

GOD IS GOOD.

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INTRO.:

A. Text: Romans 2:1-11.

B. Regarding the text:

1. **Chapter 1:**

- 1) Corruption brought about by the Gentile's wisdom.
- 2) **Rom. 1:16-17:** redemption is revealed in the gospel.
- 3) **Rom. 1:18-32:** the condition of men who reject God and His word.

2. **Chapter 2:**

- 1) After addressing the Gentile, Paul now shows the same judgment will be upon the Jews.
- 2) All will be judged without respect of persons.

DISCUSSION: FROM THESE VERSES WE OBSERVE...

I. A FORBIDDEN JUDGMENT (1-3).

A. Note: "Therefore" – The Jew was inexcusable. He had the benefit of the Law of Moses.

1. **Rom. 1:20** states that the Gentile is without excuse.
 - 1) Nature reveals the existence of God.
2. Thus, the Jew surely could see that he was inexcusable also.
 - 1) Specifically, they had been a chosen nation.
 - 2) They had been given a law which proclaimed the events which identified the gospel as it was ushered in.
 - a. **Isa. 2; Dan. 2; Joel 2; Acts 2:16** "But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel."
 - 3) The gospel would be the new law.
 - a. **Heb. 1:1-2.**
 - b. **Rom. 1:16; Col. 2:14.**

B. Paul is not forbidding judgments.

1. Judgments MUST be made. (Both good and bad.)
 - 1) **Matt. 7:1-5, 15-16** "Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?"
2. **Vs. 5:** "righteous judgments."
 - 1) **John 7:24** "Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment."
 - 2) "righteous judgment" = proper sentence; according to law.
3. The **CONTEXT:**
 - 1) The Jews condemned the Gentiles... yet, would not accept the gospel of Christ.
 - a. **Acts 13:49-40** "And the word of the Lord was published throughout all the region. But the Jews stirred up the devout and honourable women, and the chief men of the city, and raised persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them out of their coasts."
 - 2) The warning: The Jews were hypocritical.
 - a. **Vs. 3** "And thinkest thou this, O man, that judgest them which do such things, and doest the same, that thou shalt escape the judgment of God?"

II. GOD'S GOODNESS (4).

A. Note: "The riches of His goodness..."

1. This includes all that God has done for mankind.
 - 1) **Eph. 2:4** "But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us," **2:7** "That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus."
 - 2) **Rom. 11:22** "Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in his goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off."

B. Vs. 4: This goodness includes His "forbearance and longsuffering..."

1. Forbearance and longsuffering = God allows time for men to repent.
 - 1) **2 Pet. 3:9**.
 - a. Slack = to tarry or procrastinate.
 - b. The idea is to allow time.
 - 2) **1 Pet. 3:20** "Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water."

C. Yet, He will not tarry forever.

III. GOD'S JUDGMENT (5-11).

A. We will be judged.

1. Wrath upon the hard and impenitent heart (**vs. 5**).
 - 1) "... treasurest up" = to reserve; lay up; keep in store.
 - 2) **Matt. 6:19** "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal:"
 - 3) Read **vss. 8-9**.
2. "Patient continuance" = cheerful (or hopeful) endurance, constancy; enduring, patient... waiting.
 - 1) Those who seek eternal life (**Col. 3:2** "Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth." **Matt. 6:33** "Seek ye first...")
 - 2) Read **vs. 10**.

B. No respecter.

1. The Jews believed the Gentiles were guilty of sin.
2. Yet overlooked their own disobedience and rejection of the truth.
 - 1) **Col 3:25** "But he that doeth wrong shall receive for the wrong which he hath done: and there is no respect of persons."
 - 2) **Gal. 3:28** "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus."
3. BOTH will be judged exactly the same.

IV. CONCLUSION:

A. The gospel is the same for all men. All are accountable to the SAME law. (Rom. 1:16).