

God Is a ... Judge

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1. God is the Judge.

God is an honest judge. He is angry with the wicked every day.

Psalm chapter 7, verse 11 (417)

But who can teach a lesson to God, since he judges even the most powerful.

Job chapter 21, verse 22 (402)

What kind of Judge is God?

2. God is a powerful judge.

Our God approaches and he is not silent. Fire devours everything in his way, and a great storm rages around him. He calls on the Heavens above and the earth below to witness the judgment of his people. "Bring my faithful people to me- those who made a covenant with me by giving sacrifices." Then let the heavens proclaim his justice, for God himself will be the judge.

Psalm chapter 50, verses 3-6 (436)

3. A judge who does not measure sin.

You may think you can condemn such people, but you are just as bad and you have no excuse! When you say they are wicked and should be punished, you are condemning yourself, for you who judge others do these very same things.

Romans chapter 2, verse 1 (858)

- All of us have a tendency to measure sin.
- My "little white lie" required Jesus' sacrifice just as much as the sin of adultery.
- Some sin has greater consequences than others but all sin is an offense to God.

4. A judge who does not condone sin.

And we know that God, in his justice, will punish anyone who does such things. Do you think that God will judge and condemn others for doing them and not judge you when you do them, too? Romans chapter 2, verse 3 (858)

- ✓ God determines what sin is.
- ✓ God's standard will not change no matter how much culture changes.
- ✓ Every person must examine the bible to learn what is expected of them.
- ✓ The Holy Spirit convicts us of sin and prompts us to repentance.

5. A judge who loves mercy.

Don't you realize how kind, tolerant, and patient God is with you? Or don't you care? Can't you see how kind he has been in giving you time to turn from your sin?

Romans chapter 2, verse 4 (858)

- ✓ All of us have been the recipients of God's mercy.
- ✓ Never underestimate the power mercy and forgiveness.
- ✓ God will continue to wait for you to turn to Him.
- ✓ "the LORD has already told you what is good, and this is what he requires: to do what is right, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God." Micah 6:8

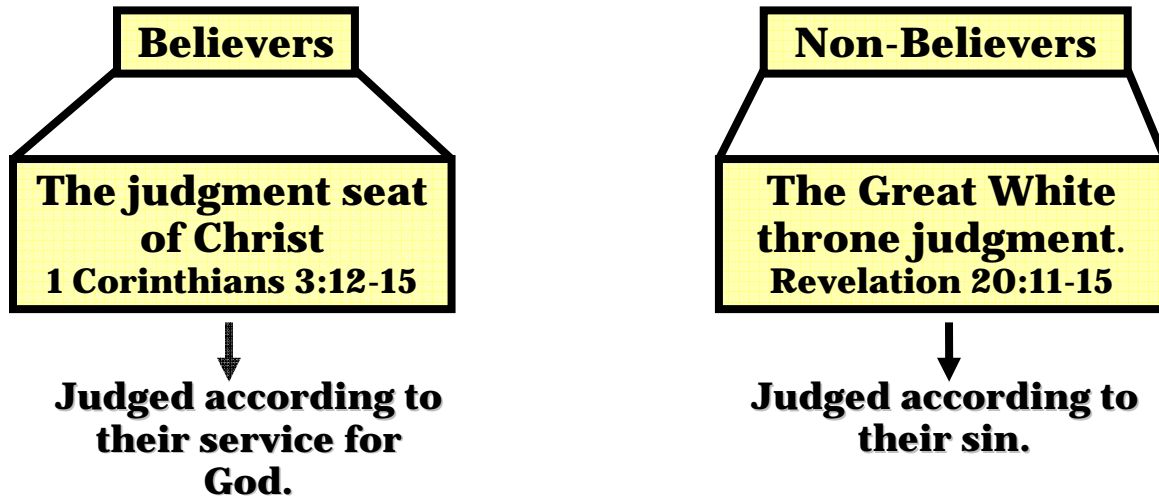
Would those who are close with you say that you love mercy?

6. A judge who holds us accountable.

For a day of anger is coming, when God's righteous judgment will be revealed. He will judge everyone according to what they have done.

Romans chapter 2, verse 4 (858)

God will judge each person after Christ returns.



7. A judge who hates injustice

Do not rob the poor just because you can, or exploit the needy in court. For the LORD is their defender. He will ruin anyone who ruins them. Proverbs chapter 22, verses 22-23. (497)

Christians are to be instruments of justice for the:

- ✓ Poor
- ✓ Oppressed
- ✓ Lost
- ✓ Sick & Dying

God did not send his Son into the world to judge the world, but to save the world through Him. John chapter 3, verse 17 (811)