

Session #7: “DON’T JUDGE OTHERS - BUT DO BE DISCERNING!” — Romans 2:1-3

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Note: Reference has been made in the following notes to commentaries on Romans by Pastor Chuck Smith, David Hocking and William Newell.

Questions:

- Are we supposed to judge people? Would God tell us to stop judging others if it were not possible?
- What does it mean not to judge? Does the Bible say we are not to make judgment on anything?
- Who has the Father committed all judgment to? Jn. 5:22
- What does it mean to have discernment?
- Do you understand the difference between judgment, which only God can render, and discernment?
- What is the purpose of judges in our legal system?

THE PRINCIPLES OF THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD - Romans 1:18-8:39

Principle #1 - CONDEMNATION - **1:18-3:20 – We will look at three of them**

A. CONDEMNATION OF THOSE WHO **REJECT THE REVELATION OF GOD** -

ROMANS 1:18-32 (We’ve already looked at this) “Without excuse -- God gave them up!”

- **This session:** B. CONDEMNATION OF THOSE **WHO REBUKE OTHERS WHILE IGNORING THEIR OWN DEEDS** - ROMANS 2:1-16

C. CONDEMNATION OF THOSE **WHO RELY UPON THEIR OWN STANDARDS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS** - ROMANS 2:17-3:8 (This really hits the religious persons!)

- B. CONDEMNATION OF THOSE **WHO REBUKE OTHERS WHILE IGNORING THEIR OWN DEEDS** - ROMANS 2:1-16
- **This session:** 1B. Makes them **INEXCUSABLE before a just God** - 1-3
2B. Makes them **INSENSITIVE** to their own need – v. 4
3B. Makes them **INATTENTIVE** to the basis of God’s judgment – vv. 5-11
4B. Makes them **IGNORANT** of the judgment of God – vv. 12-16

Rom 2:1 *Therefore you are **inexcusable**, O man, whoever you are who **judge**, for in whatever **you judge another you condemn yourself**; for you who judge practice the same things.*

Rom 2:2 *But we know that the **judgment of God is according to truth** against those who practice such things.*

Rom 2:3 *And do you think this, O man, you **who judge those practicing such things**, and **doing the same**, that **you will escape the judgment of God**?*

Same word as 1:20 – “*without excuse*”

The English words for “*judge*” (8 different forms of the word) appear 758 times in the Bible, of which 201 times are found in the N.T.

The word “*discern*” or “*discernment*” is found in its forms 25 times, of which 9 times are found in the NT. **We are to discern, we are not to judge!!!!**

There are two primary Greek words used: “**judge**” - *krino* (making a judgment that results in a verdict or decision that only God can render - in its various forms appears 167 times in NT

“**discern**” - *diakrino* - in its forms appears 25 times in NT - “*dia*” – *between two things!* (We are not to make a decision about someone else, but we are to be discerning!) Do we not have a natural habit of judging others? Is this not a common problem among us all? Meaning here – “administration of what is right and fair”

The noun form of **“judge”** - *krisis* is used 48 times in the NT, and refers to the decision or **the verdict that has already been rendered.** – that is why the Bible says we are not to make a judgment on anything! **God makes all judgments!** That is why we need Godly judges! **This is a common problem among all of us.** And **how the evil one uses this (that attitude of all of us-judging others) to discourage us!** Cf. **Prov. 18:13 You and I have a natural habit of judging others!**

The Lord is called **“the righteous judge”** in **2 Tim. 4:8** and **Hebrews 12:23** speaks of God as **“the Judge of all.”**

Jesus is called (**Acts 10:42**) **“the Judge of quick and dead,”** and **John 5:22** says **“For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son.”**

In **verse 27** we read, **“And has given Him authority to execute judgment also, because He is the Son of Man.”**

Romans 14:10 and **2 Cor. 5:10** speak of the **“judgment seat of Christ.”** **Psalm 50:6** says **“for God is Judge Himself.”** **1 Cor. 4:5**

We are also told – **Heb. 4:12** - that the Word of God is a **“discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart** (Greek: *kritikos* – “critic”).

Matthew 7:1-5 tells us not to **“judge”** lest we be judged. The reason given is that **it makes us blind to our own faults.**

John 7:24 warns us **“Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment.”**

Obviously, we are wrong when we draw conclusions based on outward appearance. An example is in **James 2:1-4** – good illustration!

The warning about judging others is powerfully given to us in this same book of **Romans 14:4** says **“Who are you to judge another man’s servant; Verse 10** says, **“But why do you judge your brother? Or why do you show contempt for your brother? For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.”** **Verse 13** this summary: **“Therefore let us not judge one another any more, but rather resolve this, not to put a stumbling block or a cause to fall in our brother’s way.”**

In **Colossians 2:16-17** we are told **“So let no one judge you in food or in drink, or regarding a festival or a new moon or Sabbaths, which are a shadow of things to come, but the substance is Christ.”**

James 4:12 asks the question **“Who are you to judge another?”**

This issue of judging others must be a big thing with God because it’s mentioned so much!!

1C. **Their Practices condemn them**

Rom 2:1 **Therefore you are inexcusable, O man, whoever you are who judge** (pass an unfavorable judgment upon, criticize, find fault with, condemn), **for in whatever you judge** (administration of what is right and fair) **another you condemn** (judicial pronouncement upon a guilty person) **yourself; for you who judge practice the same things.**

“practice the same things” The word **“judge”** is a compound verb **“to judge down”** - *katakrineis* -

Romans 8:1 uses the same word and says that there is **no condemnation** to those who are believers in Jesus Christ. - cf. **John 3:16-18** Classic illustrations-**2 Sam. 12:1-7a;** (You are the man!) **John 8:1-11** **What wonderful illustration!**

2C. The **Principle of God’s judgment will condemn them**

Rom 2:2 **But we know** (are sure!) **that the judgment of God is according to truth** against those who practice such things.

“according to truth” - cf. **Hebrews 3:12-13**

“we know” - Greek: *oidamen* - “know” **Psalm 9:4** speaks of God sitting in His throne and **“judging in righteousness”** **Verses 7-8** declare that **“He shall judge the world in righteousness.”** **Psalm 96:13** says **“He shall judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with His truth** (cf. **Psa. 98:9.**)

Revelation 19:2 says **“For true and righteous are His judgments.”**

3C. The **Possibility of escaping God’s judgment is a fallacy of their own thinking**

Rom 2:3 **And do you think this,** O man, you who judge those practicing such things, and doing the same, **that you will escape the judgment of God?**

“do you think this...” Cf. **Psalm 50:20-21** - cf. **Hebrews 2:1-4; 12:25-29**

You do not escape God’s judgment! But! Romans 8:1 – He bore our sins! All of them! He took my judgment! For me and for you! Hallelujah!!! There is no condemnation for those in Christ!!!!