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Romans 2:3; So when you, a mere man, pass judgment on them and yet do the same things, do not think that you will escape God's judgment?

God's Judgment vs self righteous judgement

By Evangelist Dennis A. Palma

Almighty God up above, may we all again give thanks and praise and bless You Lord, for being our Abba Father. May we all embrace Your Will with a spirit of understanding, obedience, patience, and faithfulness. Lord may we never forget that You are our Alfa Omega, our A to Z, the Lord of lords and the King of kings. Lord, may we never loose sight of what You have done for us, with the death and resurrection of Your Son and our Savior, Christ Jesus. Father, I pray that Your love, grace and mercy be with all of us. Lord, please help us find Your Peace in these dark and uncertain times. Lord, may Your Divine Holy Spirit continue to guide and direct us to Your Heavenly Light. Father I ask all this in Jesus Name,Amen. This months inspired message has to do with God's Judgment vs self righteous judgment. When I say God's Judgment, I am talking about the judgment that awaits all who choose to turn their backs on God. This wrathful judgment God has set aside for man, since the beginning of time when man first fell into sin. The purpose for this judgment is for those who defy God's Will. When I say defying God's Will, I mean treating God as if He never existed. Turning against everything God stands for. Never having any time for God. Having a hatred and disobedience for God Will. By not believing in God's Word, we set ourselves up for God's Wrath. The more we learn about God's Wrath, the more we will understand the eternal price we will eventually have to pay for our continual defiance. It is written in Psalms 128:1; Blessed are all who fear the Lord, who walk in His Ways. The fear of the Lord is the only way we can truly understand the seriousness of God's Wrath. We all need to understand, that the fear of the Lord and the love of the God go hand and hand. Also, we need to understand, that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of spiritual wisdom! This fear of the Lord, will help us stay out of trouble from conforming to the evil ways of this world. God's fear equals respect, respect then turns into love for what God has done for us! I believe that all human beings created in God's image, have a basic moral nature and a conscience. This truth is understood beyond religious circles. Psychologist for example, say that the rare person who has no conscience has a serious personality disorder that is extremely difficult to treat. Most people instinctively know when they are doing wrong—but they may not care. Some people will even risk an early death for the freedom to indulge their desires now.

I know it's wrong but I really want it," They also say; or" I know it's dangerous but it's worth the risk."

For such people, part of the "fun" is going against God's Law; the community's moral standards, common sense, or their own sense of right and wrong. But deep down inside they know sin deserves the punishment of death. In Romans 6:23 it is written; For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

On the other side of the coin there is man's self righteous judgment. A self righteous judgment is a worldly judgment, carnal in nature. We are all guilty from time to time of carnality. Whenever we find ourselves feeling justifiably angry about someone's sin, we should be very careful. We need to speak out about sin, but we must do so in the spirit of humility. Often the sins we notice most clearly in others are the one's that have taken root in us. If we look closely at ourselves, we may find that we are committing the same sins in more socially acceptable forms. For example, a person who gossips may be very critical to others who may gossip about him or her. I know from years of gossip in my own life, how one sided my perception was about other peoples sins. I was too busy judging others, and never could see clearly about my own personal sins. Since God has saved me from my evil self. He has been helping me to be more aware of how easy it is to get caught up in my own self righteousness. Before God, I could not see how damaging it was to be judgmental. God helped to show me what a real hypocrite I really was, through spiritual enlightenment! In Matthew 7:1-2 it is written; "Do not judge, or you too will be judged. For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you. Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your bother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye?

I believe that every human being on this earth at some point in time, has been judgmental! For most of us, it first starts out in our minds as an innocent perception. From there without the word of God's Holy Spiritual Indwelling, it starts to become automatic. Once it becomes automatic, it starts to snow ball until we loose sight of our own sin nature.

God's Divine Word, can be so insightful when it comes to the real truth. We can make all the excuses in the world for our sinful ways, but the truth will set us spiritually free! In order for anyone of us to make a change in the way we look at and judge people, we must first know the "Living Truth". And that <u>Living Truth</u>, is the "Divine Word of God."

Let us pray. Father thank You for this month's inspired word. Lord may we all try and remember that it is not only sinful to judge others, but hypocritical! Lord, may Your Holy Spirit remind us when we start to become judgmental. Father, may we also try and remember that all judgment comes from You and You alone. Father, please help us to be more passionate to our fellow brothers and sisters. Lord, please help us to have more love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self control. Father, I ask this prayer in Jesus name,......Amen.



JESUS CALLING

By Sarah Young

WHEN YOU APPROACH ME in stillness and in trust, you are strengthened. You need a buffer zone of silence around you in order to focus on things that are unseen. Since I am invisible, you must not let your senses dominate your thinking. The curse of this age is overstimulation of the senses, which blocks out awareness of the unseen world.

The tangible world still reflects My Glory, to those who have eyes that see and ears that hear. Spending time alone with Me is the best way to develop seeing eyes and hearing ears. The goal is to be aware of unseen things even as you live out your life in a visible world.

Many voices clamor for your attention, trying to divert you to another path. But I have called you to walk ever so closely with Me, soaking in My Presence, living in My Peace. This is my unique design for you, planned before the world began. (2 Corinthians 4:18); (Psalm 130:5)

PROVERBIAL THOUGHTS FOR AUGUST

Proverbs 16:6; Through love and faithfulness sin is atoned for; through the fear of the Lord a man avoids evil.

Proverbs 15:33; The fear of the Lord teaches a man wisdom and humility comes before honor.



THE MINISTRY DAILY PRAYER LIST

Please pray daily with this ministry for; Cole Brandt, Janet Neil, Bob McCormick, Greg Achinko Sr. Joe Lakes, Dorthy Leary, Johanna Tyson, The Wilson Family, The Wade Family, Greg Dubrois, Joy Valeri, Joe Longo, The Stein Family, The DeAngelo Family, Jonathan Baker, Andria Arceneaux, Earnie Carbone, Christine Palma. Also a daily prayer for; The sick, the poor, the homeless, the helpless, the hopeless, the lost souls, the persecuted, the hungry, the weary, the lame, the broken hearted, the poor in spirit, the anger, the hatred, the violence, the corruption, the greed, the selfishness, the fornications, the coveting, etc, around the world!

Furthermore; a prayer for all the victims of devastations from famine, fires, floods, earthquakes, tornados, wars etc.

Heavenly Father, may Your Grace, Love, and Mercy be with these victims in their time of great need. May Your Heavenly Light be upon them all in Christ Jesus name......Amen.

Well my brothers and sisters in the Lord, I hope this months inspired message helps us all to continue to grow stronger in the grace of our Lord and Savior Christ Jesus. With God's help, I hope to write another inspired message next month!