

Whatever You Do, Don't Try To Fool God!

Scripture Reading: *Romans 2:1-11*

- A. *Romans 1:28-32* contains a list of the kinds of things that tend to flourish when God is rejected.
- B. The problem: there have always been “religious” people who feel better about themselves than they should. Self-righteousness is a spiritual cancer that should be diagnosed and rebuked.
- C. *Romans 2:1-5* is the Spirit’s response through Paul.
- D. Two things about God that become very clear from our text: He is _____ and _____.

I. “The judgment of God rightly falls on those who practice such things.”

- A. God’s judgment will be:
 - 1. Rooted in truth.
 - 2. Righteous (2:5)
 - 3. According to each one’s works (2:6)
 - 4. Impartial (2:11)
 - 5. In relation to His law (2:12)
 - 6. By Christ Jesus (2:16)
- B. The Judge who will righteously preside over this great arraignment? The Son of God.

II. “God’s kindness is meant to lead you to repentance.”

- A. Which takes us back to the glory of the gospel (1:16-17).
- B. God is rich in kindness, forbearance, and patience.

III. “Therefore, you have no excuse, O man...you condemn yourself.”

- A. The main point of the context — you ought to know better!
- B. And yet, it is possible to become so misguided, so self-seeking and spiritually blind that I become convinced that I can live as “the judge” (*Matthew 7:3-5*).
- C. The grave danger produced by a “hard and impenitent heart.”
- D. Our only hope: in well-doing seek for glory and honor and immortality.