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# God's Just Judgment

Romans 2:1-16

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## Godlessness and Wickedness

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- wickedness, evil, greed, depravity
- envy, murder, strife, deceit, malice
- gossips, slanderers, God-haters, insolent, arrogant, boastful,
- invent ways of doing evil, disobey parents
- no understanding, no fidelity, no love, no mercy

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- Although they know God's righteous decree
  - that those who do such things deserve death,
  - they not only continue to do these very things
  - but also approve of those who practice them.

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## Problem of Human Judgment

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- Condemning evil does not excuse one's own unrighteousness.
- God's judgement is based in truth.
  - It is based on what we do, not on what we say or think.

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- God's kindness, forbearance, and patience give opportunity for repentance.
- Failure to repent will result in wrath.

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## Impartial Justice

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- God "will repay each person according to what they have done." - Proverbs 24:12
- To show partiality in judging is not good: Whoever says to the guilty, "You are innocent," will be cursed by peoples and denounced by nations. But it will go well with those who convict the guilty, and rich blessing will come on them. - Pr. 24:23-25

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# Impartial Justice

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- God will reward good and punish evil.
- There is no favoritism with God.

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# Righteousness before God

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- Those who sin will face judgment.
- Human conscience and moral intuition point to the righteousness of God.
- However, mere awareness or acknowledgement of right and wrong do not give us right standing before God.

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- As human beings, we may recognize God's righteous standards and condemn evil, but we still fail to live up to those standards.
- God's justice is impartial.
  - He rewards good and punishes evil.
- On our own, we cannot escape judgment for the evil that we commit.