

(1) Therefore you have no excuse, O man, every one of you who judges. For in passing judgment on another you condemn yourself, because you, the judge, practice the very same things. We know that the judgment of God rightly falls on those who practice such things. Do you suppose, O man -- you who judge those who practice such things and do them yourself --- that you will escape the judgment of God? Or do you presume on the riches of His kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance?

(5) But because of your hard and impenitent heart you are storing up wrath for **yourself** on the day of wrath when God's righteous judgment will be revealed. He will render to each one according to his works: to those who by patience in well-doing seek for glory and honor and immortality, He will give eternal life; but for those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, there will be wrath and fury.

(9) There will be tribulation and distress for every human being who does evil, the Jew first and also the Greek, but glory and honor and peace for everyone who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek. For God shows no partiality.

Think on These Things

- 1) Chapter 1 finished describing the sinful turn of mankind by rejecting God as Creator. Chapter 2 begins with a warning. Who is being warned, and why?

- 2) Some Christians believe it is never right to judge others. Read Matthew 7:1-5; Romans 14:1-13, 17-19; and 1 Corinthians 14:1-4 with Matthew 18:15-17, 1 Corinthians 6:1-5, Galatians 6:1-5, and James 5:19-20. What do you think about judging after reading these passages?

- 3) The flaw of judgment exposed in verses 1-3 here in Romans 2 is what? What do we call people who do this (see Matthew 5:7 and 23:27-28)? What presumption is scary (v. 3b)?

4) How does someone despise God's riches (v.4)? Consider 2 Peter 3:8-9 in your answer.

5) When Paul speaks to stubborn and unrepentant hearts in v.5, who is he speaking about, the sinners of Romans 1 or people judging them in Romans 2? Explain, remembering who Paul is writing this letter to. What are they doing to themselves for God's Day of Wrath & Judgment?

6) In the Book of Life used at the Great White Throne judgment (Revelation 20:11-15), the unbelieving world will be judged according to works because their names are not recorded within. How are Christian works judged (see Ephesians 2:8-10 and 1 Corinthians 3:10-15)?

7) To whom will God give glory & honor (v.7), and to whom will God show wrath & anger (v.8)? What do those who practice evil now --- as they live --- get to look forward to in v.9?

8) What do you make of the phrase, "to the Jew first, and also to the Greek"? See v.11, and consider 1 Peter 4:15-19.

People and situations I want to pray for this week: