

“Lessons on Judgment”

Text: Romans 2:11-15

Scripture reading: Philippians 3:1-16

I. All will be judged – vv. 11-12

A) God judges impartially – vs. 11

B) God judges equitably – vs. 12 (Lk. 12:42-48; Matt. 11:20-24)

II. All are self-condemned – vv. 13-15

A) Failure to be doers of the external law – vs. 13 (Jas. 2:8-10)

B) Failure to be doers of the internal law – vv. 14-15

1. The law written on the heart

2. Their consciences testify against them

3. The thoughts accuse them (Is. 55:8-9)

Application:

1) The believer is given much, we ought to _____.

2) The believer is given much, we must _____.

3) The believer is given much, we should _____.

“He that hath a blind conscience which sees nothing, a dead conscience that feels nothing, and a dumb conscience that says nothing is in as miserable a condition as a man can be in on this side of hell.”

-Philip Henry; 1631-1696 (Matthew Henry’s father)

SERMON QUOTES:

I. All will be judged

A) God judges impartially

Martin Lloyd-Jones,

“It is very difficult for any human being to give an honest or impartial judgment. ...We are not only more lenient with ourselves than we are with other people, we tend to shield our families and our relatives and our friends, or people who belong to the same social circle, the same class, the same group or the same country. We are biased, we are prejudiced, and because we are like that, we tend to think that God is the same.”

B) God judges equitably

Leon Morris,

“People are judged according to the light they have, not according to the light they do not have.”

James M. Boice,

“In my judgment, the most important teaching in this verse (vs. 5) is that the wrath of God is proportionate to human sin, in the sense that those who sin much will be punished much and that those who sin less will be punished less.”

II. All are self-condemned – vv. 13-15

A) Failure to be doers of the external law

Donald Grey Barnhouse, *“The sinner is in a lost condition and position. God contracts, on the basis of His love in accordance with His Sovereign grace, to remove the guilt of your sin from you, place it upon the Lord Jesus as Saviour; there punish it to the full, and in consequence of that perfect substitutionary atonement, He promises to look upon you as being in Christ justified forever.”*

B) Failure to be doers of the internal law

2. Their consciences testify against them

Robert Haldane

“Knowledge shows what is right; the conscience approves of it and condemns the contrary.”

3. Their thoughts accuse them

Donald G. Barnhouse,

Men *“...think that God is going to judge on the same basis that underlies our human courts. Human law proceeds on the assumption that a man is not a thief until he has stolen, he is not a murderer until he has actually killed. ...God’s verdict is that the man steals because he is a thief at heart, he kills because he is a murderer at heart.”*

Application:

Martin Lloyd-Jones, *“The more we have grown in grace and advanced in the knowledge of the Lord, again the greater our responsibility. ...We are preparing for our eternity.”*

Donald G. Barnhouse, *“The apostle (Paul) is horrified at the thought that anyone might for even a moment think it possible to be a believer and a wallower at the same time.”*