

ROMANS 08 – 2:1-11

Judgment of God

1. Romans 2:1

- a. Paul is showing the wrath of God revealed against all men – Rom 1:18
- b. “O Man...that judgest” – God gave Israel the means to judge – Rom 2:18, Psa 19:7-10
- c. Israel was given the privileged position to judge – Gen 12:3, Exo 18:13-26, Isa 2:3-4
- d. “inexcusable” because of the natural consequences of sin deserving God’s wrath
- e. “wherein” – that is in the law of righteousness – Rom 2:12-13, Jam 1:23, 4:17

2. 2:2-3

- a. “we are sure” – because it is God’s judgment and not man’s – Gen 18:25, Rom 2:5
- b. “according to truth” not respect persons, on a curve, best effort, who you know
- c. “commit such things” – not just to those who have the knowledge of law, but do it
- d. “doest the same things” Hypocrisy is the topic here, like in the OT book of Mat 23:23-35
- e. There is no escape of God’s judgment for these hypocrites – Mat 3:7-9, 23:23, 24:51, 25:46
- f. More stripes were given to the servant who knew more and did nothing - Luke 12:41-47

3. 2:4-6

- a. “riches of God’s goodness” – shown by his patience with Israel – Deu 1:11, Exo 33:5-19
- b. The Lord was great in mercy and goodness – Psa 23:6, 25:7, 106, 107, 117, 118, Micah 7:20
- c. “despise” – They were unashamed of their sins, Israel sid Jer 6:15-16 and not Hos 14:2
- d. Their hearts were hardened in the wilderness and they did not enter – Heb 3:8, 3:15, 4:7
- e. Israel’s hearts were hardened and without belief – John 1:10-11, 12:40; Mark 3:5, 6:52
- f. “day of wrath” – you are delivered from Rom 5:9, 1 Thess 1:10, but them Zeph 1:12-15

4. 2:6

- a. Riches profit not in the day of wrath, but righteousness... - Prov 11:14
- b. This is a righteous judgment – Prov 24:12
- c. According to his deeds is not your judgment – Mat 16:27, Rev 20:12 vs. 1 Cor 3:13-15
- d. You are saved by grace and not of works – Eph 2:8-9, Titus 3:5, Rom 4:5
- e. The law is a curse unless you do them all - Gal 3:10, James 2:10
- f. Jesus taught their righteousness must excel – Mat 5:20
- g. He taught a resurrection based on the deeds – John 5:28-29

5. 2:7-11

- a. A worthy Gentile who did good works – Luke 7:3-5
- b. Another worthy Gentile who worked righteousness – Acts 10:1-2, 10:34-5
- c. No respect of persons was written in the law - Deut 16:18-19
- d. “Jew first...” – They were first only because God promised them to be – Deu 7:6-8
- e. God gave privileges to Israel, but he does not lessen the judgment.