

Principles of Judgment, Part 1

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: Romans 2:1-16.

B. God's wrath is revealed in judgment.

C. God's wrath is already at work in the world because of men's compounding sin.

D. All men are guilty before God.

1. The Jews denied this because they thought they were special because of their tradition.

2. Others thought they were exempt because of outward deeds.

E. There are six elements of God's judgment.

II. Knowledge.

A. Because men know the truth, they are without excuse.

B. Having a criterion to judge others shows that a person knows the truth. (Matthew 7:1; James 3:1; Matthew 6)

C. Self-righteous people misunderstand the height of the law and the depth of their sin.

III. Truth.

A. God is true--it is in his nature to be true. (Psalm 9:4, 8; 96:13; 145:17; Isaiah 45:19)

B. Man's judgment is hopelessly distorted. (Hebrews 4:13)

C. God judges by true knowledge. (1 Samuel 16:7)

D. If our consciences condemn us, an infinitely holy God can condemn us all the more. (1 John 3:20, Hebrews 12:25)

E. We escape by running to Jesus Christ.

IV. Guilt.

V. Deeds.

VI. Impartiality.

VII. Motive.

Application Questions:

1. How do all men show a knowledge of good?

2. Why is tradition insufficient to make a person right?

3. How do our consciences testify to an even greater judgment from God? What is the solution? Explain.
