is the only way to escape the righteous judgment of God; 1:1, 9, 15, 16; 1 Cor. 15:3-4; Acts 20:24; 1 Timothy 1:8-11}.”

- How does this apply to you?