

## **Principles of Judgment, Part 2**

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### I. Introduction.

A. Text: Romans 2:1-16.

B. God will judge all men through Jesus. (Acts 17:31, John 5:22, 5:27, 12:48, Romans 1:32)

C. The outwardly moral people were just as much in line for God's judgment as the outwardly immoral.

### II. Elements that come into play from God's judgment.

A. Knowledge.

B. Truth. (Deuteronomy 32:4, I Thessalonians 5:3)

C. Real guilt. (Hosea 11)

1. The greatest sin is denying God's mercy.

2. The goodness of God falls upon all. (Psalm 52:1, 119:68, 33:5, 145:9, 107:8)

3. God has dealt with the unjust with long-suffering. (Romans 9)

4. The goodness of God is designed to lead people to repentance.

5. There is a sick cult in Evangelicalism that is built around self.

6. Men despise God's kindness. (II Samuel 6, Leviticus 10)

7. We live in an era of the grace of God, but the problem is we are looking at God's grace in light of His mercy instead of the law. We are so accustomed to grace that we abuse it and call God unjust.

8. Periodically, God must illustrate what would happen so grace would not be taken for granted. (I Corinthians 10:8, Luke 13:1)

9. We are so used to grace that we think justice is unjust.

10. The believer is not to become cold and indifferent because he is storing up divine fury for himself. (Ezekiel 36:26, 3:7, Matthew 19:8, Mark 3:5, 6:52, 8:17, John 12:40, Hebrews 3-4, Revelation 20)

D. Deeds.

E. Impartiality.

F. Motive.

**Application questions:**

1. How is God's goodness displayed in His judgment?

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2. What is one of the reasons people take the grace of God for granted?

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3. What picture from the Old Testament most reminds you the importance of taking God's grace seriously?

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