

Maranatha Men's Training Camp

Abounding Grace

Romans: Becoming a Man of God

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Romans 2:1-11 – “Here Comes the Judge”

There is *only* one Lawgiver and Judge, the One who is able to save and to destroy; but who are you to judge your neighbor? (NASB) ...James 4:12

MAIN POINT

Our judging is wrong. God's judging is right.

1. In the previous section, *Romans 1-18-32* showed us how God reacts to being rejected by mankind: He “gives them over” to their own depravity...

The result is a long list of sins in vs. 29-32. This is an earthly judgment, however, it is not eternal punishment.

2. In *Romans 2:1-11*, Paul first condemns our judging others for the sins described in v. 29-32. He gives 3 reasons why:

- (1) we are likely to be _____ when we judge others,
- (2) because it is for _____, and
- (3) judging is as much a _____ as that which is being judged.

3. He then identifies 5 reasons why God's eternal _____ is right or just.

These five reasons are:

- (1) God is _____,
- (2), we make _____,
- (3), the _____ fits the crime,
- (4) we are judged according to our _____ and
- (5) God is _____.

FROM THE WORD

GROUP DISCUSSION

1. What stood out or spoke to you from tonight’s study?
2. Doesn’t the bible say to judge the truth from lies and other things along those lines? What does that mean, and what are your thoughts on that?
3. Can a Christian call out sin as sin without sinning? How?
4. Does *not judging* someone mean that you have to agree that what they are doing is good and right?
5. Can you judge the sin, but not the sinner? How?
6. If someone is sinning, can anyone approach the person or should you have some kind of relationship or authority to do that? In other words, when does appropriate exhortation become being a busybody?
7. Do you think that people who judge others are likely also to gossip? Slander? Not being edifying?

Bonus question: In a lot of places in Romans it makes it clear that we are made righteous before God, and that we are saved by faith, and not works. Here in Romans 2, Paul says that God’s judgment will be based on people’s deeds and the punishment will fit the crime.
...How does Paul reconcile these two points?

PLAN OF ACTION

What did you learn from this study and tonight's discussion that you can apply to your life this week?

Discuss your answer with your group...

1. What was most useful for you about this study?
2. What personal application or idea has God given you from this study? *...Share it with your Group*

READING PLAN

Wednesday: Acts 22:30 – 23:35
Thursday: Acts 24:1-27
Friday: Acts 25:1-27

Saturday: Acts 26:1-32
Sunday: Acts 27:1-44
Monday: Acts 28:1-31

MEMORY VERSE

“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that however believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him”.
...John 3:16-17 (ESV)

How do the **5 Principles for the Christian Man**, help equip you to apply this to your life?

Discuss your answer with your group...

- Prayer (*Relationship*)
- God’s Word (*Knowledge and Understanding*)
- Worship (*Adoration*)
- Fellowship (*Encouragement and Accountability*)
- Service (*Caring for Others, Action to your Belief*)