

# L7: The Message of the Ambassador Pt. 3 - The Truth of God's Judgment

## Introduction:

- We are "ambassadors for Christ"
  - We "beseech" on behalf of God, in the stead of Christ
  - We are to be "bold" ambassadors
    - The counteraction to "fear" and "shame"
      - The gospel of Christ is the power of God unto salvation
      - The work of ambassadorship increases our experience and confidence
      - Much assurance that God's much more love provides
- The Message of the Ambassador
  - The Gospel of Christ
  - Not gimmicks, not pragmatist where method is supreme instead of message
    - It isn't whatever works - entertainment, endless programs, no worldly quips
      - We do not participate in the gospel with fleshly means to produce spiritual results
      - That which is born of the flesh is flesh and that which is born of the spirit is spirit
    - No church marketing scheme, no degree of salesmanship justifies an individual
    - Evangelism isn't some marketing challenge, it isn't about selling, amusing, or comfortability
      - This is pragmatism, this is Corinthianism
      - Trusting worldly devices abandons the power of the Spirit
        - 1 Corinthians 2 - the demonstration of the Spirit of God
        - The gospel of Christ is the power of God and faith in it is the determining factor for salvation.
  - Charles Spurgeon
    - ***"Doth that man love his Lord who would be willing to see Jesus wearing a crown of thorns, while for himself he craves a chaplet of laurel? Shall Jesus ascend to his throne by the cross, and do we expect to be carried there on the shoulders of applauding crowds? Be not so vain in your imagination. Count you the cost, and if you are not willing to bear Christ's cross, go away to your farm and to your merchandise, and make the most of them; only let me whisper this in your ear, "What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?"***
  - The Gospel of Christ
    - The Truth of God - Where we begin/where we start our leading/the point they need to repent
    - Sin & Death - In view of man being without excuse about the truth of God, there is sin and death
    - The Truth of the Judgment of God

## Preview:

- The Message of the Ambassador (where to next?)
  - The Truth of the Judgment of God

- Not only will there be a judgment
- The judgment is according to truth

**Sermon:**

**Deut. 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."**

The Judgment of God

- The decision of God's sentence of a man by determination of His mind upon the comparing and ascertaining of numerous matters according to His truth.
  - Judgment thus proceeds from God and thus compared to God, that which one is and does is satisfying to God is just, that which one isn't and does isn't satisfying to God is unjust.
  - Upon such a judgment His sentence is that of either eternal life or everlasting destruction from His presence of the Lord.
  - The judgment of God has always been mistaken and misconstrued, for reasons such as:
    - Appearing by man as unfair (wrest own judgment)
    - God's gracious delay of bringing for its finality
      - Ecc. 5:8 - "If thou seest the oppression of the poor, and violent perverting of judgment and justice in a province, marvel not at the matter: for he that is higher than the highest regardeth; and there be higher than they."
- Examine verses about the truth, the certainty and verity of God's coming judgment
  - **From Adam to Moses**
    - Jude 14-15
  - **From Moses to Christ**
    - Deut. 1:17 - judgment understood under the law, heavenly to be understood in view of earthly
    - Deut. 16:19 - God doesn't wrest judgment
    - Deut. 17:8 - God is able to judge in the hardest of matters (no leniency)
    - Deut. 24:17 - No perversion in God's judgment (Job 8:3)
    - Ps. 7:6ff
    - Ps. 9:7 - judge in righteousness
    - Ecc. 11:9 - know...God will bring thee into judgment.
    - Isa. 5:16 - "But the LORD of hosts shall be exalted in judgment, and God that is holy shall be sanctified in righteousness."
    - Daniel 7:9-14 - judgment to Christ
    - Mal. 2:17 - where is judgment? (Matt. 3)
    - Matthew 10:15 - "day of judgment"
      - Matt. 12:36
      - John 5:22, 27, 30
    - The Day of Judgment
      - The Judgment Seat of Christ

The Body of Christ	all believers justified during DOG	after the rapture	Rom. 14, 1 Cor. 3, 2 Cor. 5
The Living Nation of Israel	wick & slothful good & faithful	At second coming	Matt. 25:14-30
The Living Nations	Blessed Israel Cursed Israel  *reserves the just from cursed nations	At second coming after the house of God	Matt. 25:31-46
The Great White Throne	Judgment of unjustified dead	After 1000 year (Millennial Kingdom) kingdom	Revelation 21:9-15

- 1 Peter 4:17-18

**Acts 17:30-31 - "And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent: because He hath appointed a day in the which He will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom He hath ordained; whereof He hath given assurance unto all men, in that He hath raised Him from the dead."**

**Romans 2:1-16**

**{Romans 2:1} Therefore thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest: for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest doest the same things.**

- **"Therefore thou art inexcusable, O man"**
  - Know of sin, know judgment (worthy of death)
  - No excuse with the truth of God
  - No excuse regarding sin and death
- **"whosoever thou art that judgest"**
  - Paul is assuming here, giving us some great insight
  - Men will be thinking and making judgments, comparing thought for thought
  - Judgment they will make concerning sin is by comparing themselves in view of another
- **"for wherein thou judgest another"**
  - They will ascribe there system of judgment upon God
- **"thou condemnest thyself"**
  - God turns there judgment upon them
  - Oh, the for envious the murderer is worse, for the whisperer the backbiter is worse, for the proud the boaster is worse, for the child the parent is worse....
- **"for thou that judgest doest the same things."**
  - You think others are worse, but the judger does the same things
  - The Judge doesn't do these things

**{Romans 2:2} But we are sure that the judgment of God is according to truth against them which commit such things.**

- **"But we are sure"** - surety, infallible, logical concerning the Godhead
- **"that the judgment of God is according to truth"**
  - Judgment of God isn't according to our righteousness, more or less of someone else's, that is a unjust balance (Prov. 11:1, 16:11, 20:23)
  - That which is, or was, or will be (that which is correct, real)
    - I am the way, the truth, and the life
  - Standard the same for all
- **"against them which commit such things."**
  - God's judgment is against them that commit sin

**{Romans 2:3} And thinkest thou this, O man, that judgest them which do such things, and doest the same, that thou shalt escape the judgment of God?**

- **"And thinkest thou this, O man"** - here is what man is really thinking
- **"that judgest them which do such things, and doest the same"**
  - Sin, unrighteousness
- **"that thou shalt escape the judgment of God?"**
  - Thinking is attempt to escape the judgment of God
  - Cannot escape it
- Paul's use of questions
  - Leading questions
  - Questions are a carrier of light to provoke the soul
  - Why?
    - Prov. 28:5 - "Evil men understand not judgment: but they that seek the LORD understand all things."
  - May get them to finally ask you questions, thus listen to your answer

**{Romans 2:4} Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?**

- **"Or despisest thou the riches of His goodness and forbearance and longsuffering;"**
  - God's delay of judgment (which will be brought into question {2 Peter 3:1-12})
  - God's delay of judgment isn't a manifestation (as it is with man) of forgetfulness, but of "goodness and forbearance and longsuffering"

- "not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?"
  - Goodness of God
    - His delay
    - His rain (Acts 14:15-17)
      - The removal of this "goodness" will not mean man will not "repent", but you do not have God's leading to "repent"
    - His redemption
  - Example of God's love
    - The way people think of God's love is unjust
      - They don't really mean love, they mean corruption
        - Pardon sin without punishment
        - Beneficial to one pardoned, but no one else, not the one you committed sin against or those it effects
        - Example of David?
      - God's love is that He pardons, but not without punishment, but with punishment and that upon His Son
        - He takes our penalty!!!

**{Romans 2:5} But after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God;**

- **"But after thy hardness and impenitent heart"**
  - The fruit of not changing your mind and thus believing
  - John 3:14-21
  - Men are not condemned because they don't believe in Christ
    - Men are condemned already because their deeds are evil (extra condemnation)
      - John 8:56
      - Matt. 10:12-15; 11:20-24
    - John 8:24
  - **"hardness"** - the quality of bodies which resists impression
    - Romans 9 - Pharaoh
  - **"impenitent"** - contrite, affected by a sense of guilt by the truth of God's judgment of sin
    - "heart" - Their heart is hard and impenitent because of the love of their vain imaginations, and vile affection, and doing things not convenient
- **"treasurest up unto thyself wrath"**
  - The clinging to that which is vain and vile, that which is unclean "treasures...wrath"
  - Amass, to store
- **"against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God;"**
  - If the rapture takes place today, they will experience the day of wrath, or if they die the equivalent thereof in hell and then await in both cases the righteous judgment of God that they assumed wouldn't come.

**Conclusion:**