

The Judgment of God

Romans 2

'The judgment of God': Romans 2:2-3 (5)

- **The judgment:** God's decision, either favorable or unfavorable
- **Of God:** 14:10, Christ
 - Pilate, Jn.19:13, derived (12)
 - Romans 2:16: Son...Father

I. Some Think They Can Escape

'Escape'

- Acts 16:27, prisoners
- 2 Co.11:33, Paul
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For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And **they shall not escape** – 1 Th.5:3

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...how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard Him – Hb.2:3

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See that you do not refuse Him who speaks.
For if they did not escape who refused Him
who spoke on earth, **much more shall we not**
escape if we turn away from Him who speaks
from heaven – Hb.12:25

How *could* someone 'escape' Judgment of God?

1. Rise against His power. Ex.5
2. Death of Judge. Ex.17
3. Keep violations secret. 2 Sm.12
4. Amnesty. Ps.10:13; Hb.4:13
5. Flee jurisdiction of court. Ps.139
6. Statute of limitations. Ec.1-12

How *could* someone 'escape' Judgment of God?

7. Favoritism. Jonah
8. Balance scales (curve). Ac.8
9. Plead ignorance. Ac.17:30
10. Process of jurisdiction breaks down.
Ac.17:31
11. Bribe. Acts 24:24-25

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II. The Standard Of Judgment

1. In accordance with truth, 2

2:1: everyone is chained to sins of ch.1

- 'Man' individualizes (1)
- 'Every' universalizes (9)

1:32: condemns man's approval of sin

2:1: condemns man's condemnation of sin. Why??

1. In accordance with truth, 2

1. Because of hypocrisy.

- Sinners condemn sinners, 2:17-24
- Jews condemn Gentiles (Amen, ch.1)
- 'You are no different; you do same'
 - 'I don't judge people; I approve everyone'
 - This IS judging! Mt.25

1. In accordance with truth, 2

1. Because of hypocrisy.

2. Because of blindness.

- Condemn others = condemn self
- Links to chapter 1
 - 1) **'Without excuse'**: 1:20; 2:1
 - 2) **'Practice'** (do): 1:32; 2:1
 - 3) **'Wrath'**: 1:18; 2:5

1. In accordance with truth, 2

'Truth': reality. Facts (Jn.17:17).

Not that . . .

- They did all sins of chap.1.
- Their condemnation is limited to sins of chap.1. 'Such things' (2:2)

2. In accordance with heart, 5

3-5: key words explain heart condition –
what the hearer . . .

3: **supposes** (thinks).

4: **views lightly** (thinks down on).

Ec.8:11; 2 Pt.3:9.

5: **stores up** (*thesaurus*)– divine wrath.

Rejects treasure of
God's goodness

Receives treasure
of His wrath

3. In accordance with our works, 6

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B Life for those who do good, 7

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2. Is God impartial, 11?

- 'Justice is blind'
- Considers facts, not persons.
Acts 24:25

4. In accordance with gospel, 16

Each judged by law he lives under, 12, 16

According to gospel . . .

1. Judgment is coming

2. Judgment is coming by Jesus
Christ, Jn.12:48

Gospel is not bad news that makes
people lost, but good news that saves

People are lost because they sin