

# What God Sees in Judgment

**Romans 2:1-16**

*But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The Lord does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."* **1 Samuel 16:7**

*The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness,* **Romans 1:18**

## Five Criteria God Uses for Judging a Person

### 1. God will judge us by the \_\_\_\_\_ we impose on other people.

*You, therefore, have no excuse, you who pass judgment on someone else, for at whatever point you judge the other, you are condemning yourself, because you who pass judgment do the same things.* **Romans 2:1**

*"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.* **Matthew 7:1-2**

*Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us.* **Luke 11:4**

### Two kinds of people this principle speaks to:

1. Those of us who have a \_\_\_\_\_ nature  
—We have a tendency to criticize in others what we despise in ourselves.
2. Preachers and \_\_\_\_\_ of the Bible

*you, then, who teach others, do you not teach yourself? You who preach against stealing, do you steal? You who say that people should not commit adultery, do you commit adultery? You who abhor idols, do you rob temples?* **Romans 2:21-22**

*You who brag about the law, do you dishonor God by breaking the law? As it is written: "God's name is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you."* **Romans 2:22-24**

*Not many of you should presume to be teachers, my brothers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly. James 3:1*

*So when you, a mere man, pass judgment on them and yet do the same things, do you think you will escape God's judgment? Romans 2:3*

## **2. God will judge us by our \_\_\_\_\_ towards His grace.**

*Five criteria God uses for judging a person.*

*Or do you show contempt for the riches of His kindness, tolerance and patience, not realizing that God's kindness leads you toward repentance? Romans 2:4*

*But because of your stubbornness and your unrepentant heart, you are storing up wrath against yourself for the day of God's wrath, when His righteous judgment will be revealed. Romans 2:5*

*From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; Luke 12:48*

## **3. God will judge according to our \_\_\_\_\_**

**—not just our knowledge.** *Five criteria God uses for judging a person.*

*God "will give to each person according to what he has done." Romans 2:6*

*All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags; Isaiah 64:6*

**The initial reaction of those who want to  
live for God will be that they'll accept Christ.**

*To those who by persistence in doing good seek glory, honor and immortality, he will give eternal life. Romans 2:7*

*But for those who are self-seeking and who reject the truth and follow evil, there will be wrath and anger. Romans 2:8*

**Judgment Day is going to be more than just a determining of our \_\_\_\_\_.**  
**It will be a meting out of rewards and Punishment**

*If any man builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, his work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each man's work. If what he has built survives, he will receive his reward. If it is burned up, he will suffer loss; he himself will be saved, but only as one escaping through the flames. **1 Cor. 3:12-15***

*How much more severely do you think a man deserves to be punished who has trampled the Son of God under foot, who has treated as an unholy thing the blood of the covenant that sanctified him, and who has insulted the Spirit of grace? **Hebrews 10:29***

**God is going to judge the Jews  
not just by their knowledge of the law, but by their actions.**

*For God does not show favoritism. **Romans 2:11***

*Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. **James 1:22***

**4. God is going to judge us according to  
what is available to us—namely our \_\_\_\_\_.**  
*Five criteria God uses for judging a person.*

*All who sin apart from the law will also perish apart from the law, and all who sin under the law will be judged by the law. **Romans 2:12***

*For it is not those who hear the law who are righteous in God's sight, but it is those who obey the law who will be declared righteous. **Romans 2:13***

*(Indeed, when Gentiles, who do not have the law, do by nature things required by the law, they are a law for themselves, even though they do not have the law, **Romans 2:14***

*since they show that the requirements of the law are written on their hearts, their consciences also bearing witness, and their thoughts now accusing, now even defending them.) **Romans 2:15***

*remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world. **Ephesians 2:12***

**5. God is going to judge us according to \_\_\_\_\_.**

*This will take place on the day when God will judge men's secrets through Jesus Christ, as my gospel declares. **Romans 2:16***

*The day will surely come when at God's command Jesus Christ will judge the secret lives of everyone, their inmost thoughts and motives; this is all part of God's great plan, which I proclaim. **Romans 2:16** (Living Bible)*

**If men praise you—you already have your \_\_\_\_\_.**  
**When you do good, do it secretly.**

*For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. **Hebrews 4:12***

*Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account. **Hebrews 4:13***

## **Two Take-Away Lessons from Romans 2:1-16**

1. Work at seeing people the way God \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Leave the ultimate \_\_\_\_\_ to God.

*Just as man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many people; and He will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for Him.  
**Hebrews 9:27-28***

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