

God's Righteous Judgment

Romans 2:1 -16

"...Paul speaks of the stubborn and unrepentant person "storing up wrath" for the day of God's judgment. It is the image of a greedy individual, a miser, who has been storing up wealth which, contrary to his expectations, is destined to destroy him. I think of this man as storing up a great horde of gold coins, placing them in in an attic above his bed where he thinks no one will find them and where they will be safe. He keeps this up for years, amassing a great wealth of gold. But one day, while he is sleeping and oblivious to his danger, this great weight of gold breaks through the ceiling of his bedroom, comes crashing down onto his bed, and kills him. He thought of his wealth as salvation, but it was death.

That is the way it is for those who pile sin upon sin and show contempt for God's kindness. They think of their sins as building up a life of future happiness and freedom. But each sin is actually a storing up of wrath." Boice

- I. Judgment is part of God's judicial system based on his perfect justice toward a world in total rebellion against his holiness. God alone makes determination toward the fate of a soul, and he alone, through his Son, will judge every person who has ever lived according to how they have lived their life while here on earth.

Rom. 2:1-11

Rev. 20:11-12

2 Cor. 5:10

1 Cor. 3:10-15

"Greek, like English, uses the word 'judge' in two senses. One sense is condemnation, while the other sense is the giving out of rewards. The Bible says unbelievers will be judged in the first sense – condemnation, while believers will be judged in the other sense – rewards." BLB

- A. The standard of God's judgment is based on his truth and not on a standard that man makes up in his head based on what he or she feels is right or wrong. Our view of morality apart from God's moral standard does not matter. God's view is what matters, and his view is based on truth, on how he sees us in light of his holiness.

Rom. 2:1-3

- B. God's reaches out to men and women with kindness, tolerance and patience to move them to understand their need to get themselves right before him through repentance. He does not treat us as our sins deserve, but provides every opportunity before we die to receive the gift of eternal life through his Son.

Rom. 2:4

2 Peter 3:9

Ps. 103:8-10 The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him;

- C. There are two paths in life that a man or woman can chose to walk. One is a godless path of stubborn unrepentant defiance toward God, which will ultimately lead to his wrath and anger being poured out at the great white throne judgment. The other is God's path of righteousness that is by faith, which leads those who walk on it to glory, honor and peace with him throughout eternity.

Rom. 2:5-11

1 Thess. 5:9

1 Cor. 8:18

Eph. 5:8-10

- II. God's moral law has been revealed to us through the what he has is written in the Scriptures, e.g., the ten commandments, and through the moral code he has written on our hearts. He uses our conscience to bear witness against us, so that we are without excuse on the day when he will judge men's secrets through Jesus Christ.

Rom. 2:12-16

Heb. 9:14 How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God.

"The Jewish person—or religious person—may think that he is saved because he has the law; but has he kept it? The Gentile may think that he is saved because he does not have the law, but has he kept the dictates of his own conscience?" Guzik