

The Book of Romans

The Gospel of God

Romans 2:4-5

The Righteous Judgment of God

Therefore, you are without excuse, O man, everyone of you who passes judgment, for in that which you judge another, you condemn yourself; for you who judge practice the same things.

²And we know that the judgment of God is according to truth against those who practice such things.

³But do you suppose this, O man, when you pass judgment on those who practice such things and do the same *yourself*, that you will escape the judgment of God?

⁴Or do you think lightly of the riches of His kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that the kindness of God leads you to repentance?

⁵But because of your stubbornness and unrepentant heart you are storing up wrath for yourself in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God;

⁶who WILL RENDER TO EACH PERSON ACCORDING TO HIS DEEDS:

(Romans 2:1-6)

Self-Righteous Moralist

- He is without excuse
- He is without escape

Self-Righteous Moralist

1. He Despises God's Kindness
 - he mistakes God's goodness and delay of judgment for indifference or approval
 - he uses God's goodness as opportunity for sin instead of repentance

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➤ *What is God's Forbearance?*

- a delay of the execution of God's wrath on sinners, a wrath He necessarily possess against sin
- God's patience both affords opportunity for, and is a summons to, repentance

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2. He Stores Up Wrath for Himself

- God's delay of judgment results in the increase of His wrath against unrepentant sinners
- God will justly recompense with eternal wrath unrepentant sinners for every sin

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Jonathan Edwards:

"Unawakened Sinners Heap Up to Themselves Wrath Against the Day of Wrath as Men are Wont to Heap Up Treasures"