

- With Her Sin?
 - Again - She Said:
 - “Not Me” God!
 - “The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat!” (3:13)
- 5. And So - In The Verses We Come To Next:
 - In Romans 2 - Paul Says:
 - “It **Is** You!” - Because - It Is **To You**:
 - He Writes Next!
 - You - Who Feel So Sure & Secure:
 - In Your Own Righteousness!
 - And This Is Why He Begins:
 - Chapter 2 - With These Very Pointed Words:
 - “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!”
 - In Chapter 1:
 - Paul Talks About:
 - Men In General:
 - And Their Unrighteousness Before God!
 - 1:18 - “For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness!”
 - And Because They Reject God:
 - 1:20 - “They Are Without Excuse!”
 - But Now - In Chapter 2:
 - Paul Talks To:
 - Men - And To You & Me - In Particular!
 - 2:1 - “O Man!” - He Says!
 - So - What **About** You?
 - Apart From Jesus Christ:
 - **You Too** Are “Without Excuse!” / “Inexcusable!” - And:
 - **You Too** Deserve The Judgment & The Wrath Of God!
 - 6. And - In This First Verse - Paul Tells Us Why! It Is Because:
 - Of Our Own Pride!
 - 2:1a - “Therefore thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest!”
 - It Is So Easy For Us:
 - To Set Ourselves Up As A “Judge” Of Others - And - Of Their Condition, Their Character, And Their Conduct!
 - Jesus Addressed This Same Tendency:
 - In Matthew 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!”
 - Now - The “Judging” That Paul & Jesus Are Talking About:
 - Is Not The Examination & Discernment:
 - That Is Right & Proper & Based On **God’s** Standards!
 - Because - In John 7:24 - Jesus Also Taught Us To - “Judge not according to the appearance, but judge **righteous** judgment!”
 - The “Judging” Going On In Romans 2:
 - Is The Judgment Of A Hypocrite:
 - Using Your Own Standard Of Righteousness - In Order To Appear Better Than You Are!
 - It’s A Matter Of Pride! But Its Also Because:
 - Of Our Own Problem!
 - In 2:1b, Paul Adds - “For wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself!”
 - **IE**: I Remember Being Told As A Child Not To Point At Others - In A Way That Blames & Judges Someone Else - Why? - Because For Every Finger Pointed Out, I Had Three Fingers Pointed Right Back At Me!
 - And This Is Still Our Problem!
 - When You Make A Judgment About Someone Else, In Effect:
 - You Are Making The Same Judgment About Yourself! Why? Because:

- Of Our Own Practice!
 - 2:1c - "For thou that judgest doest the same things!"
 - Now - You Might Look Back:
 - At The Catalog Of Sins Again:
 - At The End Of Chapter 1 - And Think - "No I'm Not!" Or "No I Won't!"
 - But - Remember How That Catalog Begins?
 - 1:29 - "Being Filled!"
 - There Are Still Some Things:
 - That You May Be Filled With:
 - That Are The Same In Every Sinner!
 - You See - A Sinner Is Still A Sinner:
 - Even If Their Sin:
 - Manifests Itself Differently Everyone Else's!

7. And So - **Every Single One Of Us:**

- Is "Inexcusable" & Without Defense:
 - Before The Court Of God:
 - Because Of Our Own:
 - Pride & Problem & Practice!
 - And - We Will **All:**
 - Meet With God - Some Day:
 - As Our Judge!
 - **You Too** - Will Meet God - Some Day:
 - As **Your** Judge!
 - So - Today - You Need To:
 - **"Prepare To Meet Thy God!"**
 - As The Children Of Israel Were Told To Do Back In Amos 4:12!
 - **"Prepare To Meet Thy God!"**
 - You Need To Be Prepared:
 - Because - In 2:2-5 - We Find Four:
 - Principles Of God's Judgment!

8. "But we are sure that the judgment of God is according to truth against them which commit such things. / And thinkest thou this, O man, that judgest them which do such things, and doest the same, that thou shalt escape the judgment of God? / Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance? / But after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God!"
- Are You Prepared?
 - "To Meet Thy God?" - Because:

1. **God's Judgment Is Indelible!**

- **IE:** This Is Your Word For The Day! "Indelible" - It Simply Means Something That Is Permanent! Something That Is Impossible To Remove Or Erase! **IE:** Like The Time I Used Permanent Marker On Our Dry Erase Board! You Can Still See Some Of My Writing! It's Indelible! And - This Is The First Principle Of God's Judgment!
 - It Is Indelible! It Is Permanent!
 - And You Need To Be Prepared!
 - 2:2 - "But we are sure that the judgment of God is according to truth against them which commit such things!"
 - We Discover In This Verse That:
 - The Judgments Of God:
- Are Always Certain!
 - 2:2a - "But We Are Sure" - Paul Writes!
 - "We Know" That God Is:
 - "The Judge Of All The Earth!" (Genesis 18:25)
 - And - He Alone:
 - Has The Right To Judge:
 - According To The Standards:
 - That He Has Set!
 - And So - The Judgments Of God:
 - Are Never Arbitrary!

- Because - They Are Based On His Own Nature!
- And - His Sentences:
 - Are Never Cruel Or Unusual!
 - Because - He Is Just And Right!
- Our Judgments Are Never Certain!
 - But God's Judgments Are! Also - They:
- Are Always Correct!
 - 2:2b - "According To Truth" - Paul Adds!
 - That Is - God's Judgments Are Always Based On Reality!
 - **IE:** Think About The Judgment Of Jesus By The Jews & By Pilate! Was Their Judgment Correct? No! It Was Based On Their Own Detestation Of Jesus, Their Own Discrimination, Their Own Deception! And So, They Condemned Him To Death!
 - But This Is Not How God Judges!
 - Psalm 19:9 - "The judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether!"
 - Our Judgments May Only Be Correct - Sometimes!
 - But God's Judgments Are Always Correct!
 - Also - They:
- Are Always Consistent!
 - 2:2c - "Against Them Which Commit Such Things!"
 - It Does Not Matter To God:
 - How Rich Or How Poor:
 - A Sinner Is! Or:
 - How Strong Or How Weak!
 - Or Even:
 - How Sophisticated Or How Simple:
 - A Sinner Is!
 - God Judges Everyone Alike!
 - **IE:** Years Ago - A Show - "Lifestyles Of The Rich And Famous" - Hosted By Robin Leach - Who Died In 2018 - Remember Seeing A Toilet Overlaid With Gold! But - ***A Gilded Toilet Is Still A Toilet!***
- Can These Things Be Said:
 - Of Your Judgment?
 - How You Judge Yourself - And:
 - How You Judge Others?
 - **No!** Of Course Not!
 - Your Judgments & My Judgments:
 - Are All-Too-Often:
 - Uncertain!
 - Incorrect! And:
 - Inconsistent!
 - And - This Is Why:
 - You And I Will Be "Inexcusable" And Completely Defenseless:
 - Before God - As Judge!
 - Because - The "Judge Of All The Earth" Will ***Always*** "Do Right!"
 - And You Will Meet Him Someday!
 - Are You Prepared To Meet Your God?

* You Also Need To Prepared - Because:

2. ***God's Judgment Is Inescapable!***

- **IE:** During The Time Of Christ - Many Of The Jews Believed That They Were ***Exempt*** From God's Judgment - Because Of The Family They Belonged To! In Matthew 3:9 - Jesus Said To The Pharisees & Sadducees - "Think not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, that God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham!" - So - The Gentiles Needed To Prepare For God's Judgment Because Of Their Sin - But Not The Jews!
 - But - This Is The Second Principle Of God's Judgment!
 - It Is Inescapable!
 - 2:3 - "And thinkest thou this, O man, that judgest them which do such things, and doest the same, that thou shalt escape the judgment of God?"

- You Cannot Escape God's Judgment:
- Because Of Your Thinking!
 - As Paul Asks - "And Thinkest Thou This, O Man?"
 - The Word Translated "Think" Means:
 - To Reckon And To Reason Something:
 - In Your Mind!
 - And Paul Is In Utter Disbelief!
 - How Can You Think This Way?
 - How Can You Think:
 - That You Will "Escape The Judgment Of God?"
 - It Is Illogical!
 - It Is Irrational! Why?
- Because Of Your Treatment!
 - How You Treat Others!
 - You Are Doing The Same Things:
 - That You Are Judging:
 - Others For Doing!
- This Is The Very Height:
 - Of Hypocrisy!
 - **IE:** It's Like Thinking You Have "Diplomatic Immunity" In This World - Just Because You Are Not As "Bad" As Others Seem To Be!
 - And - This Too Is Why:
 - You And I Will Be "Inexcusable" And Completely Defenseless:
 - Before God - As Judge!
 - Because - The "Judge Of All The Earth" Will *Always* "Do Right!"
 - And You Will Meet Him Someday!
 - Are You Prepared To Meet Your God?

* You Also Need To Prepared - Because:

3. God's Judgment Is Inevitable!

- **IE:** Last Week - The President Was Once Again In The News - No Surprise There - But - The Reason Was A Surprise - For Some Of The Presidential Pardons And Sentence Commutations He Gave Out - Even To A Former Democrat Governor From The State Of Illinois - Rod Blagojevich! And So - He And The Others - Expressed Gratitude To The President For This Act Of Mercy! And Properly So!
 - But - Imagine If Someone Was Offered Mercy & A Second Chance Like This - And Refused It! For Whatever Reason! You Would Think That Person Was Either Senseless Or Foolish Or Both! And - Whatever Judgment They Get - They Deserve!
 - And This Is The Third Principle Of God's Judgment!
 - It Is Inevitable!
 - Especially For Those Who Refuse What We Find In:
 - 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?"
 - God's Judgment Is Inevitable:
 - If You Ignore & Refuse:
- The Treasure Of God's Goodness:
 - Toward You!
 - 2:4a - "The Riches Of His Goodness And Forbearance And Longsuffering!"
 - In Other Verses - The Word Translated "Goodness" Here Is Also Translated "Kindness!"
 - God Is A Good & A Kind God!
 - And - A Good & A Kind Judge!
 - And His Forbearance & Longsuffering - Elements Of His Patience & Mercy:
 - Are Just The Blossoms That Burst Forth From The Flower Of His Grace!
 - **IE:** Like The Fields Of Tulips That Bloom In The Netherlands In The Springtime! The Goodness Of God Is Abundant In All Of Its Colorful Forms!
 - The Goodness Of God Is A Treasure!
 - But - We Also See:
- The Target Of God's Goodness:

- For You!
 - 2:4b - "The Goodness Of God Leadeth Thee To Repentance!"
 - The Grace & The Goodness Of God:
 - Are The "Streams Of Mercy" That Direct You To The "Well Of Salvation" In Christ Jesus!
 - "Repentance" Here Is Just One Part:
 - Of Your Conversion!
 - "Faith" Is The Other Part!
 - But - Both Are Just The Two Sides:
 - Of The Same Coin!
 - As Paul Preached In Acts 20:21 - "Repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ!"
 - So - God Leads You - By His Goodness & By His Grace:
 - To Turn From Yourself:
 - And Your Own Righteousness!
 - And - To Turn To & Trust In:
 - Jesus Christ & His Righteousness!
 - All Because - God Is A Good & A Kind God!
 - In Nehemiah 9:17 - The Children Of Israel Blessed The Lord By Saying - "Thou art a God ready to pardon, gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness!"
 - This Is The Nature Of God!
 - In Jonah 4:2 - Jonah Recognized That God Is - "A gracious God, and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness!"
 - This Is The Nature Of God!
 - In Ezekiel 33:11 - The Lord Himself Says - "As I live, saith the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked!"
 - And - In Isaiah 28:21 - God's Judgment Is Called "His Strange Work" And "His Strange Act!"
 - This Is The Nature Of God!
 - And Isn't This What Paul Tells Titus:
 - In Titus 3:3-5 - "For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another. / 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!"
- But - What **Will** You Do:
 - With All The "Streams Of Mercy" That God Has:
 - Poured Out To You?
 - What **Have** You Done?
 - 2:4 - Are You "Despising" Him & "Presuming" On His Goodness?
 - Are You Refusing & Resisting His Grace?
 - Are You Swimming Against The Current?
 - If So - Why?
 - Why Won't You:
 - Let God's Goodness Lead You:
 - To Repentance Of Your Sin:
 - And Faith In The Person & Work Of Jesus Christ! The Gospel!
 - But - If You Continue To "Despise" Him!
 - If You Continue To Refuse His Goodness!
 - Then - God's Judgment Is Just:
 - And - Is Inevitable!
 - And - You Will Be "Inexcusable" And Completely Defenseless:
 - Before God - As Your Judge!
 - Because - You **Will** Meet Him Someday!
 - Are You Prepared To Meet Your God?

* But - Fourth - You Also Need To Be Prepared - Because:

4. **God's Judgment Is Intense!**

- **IE**: Every Year - There Are Families Who Work Very Hard To Harvest And Chop Up Wood To Keep Them Warm When Winter Comes! The Wood Is Piled Up Into Neat & High Stacks - So That It Is Readily Available For A Nice Warm Fire In The Wood-Stove Or Fireplace! But - Imagine The Great Bon-Fire You Could Have - If You Saved All That Wood - To Use It All At Once! This Too Is A Principle Of God's Judgment!

- If A Person Continues To Refuse The Grace & Goodness Of God - According To:

- 2:5 - "But after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God!"

- And - God's Judgment Will Be Intense!

- It Will Be:

- An Intensely Fitting Judgment!

- God Will Render His Judgment:

- "After" - Or - According To:

- "Thy Hardness And Impenitent / Unrepentant Heart!"

- If A Person / Any Person:

- Persists Their Sin:

- In A Stubborn Way - And:

- In A Sorrow-Less Way - Then:

- They - And You - Will Receive God's Fitting Judgment!

- That Is - It Will Be A Proper & Proportionate Response!

- From A Holy & Just God:

- Upon An Unholy & Unrighteous Sinner!

- *Are You Prepared For This?*

- It Will Also Be:

- An Intensely Furious Judgment!

- The Sentence Of God's Judgment:

- Is His Wrath!

- And - What Are Self-Righteous Sinners Doing With God's Wrath?

- 2:5b - They Are - "Treasuring Up Unto [Themselves] Wrath!"

- While They Live:

- God Continues To Restrain His Wrath:

- For A Time!

- But - All The While - They Keep Stock-Piling:

- The Fuel:

- For God's Fire!

- And - When God's Judgment Comes:

- **IE**: It Will Be Like And Out-Of-Control Forest Fire - Or - Like Water Breaking Through A Dam!

- *Are You Prepared For This?*

- It Will Also Be:

- An Intensely Final Judgment!

- There Is Coming - According To This Verse:

- And Many Others - "The Day Of Wrath!"

- Job Knew Of This Day:

- When He Wrote - "That the wicked is reserved to the day of destruction! They shall be brought forth to the day of wrath!" (Job 21:30)

- King Solomon Knew Of This Day:

- And That - "Riches profit not in the day of wrath!" (Proverbs 11:4)

- The Prophet Isaiah Described This Day:

- As - "The day of the LORD – cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate: and he shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it! And I will punish the world for their evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; and I will cause the arrogancy of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible!" (Isaiah 13:9, 11)

- And - This Day Is Still To Come!

- As We Find In Revelation 6:17 - "For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?"

- This Is The Day:

- When The Great Fire & Fury:

- Of God's Judgment And Wrath:

- Will Come And Consume With “Everlasting Burnings” All Who Have Refused:
 - His Goodness & His Grace In The Gospel!
 - *Are You Prepared For This?*
- **But** - There **Is** More To This Story!
 - Because - It Can Also Be:
 - An Intensely Favorable Judgment!
 - Because - Not Only Is The Day Of God’s Judgment:
 - A “Day Of Wrath” - But It Is Also:
 - A Day Of - “Revelation Of The Righteous Judgment Of God!” (2:5c)
 - Doesn’t This Part Of God’s Judgment:
 - Remind Us Of 1:17?
 - “For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith!”
 - **Not Everyone** Will Experience:
 - God’s Wrath!
 - Not Everyone:
 - **Has** To!
 - Listen To This Promise Of Hope:
 - Given By Jesus In:
 - John 5:24 - “Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life!”
 - When You Turn To & Trust In Jesus:
 - You Can Be Confident:
 - That God’s Judgment Is Always Just!
 - And - He Is Always True To His Promise!

Conclusion:

1. So - Now - **You Can Flee:**
 - From The Wrath To Come!
 - How?
 - By Responding To The Goodness Of God:
 - That Leads You To Repentance:
 - And Faith:
 - In The Gospel-Hope Of Jesus Christ!
2. After All - It Was Jesus:
 - Who Came To Bear:
 - The Wrath Of God:
 - That You Deserved:
 - Upon Himself!
 - And So Now:
 - Christ’s Righteousness:
 - Becomes The Answer To:
 - Your Sin Of:
 - Self-Righteousness!
 - 3. And This Was All Necessary:
 - Because - One Day:
 - You **Will** Meet God:
 - As Your Judge!
 - **Are You Prepared?**
 - The Only Way:
 - To Be Prepared:
 - Is In Jesus Christ!
 - 4. And When You:
 - Are Found In Him:
 - You Will **Have** A Defense!
 - And - You **Will** Escape:
 - The Day Of God’s:

- Final Judgment & Wrath:
- For Sin!

- * Remember - You Will Meet God As Your Judge Someday!
- * Are You Prepared To Meet Him?
- * Have You Turned To & Are You Trusting In Christ?
- * How Are You Responding To The Goodness & Kindness Of God?

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