

God's Righteous Judgment

Romans 2:6-10 ⁶ He will render to each one according to his works: ⁷ to those who by patience in well-doing seek for glory and honor and immortality, he will give eternal life; ⁸ but for those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, there will be wrath and fury. ⁹ There will be tribulation and distress for every human being who does evil, the Jew first and also the Greek, ¹⁰ but glory and honor and peace for everyone who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek.

❖ Recap

- Remember... Paul is trying to send people back to 1:16 and the gospel
 - He is making sure everyone knows they are sinners in need of God
- **Last week we asked to Main Questions....** Our main points for the text
 - 1) Do You Think Lightly of God's Grace?
 - 2) Are You Storing up Wrath for Yourself
- **1) Do you think lightly of God's Grace** – led us to a couple of important truths about God
 - **1) God is Rich in Kindness and Forbearance and Patience**
 - **2) God's Kindness is Meant to Lead us to Repentance**
 - Finally... this led us to the application:
 - **3) Man Should Not Presume on the Riches of God's Kindness**
 - Think lightly
 - We talked about King David...
 - And looked at some stuff from Malachi... and how God said...
 - ◆ Shut the doors... and do not come into my house...
 - ◆ Not if you are going to bring your worst for worship
- **2) Are you storing up wrath for Yourself**
 - **Because: Hard Hearts Store up Wrath**
 - Do you have a hard heart?
 - How can you know you have hardened heart
 - What do you do about a hard heart
- **Run to the cross**

❖ Introduction

- **One Thing:** Paul is making one big statement here.
 - It's in line with what He has previously said
 - Where He said in the end of verse 5
 - **"when God's righteous judgment will be revealed"**
- This is what we are going to be looking at today... God's righteous Judgment
- **We will start with that Statement of Truth...**
 - We will look at the verses as a whole....
 - Then we will break them down into two statements...
 - Namely: Destruction Comes to those who do evil
 - Eternal Life comes to those who do Good

❖ Outline

- 1) God Will Judge
- 2) Good Works Lead to Life Eternal and Evil Deeds Will Lead to Destruction
- 3) What Are Good Works
- 4) What Are Evil Deeds
- 5) How Do Our Good Works Save Us

❖ 1) God Will Judge

- Jeremiah 17:10 “I, the Lord, search the heart, I test the mind, even to give to each man according to his ways, according to the results of his deeds”
- If you notice in these verses.... God is the Judge...
 - We have just moved from verse 5 where Paul informs us that there will be a day
 - A day of judgment... and on this day... God’s Righteous Judgment will be revealed...
 - Paul is about to go into a little more detail about that day
- **But First...** Notice... God, and God alone is the Judge
 - Verse 6: **He will render to each one**
 - **Verse 7: He will give eternal Life**
 - **Verse 8: There will be wrath and fury... context of verse informs us that God will give the wrath and fury**
 - **Verse 9: God will give tribulation and distress**
 - Verse 10: God will give glory and honor and peace
- **What Else does the Bible Say:**
 - Romans 14:12 So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.
 - 2 Corinthians 5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.
- **Which do you choose?** Its not hard right?
 - Which way do you want it to go for you?
 - It’s a very easy choice... now... the getting there is difficult...
- **If You came to a fork in the road...**
 - And a sign pointing to the Right said... the New and Improved Free Disney World
 - The sign pointing to the Left said... The dry and hot Sahara desert
 - Which one do you choose???
 - It is obvious... very obvious....
- **What you need to know though.... Is that the right road**
 - It is a road marked with many difficult decisions...
 - You must deny yourself to follow God...
 - **The easier earthly route... is to do what is evil... to do what is wrong is easy...**
 - It takes not effort to be bad... it is just something that comes so natural...
 - So... we have o go against that natural tendency and do what is right
 - And live for God
- **Let’s Look closely at the verse...** and then get to a few questions that arise from the text

❖ 2) Good Works Lead to Life Eternal and Evil Deeds Will Lead to Destruction

- **⁶ He will render to each one according to his works:**
 - Isaiah 3:10-11 “Say to the righteous that it will go well with them, for they will eat the fruit of their actions. Woe to the wicked! It will go badly with him, for what he deserves will be done to him”
 - Render – reward or punish... payment
 - According to works – in accord with... with respect to
 - So... works will be looked at... and God has a way of judging them...
 - He sees the reason we do what we do
 - He sees how we do what we do...
 - And as a result... a judgment is made... and the judgment is in line with...
 - ◆ Or according to our works

- Matt 16:27 “the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of His Father with His angels; and will then recompense every man according to his deeds”
- **⁷ to those who by patience in well-doing seek for glory and honor and immortality,**
 - to the person who is patient.... Waiting for God...
 - Patient and enduring pain or hardship...
 - And they are doing good things... they are doing well...
 - They do well because they are seeking glory and honor and immortality from God
 - **They need patience because doing what is right often goes unnoticed...**
 - It really does... you have to wait for God to give you honor...
 - You may go without while on this earth... but we are called to be patient
 - Not to lose heart in doing good...
 - Galatians 6:9 And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.
- **he will give eternal life;**
 - Eternal life is given to those who seek to live for God
- **⁸ but for those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness,**
 - **Here is another type of person...**
 - This person is self seeking... he is selfishly ambitious
 - This person does not obey the truth
 - ◆ Although they know the truth... they do not obey the truth
 - Rather... they obey what is unrighteous...
 - ◆ They do what is not right
- **there will be wrath and fury.**
 - **God's Wrath and fury will be poured out on those who live this way**
 - wrath is God's outpouring of anger that has been patiently held back...
 - Fury is the intensity of God's anger...
- **⁹ There will be tribulation and distress for every human being who does evil, the Jew first and also the Greek,**
 - More decription is given... to those who do evil... they will receive
 - Tribulation: this means.... Trouble...
 - ◆ It also means an oppressive state of physical, mental, emotional or economic being
 - Distress: a great and oppressive difficulty
 - So... you may think you are taking the fun and easy road now...
 - But in the end... it will lead to this:
- **¹⁰ but glory and honor and peace for everyone who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek.**
 - For all who do good...
 - And he has this statement... to the Jew first and also to the greek...
 - He is just making the point as he will later in the chapter... God judges impartially
 - ◆ Doesn't matter where you are from or who you are...
 - For those who do good...
 - Glory – brilliant radiant beauty is what the word means
 - Honor – a state of being highly valued respected and revered
 - Peace – freedom from all worry.... A state of peace that is a blessing coming from God
- **John 5:28–29 “Do not marvel at this; for an hour is coming, in which all who are in the tombs shall hear His voice, and shall come forth; those who did the good deeds to a resurrection of life, those who committed the evil deeds to a resurrection of judgment”**

❖ 3) What Are Good Works

- **Romans 14:23b and whatever is not from faith is sin.**
 - Good Works are done in faith... they are a result of Faith...
 - If we do something not from faith... it is sin...
- **Therefore...** good works must be a result of faith...
- **Romans 8:12-13** ² So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. ¹³ For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.
 - Living by the Spirit of God is a good work
- **Galatians 6:7-8** ⁷ Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. ⁸ For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life.
 - Sows to the Spirit... good works are done in the power of God's Spirit
- **Notice:**
 - This is why it is impossible to do good works when you do not know God
 - Feeding the hungry and giving away everything you have...
 - When you are against God...
 - Does not make it a good work...
 - It is in the eyes of man... but maybe not with God...
- **Notice one more thing to bring it together:**
 - **Galatians 5:22-23** But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

❖ 4) What Are Evil Deeds

- **Look at these verses:**
 - **Romans 8:12-13** ² So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. ¹³ For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.
 - Evil is living according to the flesh... following fleshly desires
 - Fleshly desires are those opposed to God...
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 - Sowing to the flesh is an evil deed...
- **Notice one more thing to bring it together:**
 - **Galatians 5** Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions, envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these, of which I forewarn you, just as I have forewarned you, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God

❖ 5) How Do Our Good Works Save Us

- **So Far** we have looked at the very Sobering Truth that God will Judge...
 - We have looked at the fact that God will judge according to man's works...
 - **We have seen that there are two types of people we can be**
 - One who does good works
 - One who does evil works
 - **There are also two possible outcomes of living such a life**
 - One leads to honor and eternal life
 - The other leads to wrath and fury...

- **Now... We come to a most important question... it is a most important question...**
 - One that I hope has been weighing on your heart and mind throughout our study
 - How do our good works save us... if we are saved by faith alone... and it is not of works?
 - **Romans 3:28 For we maintain that a man is justified by faith apart from works of the Law.**
 - **So... how is that verse and the one we are studying today... both true?**
- **That is a fantastic question... and one that should be answered...**
 - Because... it is foundational to what we believe
- **Because: What has not changed... and never will change:**
 - Is that We are justified and saved by faith in the death of Jesus Christ
 - We are made right with God because God gives us His righteous nature
- **So... How do our good works save us?**
 - Our good works are a result of our Right Standing with God...
 - Our good works flow from a life that is filled with the Holy Spirit
 - Our good works are created in us by God's Work in Us...
 - Our good works are a result of our faith...
 - Our good works demonstrate to the world that our faith is real!
 - *John MacArthur writes: "The subjective criterion for salvation is faith alone, with nothing added. But the objective reality of that salvation is manifested in the subsequent godly works that the Holy Spirit leads and empowers believers to perform. For that reason, good deeds are a perfectly valid basis for God's judgment."*
- **James says:**
 - **James 2:22 You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was completed by his works;**
 - Notice... you can not have faith without works....
 - You can not have good works without faith....
- **Our Good Works Save us Because:**
 - Our Good Works are evidence of authentic faith...
 - Therefore... Gos is just and right to judge us in accord with our works...
 - But, let us remember... He has enabled us to do good works...
 - When? When we trusted in Jesus
- **John Piper Says this:**
 - *"when you trust Christ to bring you to the Father, you trust him to enable you to do whatever it takes to get to the Father. If there are good deeds that need to be done, you don't turn from faith to works. You lean all the more on Christ who will work in you what is pleasing in God's sight. When he died for you, he bought not only justification, but sanctification. If holiness is needed, holiness will be given to those who trust him."*
- **So... What do you do if you want to gain eternal Life?**
 - If you want to be in the boat with those who:
 - Gain eternal life and **glory and honor and peace for everyone who does good,**
 - **You Must Turn and Follow Jesus....**
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- **Why is this so glorious? 2 reasons**
 - **1) This gives us a way to test ourselves... Are we in the Faith?**
 - Are we doing good works by faith in Jesus?
 - **2) This gives us Hope...**
 - **Why?** Because many of us may say... I am not good enough... or I will never be that good...

- We may say... I can never attain that status because I have already done all these wrong things...
- There is hope... because... God creates in you the good you need to be
 - ◆ **Ephesians 2:10** ¹⁰ For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

➤ **Your Response Should Be:**

- Run to Christ... Run to Jesus and ask for His righteous nature...
- Admit that you are filled with Sin and without Hope...
- Tell Him you know you will never be good enough...
- Agree with God that He is Right and your sins are evil...
- And you want to turn from them and to Him...

➤ **What will God do?**

- He will create in you a new heart... he promises that...
- He will give you the righteous nature required to get into heaven
- And He will work in you good works... that he will accept when you stand before Him

❖ **Invitation**

