

"I'll Be The Judge?"

Romans 14: 5 - 9

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God Requires That His Children Not Pass Judgment Upon Who Others May Or May Not Be, (vs. 1 - 23)

- I May Not Pass Judgment Upon How Another May Or May Not Give An Account Before God, (vs. 10 - 12)
 1. I am not at liberty to judge others as "lacking" before God accusing them of being corrupt, (vs. 10a); *"This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved." Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated, common men, they were astonished. And they recognized that they had been with Jesus. "* (Acts 4:11-13)
 2. I am not at liberty to judge others as "legalistic" before God accusing them of being hyper-religious, (vs. 10b); *"...It is the Lord who judges me. Therefore do not pronounce judgment before the time, before the Lord comes, who will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Then each one will receive his commendation from God. I have applied all these things to myself and Apollos for your benefit, brothers, that you may learn by us not to go beyond what is written, that none of you may be puffed up in favor of one against another. For who sees anything different in you? What do you have that you did not receive? If then you received it, why do you boast as if you did not receive it? "* (1 Corinthians 4:4-7)
 3. I will stand in judgment before God, (vs. 10c); *"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil. "* (2 Corinthians 5:10)
 - It has been long foretold that I will bow in submission to God's sovereignty, (vs. 11a); *"Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other. By myself I have sworn; from my mouth has gone out in righteousness a word that shall not return: 'To me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear allegiance.' "Only in the LORD, it shall be said of me, are righteousness and strength; to him shall come and be ashamed all who were incensed against him. In the LORD all the offspring of Israel shall be justified and shall glory." "* (Isaiah 45:22-25)
 - It has been long foretold that I will openly declare adoration toward God's sovereignty, (vs. 11b); *"Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. "* (Philippians 2:9-11)
 - It is wise to acknowledge that I will give an account to God who is truly sovereign, (vs. 12); *"You brood of vipers! How can you speak good, when you are evil? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. The good person out of his good treasure brings forth good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure brings forth evil. I tell you, on the day of judgment people will give account for every careless word they speak, for by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned." (Matthew 12:34-37)*
- I May Not Pass Judgment Upon What Another May Or May Not Believe Is Right, (vs. 13 - 19)
- I May Not Pass Judgment Upon What God Himself Has Purposed To Do, (vs. 20 - 23)