**“God’s Righteous Judgment”**

**(Romans 2)**

**This morning we will resume our study of the book of Romans by doing**

**a “close reading” of the second chapter of this great treatise.  We’ll be**

**reminded of Paul’s teaching about the very important topic of God’s judgment as he speaks of…**

**I. REBUKE for Improper Judgment  (1-5)**

*(Matthew 7:1-5; Romans 14:4; James 2:10; 1 Corinthians 2:15; 6:1-3)*

1. **REALITY of Impartial Judgment (6-11)**

*(Proverbs 24:12; Jeremiah 17:10; Matthew 16:27; Revelation 20:12; 22:12)*

1. **REASONS for Impending Judgment (12-16)**

*(Galatians 3:24; James 1:22; Genesis 1:26a; 1 Corinthians 4:5)*

1. **RELIGION and Improbable Judgment (17-29)**

*(Psalm 51:6, 16-17; John 8:33; Matthew 3:9; 15:7-8; 23:25-28)*

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**Small Group Discussion Guide**

**1. Share something from Sunday’s sermon that was the most**

**interesting or challenging to you, or that raised a question.**

**2. Romans 2:1-5 is a rebuke against a judgmental attitude. How can**

**we “hate sin” but avoid a superior or arrogant attitude toward**

**other sinful people?  (See Matthew 7:1-5)**

**3. Romans 2:6-11 says God will judge man by his works. If salvation**

**is by faith alone (Romans 3:28; Ephesians 2:8-9), why is God’s**

**judgment of people always based on their works?**

**4. Read Romans 2:12-16.  Why did God give people a conscience?**

**What can we do to make sure our conscience is pleasing to God?**

**5. Notice the continual emphasis on the coming day of judgment and**

**wrath in Romans 2:3, 5-6, 8-9, 16.  How should this truth motivate**

**us?**

**6. Romans 2:17-29 warns that religious ritual can be misleading.**

**When is religious ritual good and when is it not good?  Which is**

**more important, the message we preach or the life we live? Why?**

**Digging Deeper**

**1. Note Paul’s great love and respect for the Jewish people in Romans**

**9:1-5 and Romans 10:1-4.  How did Paul escape the folly of trusting**

**in his own heritage and good works according to Philippians 3:3-9?**

**2. Read the following verses and note how God always emphasized**

**the importance of a “heart-relationship” with Him, even while**

**obeying Him with outward rituals.  Deuteronomy 6:5-6; 10:12,**

**16-17; 11:13; 13:3; 30:6; 32:46; Psalm 51:6, 16-17; Matthew 15:7-**

**8; 22:36-40; and Romans 10:9-10.**

**3. Read Romans 1-3, and then focus on Rom.3:1-8. How do these**

**verses relate to the thought at the end of Romans 2? Jot down**

**your observations and questions on Romans 3:1-8.**