



God and the Gospel:

The Great Leveler of all People

Sunday, February 21/21

Romans 2:1 – 11; Luke 18:9 – 14

Therefore, you have no excuse, O man, every one of you who judges. For in passing judgement on another you condemn yourself... or do you presume upon the riches of His kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance? – Romans 2:1, 4

The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men... or even like this tax-collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get'. But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner.' – Luke 18:10 – 13

Do you feel more loved because God makes much of you, or because, at the cost of His Son, He enables you to enjoy making much of Him forever? – John Piper

The law is for the self-righteous, to humble their pride; the gospel is for the lost, to remove their despair. – Charles H. Spurgeon

1. God's Judgement toward the Judgemental (2:1 – 3)

2. God's Kindness toward the Repentant (2:4 – 5)

3. God's Fairness toward all People (2:6 – 11)



Study and Discussion Questions –

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Open It

1. How does a critical review of a movie or concert affect your decision about attending it?
2. On what basis do people often judge other people?
3. What does it take to judge disputes fairly?

Explore It

4. When we judge others, what do we do to ourselves? (2:1)
5. If God is judging others for their sins, what will He do to us? (2:2-3)
6. For what reason is God kind, tolerant, and patient? (2:4)
7. What keeps us from acknowledging and repenting of our sins? (2:4-5)
8. What is God's reaction to our stubbornness? (2:5-6)
9. On what basis will God render His judgments? (2:5-8)
10. What are the qualities of those who gain eternal life? (2:7)
11. What characteristics do condemned people display? (2:8)

Get It

12. In what circumstances do you find yourself passing judgment on other people?
13. When have you ever judged someone else and realized you were guilty of the same offense?
14. How has God's patience, tolerance, and kindness brought you to repentance?
15. How should your anticipation of a coming judgment day affect your daily behavior?

Apply It

16. What do you need to do today to get ready for judgment day?
17. Whom have you judged in a manner not pleasing to God? How can you seek forgiveness?
18. Who in your life is not ready for their day of judgment before God and needs your prayers?