

AUTHORIZED: What About Sin, Judgment and Sickness? **Revelation 2:18-29**

Uncovering Misconceptions about the Judgments of God

- A misconception is that God is love and therefore does not judge anyone. The truth is that love does not preclude judgment; love requires judgment. If sin were not punished, it would spread.
- A misconception is that the God of the Old Testament was a God of judgment. In the New Testament God is revealed as our Savior. The truth is that both testaments reveal God as our Savior and our judge.
- A misconception is that God only judges indirectly. The truth is that God is shown repeatedly directly bringing judgment.

1. How Sin Increases

“Nevertheless I have a few things against you, because you allow that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, to teach and seduce My servants to commit sexual immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols.”
Revelation 2:20

“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.”
Romans 12:1-2

2. God Always Gives Time to Repent.

“And I gave her time to repent of her sexual immorality, and she did not repent.”
Revelation 2:21

“Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent, because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead.”
Acts 17:30-31

Luke 19:41-44

3. God Judges Leaders and Associates.

“Indeed I will cast her into a sickbed, and those who commit adultery with her into great tribulation, unless they repent of their deeds.”
Revelation 2:22

“Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. For this reason many are weak and sick among you, and many sleep. For if we would judge ourselves, we would not be judged. But when we are judged, we are chastened by the Lord, that we may not be condemned with the world.”
1 Corinthians 11:27-32

4. Judgment Falls Finally on Followers.

“I will kill her children with death, and all the churches shall know that I am He who searches the minds and hearts. And I will give to each one of you according to your works.” Revelation 2:23

Revelation 6:8

Deuteronomy 13:11

5. A Better Alternative: Holding Fast.

“Now to you I say, and to the rest in Thyatira, as many as do not have this doctrine, who have not known the depths of Satan, as they say, I will put on you no other burden. But hold fast what you have till I come. And he who overcomes, and keeps My works until the end, to him I will give power over the nations — ‘He shall rule them with a rod of iron; They shall be dashed to pieces like the potter's vessels’ — as I also have received from My Father; and I will give him the morning star. “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”” Revelation 2:24-29

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