The Righteous Judge God's Way Is Man's Stay - (# 4) October 9, 2022 OPENING SCRIPTURE: Psalm 75:1-10 KEY VERSE: Psalm 75:7

TEXT: Matthew 12:36-42 **KEY VERSE:** Genesis 18:25

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Some people love their job or accomplishments in life more than they love God. Some people love their car or their house more than they love God. Some people love money more than they love God.

There are plenty of things that we can love, and they are many things that it is O.K. to love, but there is nothing that we should love more than God.

(See Mark 11:29-31)

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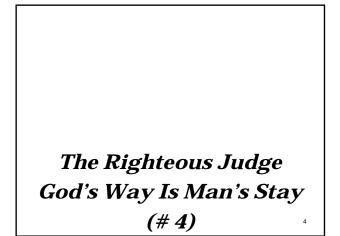
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God is still on His throne, and His Word will have the final say.



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1) Man's Injustice.

The men of Nineveh shall rise in judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: because they repented at the preaching of Jonas; and, behold, a greater than Jonas *is* here. (Matthew 12:41)

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And I say unto you my friends, Be not afraid of them that kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do. (Luke 12:4)

Jesus is encouraging His followers not to fear such evil ones, but to reverence God alone.

References:

Exodus 1:8-10

Exodus 1:11

Exodus 1:14

Exodus 1:16

Today a similar injustice is perpetrated worldwide by political and medical leaders and parents who seek to escape the responsibility of conception.

References:

Matthew 2:16-18

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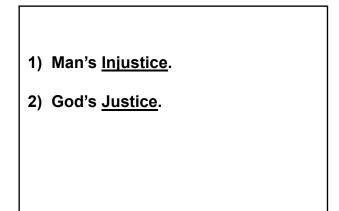
David's counsel to his son Solomon is good for all of us to practice.

The God of Israel said, the Rock of Israel spake to me, He that ruleth over men *must be* just, ruling in the fear of God. (2 Samuel 23:3)

References:

Genesis 6:8

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36 But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. 37 For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned. (Matthew 12:36-37)

Be certain of the ultimate justice for God's kingdom and people is established on justice and judgment. 16

Of the increase of *his* government and peace *there shall be* no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this. (Isaiah 9:7)

One can hope for justice in the world, but one can depend on justice with God.

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References:

Ecclesiastes 12:14

Christians directly experience God's justice in breaking Satan's bondage. God is not an evil tyrant watching for someone to slip up so that He can doom them to damnation. God loves, forgives and He saves!

References: Exodus 34:6-7

1 John 1:9

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For thou, Lord, *art* good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee. (Psalm 86:5)

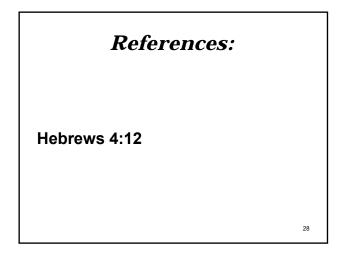
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Isaiah 11:3-4

Psalm 19:9

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

God's judgment is righteous because He knows all things. 25



And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward *is* with me, to give every man according as his work shall be. (Revelation 22:12)

References:

2 Corinthians 5:10

1 John 4:17

The focus of the world's attention is often ungodly.

Christians must not let the headlines dictate their standards. Even if the righteous are few in number, they are the salt in an ungodly world and must not surrender their righteousness.

> So the last shall be first, and the first last: for many be called, but few chosen. (Matthew 20:16)

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