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PART TWO - The Creator, a Worthy Confidant
Lesson 3, God is Righteous

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Righteousness = Being completely right. Never wrong. Meeting the standards of what is right and just. Goodness, uprightness, integrity, morality and purity.

Deals Righteously = He sets things right. He deals justly. He sets all things right in the end. God makes all things as they ought to be.

Psalm 9 tells us that “He judges rightly.” It tells us that “He made the wicked perish.” And “He does not forsake those who seek Him.”

Psalm 71 says “ In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me. You are my hope. Your righteousness, oh God, reaches the high heavens.

In the Old Testament, righteousness is associated with God’s covenant. God was faithful to fulfill His promises to His people. He is right and just.

In the New Testament, we see the fulfillment of God’s plan of righteous judgement when He judged His own Son for the sins of the world.

In order for God to judge righteously, He must abide by His own standard with perfection. The guilty are rightly judged and sentenced and the innocent are judged and declared perfect in His sight. Since Jesus took our sins upon Himself, He was judged rightly by God's Holy standard.

God's plan - God created perfection in the garden- Satan came in and disrupted the perfection and now we live in a world of mad bees!!

Romans 1:17 *-For in it (the Gospel) the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."*

Man's sin - The state of sinful man. The bee hives are upset and the bees are mad! Romans 1:18-23 *18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. 19 For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. 20 For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. 21 For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. 22 Claiming to be wise, they became fools, 23 and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things.*

Romans 3:10 *as it is written: "None is righteous, no, not one"*

Romans 3:23 *for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,*

Fallen world - We live in a fallen world! The hives have been upset and disrupted and I'm sorry but you are going to get stung! The bees are mad!!

Romans 3:9-19 *9 What then? Are we Jews any better off? No, not at all. For we have already charged that all, both Jews and Greeks, are under sin, 10 as it is written: "None is righteous, no, not one;*

11 no one understands; no one seeks for God.

12 All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one."

13 "Their throat is an open grave; they use their tongues to deceive." "The venom of asps is under their lips."

14 "Their mouth is full of curses and bitterness."

15 "Their feet are swift to shed blood;

16 in their paths are ruin and misery,

17 and the way of peace they have not known."

18 "There is no fear of God before their eyes."

19 Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God.

God's plan for redemption - For each one who has accepted Christ as their Savior are at this moment declared righteous. This is a positional righteousness. Our identity is in Christ.

Romans 5:18-19 *18 Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. 19 For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.*

Faith vs Law - The bees cannot set things right on their own. It is impossible. Likewise we do not become righteous by our works, but by faith in the One who can, Jesus Christ.

Romans 3:20-26 *For no one can ever be made right with God by doing what the law commands. The law simply shows us how sinful we are.*

21 But now God has shown us a way to be made right with him without keeping the requirements of the law, as was promised in the writings of Moses and the prophets long ago. 22 We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are.

23 For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard. 24 Yet God, with undeserved kindness, declares that we are righteous. He did this through Christ Jesus when he freed us from the penalty for our sins. 25 For God presented Jesus as the sacrifice for sin. People are made right with God when they believe that Jesus sacrificed his life, shedding his blood. This sacrifice shows that God was being fair when he held back and did not punish those who sinned in times past, 26 for he was looking ahead and including them in what he would do in this present time. God did this to demonstrate his righteousness, for he himself is fair and just, and he declares sinners to be right in his sight when they believe in Jesus. (NLT)

Romans 4:13 -*13 Clearly, God's promise to give the whole earth to Abraham and his descendants was based not on his obedience to God's law, but on a right relationship with God that comes by faith. (NLT)*

God's children declared righteous - Jesus was raised to life to make us right with God. We are clothed with the righteousness of Christ.

Romans 4:22-5:2 - *22 And because of Abraham's faith, God counted him as righteous. 23 And when God counted him as righteous, it wasn't just for Abraham's benefit. It was recorded 24 for our benefit, too, assuring us that God will also count us as righteous if we believe in him, the one who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead. 25 He was handed over to die because of our sins, and he was raised to life to make us right with God. (NLT)*

2 Corinthians 5:21 For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

The word will be set right - What is the result of God's righteousness? God has set us right and He will one day set the world right again.

1 Corinthians 15:55-57

Revelation 21:1-7 - 1 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. 2 And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. 4 He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

5 And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

6 And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. 7 The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son."

**Canaan was the promised land for Israel - Heaven is our promised land -
The land flowing with milk and honey.**

Psalm 19

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*The law of the Lord is perfect,
refreshing the soul.*

*The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy,
making wise the simple.*

8

*The precepts of the Lord are right,
giving joy to the heart.*

*The commands of the Lord are radiant,
giving light to the eyes.*

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*The fear of the Lord is pure,
enduring forever.*

*The decrees of the Lord are firm,
and all of them are righteous.*

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*They are more precious than gold,
than much pure gold;
they are sweeter than honey,
than honey from the honeycomb.*