# “The Righteous Judgment of God”

### Discovering the Righteousness of God—A study in the book of Romans

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# Romans 2:1-11 (ESV)

Therefore you have no excuse, O man, every one of you who judges. For in passing judgment on another you condemn yourself, because you, the judge, practice the very same things. **2**We know that the judgment of God rightly falls on those who practice such things. **3**Do you suppose, O man—you who judge those who practice such things and yet do them yourself—that you will escape the judgment of God? **4**Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance? **5**But because of your hard and impenitent heart you are storing up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath when God's righteous judgment will be revealed.

**6**He will render to each one according to his works: **7**to those who by patience in well-doing seek for glory and honor and immortality, he will give eternal life; **8**but for those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, there will be wrath and fury. **9**There will be tribulation and distress for every human being who does evil, the Jew first and also the Greek, **10**but glory and honor and peace for everyone who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek. **11**For God shows no partiality.

**1) Allow God to Judge (Verse 1-5)**

# 1 Corinthians 4:3-5 (ESV)

**3**But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by any human court. In fact, I do not even judge myself. **4**For I am not aware of anything against myself, but I am not thereby acquitted. It is the Lord who judges me. **5**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.

# 2 Samuel 12:1-7 (ESV)

And the Lord sent Nathan to David. He came to him and said to him, “There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor. **2**The rich man had very many flocks and herds, **3**but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. And he brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children. It used to eat of his morsel and drink from his cup and lie in his arms, and it was like a daughter to him. **4**Now there came a traveler to the rich man, and he was unwilling to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the guest who had come to him, but he took the poor man's lamb and prepared it for the man who had come to him.” **5**Then David's anger was greatly kindled against the man, and he said to Nathan, “As the Lord lives, the man who has done this deserves to die, **6**and he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity.”

**7**Nathan said to David, “You are the man! Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, ‘I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you out of the hand of Saul.

**2) Trust God’s Judgment (Verse 6-11)**

# Matthew 5:44-45 (ESV)

**44**But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, **45**so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.

# Psalm 37:1-2; 12-13; 37-38 (ESV)

Fret not yourself because of evildoers;
    be not envious of wrongdoers!
**2**For they will soon fade like the grass
    and wither like the green herb.

**12**The wicked plots against the righteous
    and gnashes his teeth at him,
**13**but the Lord laughs at the wicked,
    for he sees that his day is coming.

**37**Mark the blameless and behold the upright,
    for there is a future for the man of peace.
**38**But transgressors shall be altogether destroyed;
    the future of the wicked shall be cut off.

# 2 Peter 3:4-9 (ESV)

**4**They will say, “Where is the promise of his coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all things are continuing as they were from the beginning of creation.” **5**For they deliberately overlook this fact, that the heavens existed long ago, and the earth was formed out of water and through water by the word of God, **6**and that by means of these the world that then existed was deluged with water and perished. **7**But by the same word the heavens and earth that now exist are stored up for fire, being kept until the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly.

**8**But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. **9**The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.