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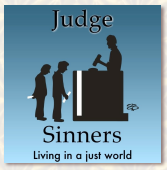

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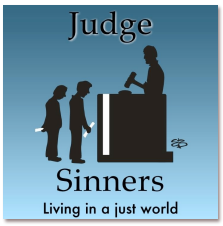
Judge - Sinners

The Lord God is Judge of the world. He brings judgment upon all who do not fully follow His laws. But who is perfect? No one. But it is exactly at this point that God's great and mighty love is seen when He reaches out to fallen, sinful man.



Values: righteousness and mercy

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Regarding the Rules

- Discomfort in the courtroom.
- God as Judge exacts perfect justice.
- He cannot overlook sins. He goes by the law.
- There is no mercy before God as Judge.
- Every sin, big and small, will be revealed and properly judged at the great Judgment Seat of Christ in the end.

"The Lord comes who will both bring to light the things hidden in the darkness and disclose the motives of men's hearts" (1 Corinthians 4:5).

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Our Goals

A God the righteous → All are guilty sinners

B Wrath Unleashed → Christ suffered judgment

C Mercy abounds → Be merciful to others

"And you know that He appeared in order to take away sins; and in Him there is no sin" (1 John 3:5).

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A God the Righteous

Appreciating God's standards

1) Understanding Justice

• Man often lowers the standard. "Not that bad." "Better than others."

2) God is light

"God is light and in Him there is no darkness whatsoever" (1 John 1:5).

"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23).

3) Our Unrighteousness

"All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy garment" (Isaiah 64:6).

(1) He does what he shouldn't.
(2) He doesn't do what he should.

4) A Rebellious Heart

"There is no one who calls on Thy name, who arouses himself to take hold of Thee" (Isaiah 64:7).

Humble yourself before God and acknowledge your guilt.

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B Wrath Unleashed

Rightly responding to God

1) Questions About God's Wrath

"For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men" (Romans 1:18).

• God's wrath is an intense anger against all forms of rebellion against His person and ways.

(1) Is God of the Old Testament the same as the God of NT?
(2) Can a loving God judge sinners?

2) God's Kindness And Severity

"Behold then the kindness and severity of God; to those who fell, severity, but to you, God's kindness" (Romans 11:22).

"Dealing out retribution to those who do not know God and to those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. And these will pay the penalty of eternal destruction..." (2 Thessalonians 1:8-9).

Have you repented from all your sins? Seek His grace now.

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C Mercy Abounds

Living Out God's Mercy

1) Understanding God's Mercy

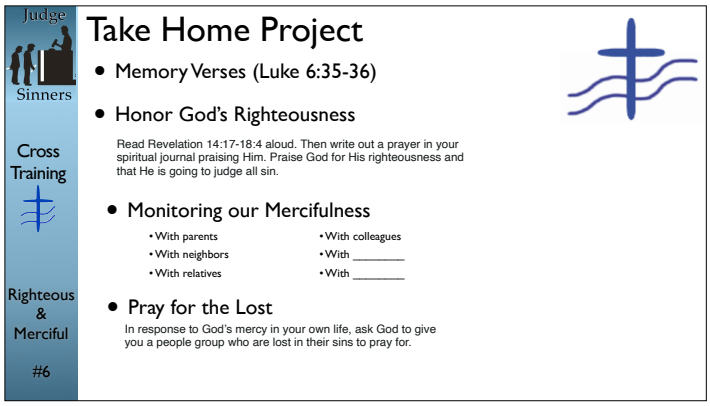
•If we don't appreciate God's wrath, that stems from His holiness, then we will not be able to grasp the crucial concept of mercy.

"You wicked slave, I forgave you all that debt because you entreated me. Should you not also have had mercy on your fellow slave, even as I had mercy on you? And his lord, moved with anger, handed him over to the torturers until he should repay all that was owed him. So shall My heavenly Father also do to you, if each of you does not forgive his brother from your heart" (Mat 18:32-35).

2) Mercy Is A Way Of Life

• Mercy is the willingness to treat a person in view of his weakness. The merciful person acts with compassion.

State the last two times you acted mercifully. What did you do?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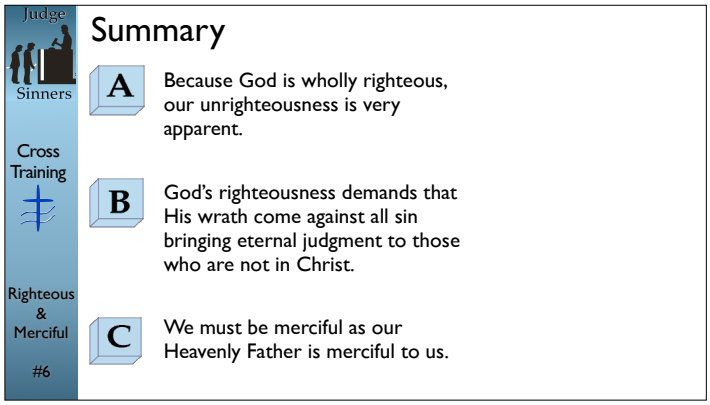
Take Home Project
• Memory Verses (Luke 6:35-36)
• Honor God's Righteousness
Read Revelation 14:17-18:4 aloud. Then write out a prayer in your spiritual journal praising Him. Praise God for His righteousness and that He is going to judge all sin.
• Monitoring our Mercifulness
• With parents
• With neighbors
• With relatives
• With colleagues
• With _____
• With _____
• Pray for the Lost
In response to God's mercy in your own life, ask God to give you a people group who are lost in their sins to pray for.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Summary
A
Because God is wholly righteous, our unrighteousness is very apparent.
B
God's righteousness demands that His wrath come against all sin bringing eternal judgment to those who are not in Christ.
C
We must be merciful as our Heavenly Father is merciful to us.

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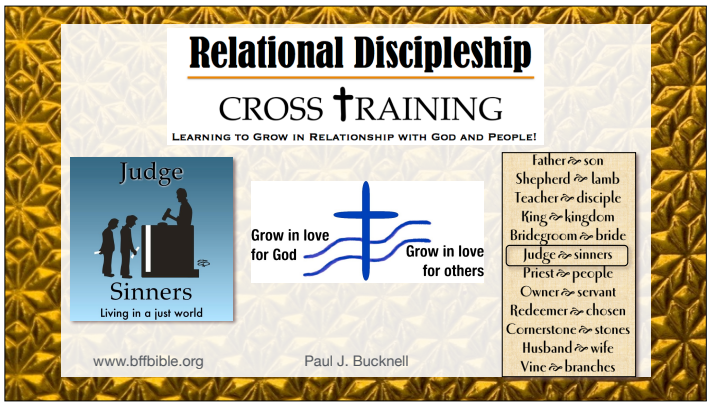
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