**The Judgment of God**

**Deu 32:3** Because I will publish the name of the LORD: ascribe ye greatness unto our God.

Deu 32:4 *He is* the Rock, his work *is* perfect: for all his ways *are* judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right *is* he.

**Perfect [8549-Strong’s Concordance reference number]**  *entire*; *integrity*, *truth: -* without blemish, complete, full, perfect, sound, without spot, undefiled, upright whole.

**Judgment H4941** a verdict [favorable or unfavorable] pronounced judicially, a sentence or formal decree, divine law, including the act, the place, the penalty, abstractly justice including a particular right or privilege or even a style,

**Iniquity 5766** perverseness (Distorted from the truth), unjust unrighteousness

When we think of judgment, we think of wrath or a sentence of guilt that brings punishment. Is this what God is all about? The definition of judgment also includes a verdict that can be favorable. It can mean divine law, a formal decree including a particular right or privilege, or a style of government. His ways are divine law.

What is God’s “Divine law” or style that governs the earth? We know about laws of the universe. God also has divine Spiritual laws that govern His kingdom.

**Psa 9:7** But the LORD shall endure for ever: he hath prepared his throne for judgment.

**Psa 9:8** And *he shall judge the world in righteousness*, he shall minister judgment to the people in uprightness.

**Psa 9:9** The LORD also will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble.

**Judge 8199** to *judge*, that is, pronounce *sentence* (for or against); by implication to *vindicate* or *punish*; *to govern*; rule.

**Uprightness** *evenness*, *prosperity* or *concord*; also *straightness*, that is, *rectitude*

**Concord dictionary** A compact; an agreement by stipulation;

**Rectitude dictionary** exact conformity to truth, or to the rules prescribed for moral conduct, either by divine or human laws.

***Psalms 9:10*** *And they that know thy name* ***[character, position, authority]*** *will put their trust in thee: for thou, LORD, hast not forsaken them that seek thee.*

**Deuteronomy 32:4** His ways are truth. We are judged according to His ways, not our ways

God’s divine law is the “Tree of Life.” God’s desire and will is to set people free from the works of their hands which brings condemnation and judgment.

God spoke to Adam and Eve not to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil because He knew that the work of their hands would bring condemnation and it would separate them from the work of His hands. The tree of the knowledge of good and evil is the opposite of the Tree of Life. The first tree is how man views right and wrong according to man’s way and man’s performance. The second is God’s law-He is life. He provides life. It is not a man achieved thing.

As soon as Adam and Eve partook of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil it produced a sense of shame and failure. They hid from God because they no longer felt worthy to walk in His presence. They expected judgment based on their performance.

Satan knew what man’s performance would produce. He twists the picture so that man would focus on himself rather than on God.

***2Thessalonians 2:4*** *Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.*

***2Th 2:7*** *For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way.*

***2Th 2:10*** *And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.*

***2Th 2:11*** *And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:*

***2Th 2:12*** *That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.*

Satan whispers into our ears that we must produce works in order to walk well pleasing with God. He makes us think that that is God’s way. He deceives us with the exact opposite of God’s way. Iniquity means unrighteousness. It means independence. Unrighteousness is the best man can achieve apart from God. Romans 3:23 For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.

The righteousness of God is the same as the glory of God. It includes everything that is equal to God’s nature and character. Man can’t achieve it. He can only receive it from God. God created man in His image with the intent that man would walk under the shadow of His wings (Psalms 91:1) covered with His image. God wants man to see himself as “one with God,” not separated from God.

The mystery of iniquity is the work of Satan trying to get man to focus on his performance in order to achieve the righteousness of God. He has twisted the truth. Achieving God’s glory actually works by realizing that we are covered and infused with the image of God.

***Col 1:27*** *To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:*

***Rom 5:16*** *And not as it was by one that sinned, so is the gift: for the judgment was by one to condemnation, but the free gift is of many offences unto justification.*

**Judgment 2917 from 2919**to *distinguish*, that is, *decide* (mentally or judicially); by implication to *try*, *condemn*, *punish:* - avenge, conclude, condemn, damn, decree, determine, esteem, judge, go to (sue at the) law, ordain, call in question, sentence to, think.

**Justification 1345** a *statute* or *decision:* - judgment, justification, ordinance, righteousness.

Satan’s judgment is the accusation that he brings to one when our works are called into question.

God’s judgment is His decision to justify us through His righteousness. Justification also means judgment!

**Rom 5:17** For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.)

Rom 5:18 Therefore as by the offence of one *judgment came* upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one *the free gift came* upon all men unto justification of life.

Just as Satan has twisted the concept of judgment. He makes us think that based on our performance, we can expect the judgment of God. He says that God will condemn us if we don’t do right and act right. But, God did not come to judge the world. **John 3:16-17, John 12:46-50** God came to bring eternal life. He came to bring us to life by His standards or according to His way.

***Isaiah 29:13*** *their fear toward me is taught by the precept of men:*

God did not drive Adam out of His sight in anger when Adam sinned. Adam hid himself driven by condemnation.

***Isa 14:13-14*** *For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:*

***Isa 14:14*** *I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.*

***Psalms 37:31-34*** *The wicked watches the righteous and seeks to slay him.*

The meaning of the name Satan defines his character and the origination of condemnation.

**Satan** opponent of God, from **7853** condemn; accuse; attack

When we do not perform, it is actually Satan who accuses us and condemns us, not the judgment of God.

He convinces us that God is the accuser, that God is bringing condemnation. He uses the exact opposite of the definition of judgment.

***Psa 37:28*** *For the LORD loveth judgment, and forsaketh not his saints; they are preserved for ever: but the seed of the wicked shall be cut off.*

***Psa 72:3*** *The mountains shall bring peace to the people, and the little hills, by righteousness.*

***Psa 72:4*** *He shall judge the poor of the people, he shall save the children of the needy, and shall break in pieces the oppressor.*

 **Definition:**

 **Oppressor: [6231 Strong’s Concordance]** defraud, violate, deceive

 **Defraud dictionary**-to deprive of right, to take something wrongfully with consent of the owner, to cheat

***Joh 16:8*** *And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:*

***Joh 16:9*** *Of sin, because they believe not on me;*

***Joh 16:10*** *Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more;*

***Joh 16:11*** *Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged.*

 We have come to believe that God brings judgment and condemnation. But, God actually has been trying to deliver us from our performance based mentality that results in condemnation. God wants to save us-bring liberty, freedom from condemnation, well being, prosperity. His only judgment is directed toward the deceiver that is at work destroying His children.

***Joh 3:16*** *For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*

***Joh 3:17*** *For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.*

***Joh 3:18*** *He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.*

Condemnation is the fruit of ways that are not God’s ways. Man’s way cannot prosper in the same way that God’s ways do. They are not the same seed.

 **Psa 9:15** The heathen are sunk down in the pit *that* they made: in the net which they hid is their own foot taken.

Psa 9:16 The LORD is known *by* the judgment *which* he executeth: *the wicked is snared in the work of his own hands.*

***Deut 32:5*** *They have corrupted themselves, their spot is not the spot of his childrebn: they are a perverse and crooked generation.*

***Deut:6*** *Do ye thus requite the LORD, O foolish people and unwise? is not he thy father that hath bought thee? hath he not made thee, and established thee?*

Judgment and condemnation are the work of our hands that are trying to make us right according to our actions. God does not sentence us to it. We are walking in it when we separate ourselves from His righteousness and His work. Satan accuses us based on the work of our hands. God wants to set us free.

**John 12:46-50** God’s Judgment or divine law is eternal life

***Rom 8:29*** *For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.*

God’s divine law is that man would be created in His image and would be conformed to His image

***Rom 8:30*** *Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.*

His plan was to call us to be innocent and to assume His nature. That was His plan in advance for man before He ever created him.

***Rom 8:31*** *What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?*

***Rom 8:32*** *He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?*

***Rom 8:33*** *Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth.*

If God determined all of this, who is going to be against us? God is not against us and no one can bring condemnation to me if God justifies me or calls me innocent.

**Rom 8:34** **Who *is* he that condemneth? (It is not God, but the accuser)** *It is* Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.

**Intercession –** speak favor for; come between one and his differences with another

It is God that has spoken favor on our behalf. Who can come against His favor and speak condemnation?

***Joh 7:24*** *Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment*.

God does not judge us based on what we look like or how we have performed. God sees us through the works of Jesus.

***Isa 11:2*** *And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD;*

***Isa 11:3*** *And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the LORD: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears:*

***Isa 11:4*** *But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked.*

***Isa 11:5*** *And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins.*

*We are created according to righteousness, and guided by His faithfulness.*

**2 Corinthians 2:12-18** Don’t compare yourselves with yourselves or compared to one another, but if you glory, glory in the Lord. It is not who man commends, but who God commends that matters.

**His Judgment Seat**

**2 Corinthians 5:10-19** We must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ. We henceforth know no man after the flesh-we are reconciled and are a new creation

**We will all stand before the judgment seat of Christ**

**968** From the base of G939; a *step*, that is, *foot* *breath*; by implication a *rostrum*, that is, *tribunal:* - judgment-seat, set [foot] on, throne.

**Rostrum** 3. In ancient Rome, a scaffold or elevated place in the forum, where orations, pleadings funeral harangues, &c., were delivered.

**tribunal** the seat of a judge; the bench on which a judge and his associates sit for administering justice.

***Rom 14:1*** *Him that is weak in the faith receive ye, but not to doubtful disputations (judicial estimations.)*

***Rom 14:4*** *Who art thou that judgest another man's servant? to his own master he standeth or falleth. Yea, he shall be holden up: for God is able to make him stand.*

**Holden up** to stand, abide, establish, hold up (an active upright position)

***Rom 14:10*** *But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.*

***John 12:46-50*** *If any man hear my words and believe me not, I judge him not. I judge him with the words my Father told me to judge him with and that is live everlasting.*

**2 Corinthians 5:1-16 Judge no man----where fore we know no man after the flesh**

***2Co 5:10*** *For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.*

***2 Corinthaions 5:17****If any man be in Christ he is a new*

*creature*

Judgment Begins at the House of God. When we come to the understanding that we can commit the keeping of our souls to God, we can minister the same to the world.

***1Pe 4:17*** *For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?*

***1Pe 4:18*** *And if the righteous scarcely* ***[with difficulty]*** *be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?*

***1Pe 4:19*** *Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls to him in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator*.

If we can only see ourselves as Christians barely making it, how are we going to minister God’s love to the World?

**Isaiah 55** God’s way and man’s way are not the same. They cannot

 Produce the same thing.