

REVELATION: Lesson 142

Chapter 16:5-7, The Righteous Judgments of The Lord

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In Revelation 16:5-7 an angel proclaims that the Lord is righteous in his judgment upon the ungodly. In Revelation 15:3-4 the saints in heaven declare that the Lord's ways are just and true. We do not have any truly righteous judges on the earth today. Sin continues and increases, unchecked by our earthly judges who create ungodly laws. One day the Lord, the righteous Judge will return and rule in righteousness.

Ecclesiastes 7:20, there is not a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not.

- There is nobody who always does the right thing for the right reason with no personal motive.
 - All men are liars (Psalm 116:11). Under the right conditions, every person would bend the truth to save face or to protect themselves.
 - We think we're good because we compare ourselves to other people. Jesus Christ is the standard.
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Job 4:17-19, no mortal man is more just and pure than God our Creator.

- God does what is right in every situation and circumstance without regret or doubt.
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Acts 7:52, Stephen preached about the coming of the "**Just One**." (capital J, capital O).

- There is not a just man upon earth, but Jesus Christ was more than a man. He's God, the Creator (John 1:3).

Acts 3:14, Peter properly accused the Jews of denying "**the Holy One and the Just**," Jesus Christ.

- They denied Jesus and chose a sinner named Barabbas.
 - Men often deny Jesus. Instead of living for Jesus, we choose to live for ourselves (a sinner).
 - We do not deny that Jesus is just and righteous. We simply deny Him the privilege of being our Savior. There is no good reason for denying the Lord Jesus Christ.
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1 Peter 3:18, Jesus Christ (the just) died for us (the unjust).

- He did it to bring us to God. We are not holy, we are not just, we cannot get to God on our own.
 - We get to God on the merits of the Lord Jesus Christ or we cannot get to God.
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Zechariah 9:9, speaks of the coming King, stating that "**He is just, and having salvation.**"

- Jesus brings the one thing we need; salvation.
 - We cannot get salvation from religion, from rules, from commandments, from church, etc.
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Isaiah 45:20-21 The Lord God is the only “**Just God and a Saviour.**”

- No other God, no religion, no amount of good deeds can save you; you’re not just.
 - Sin must be paid for because God is just. Therefore, He has paid the sin debt for you.
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Romans 3:23-26, All have sinned...Christ Jesus is just, and the justifier of believers.

- Because Jesus Christ is just, He must do what is right. He must punish sin according to the Law.
 - The Just One became the justifier when he took the prescribed punishment upon Himself.
 - Jesus paid it all! All to Him I owe!
 - When you trust Jesus’ finished work which paid for all your sins, when you believe in Jesus, He has the only acceptable reason to forgive you of all your sins and give you everlasting life.
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Job 34:17-18, It is not right for sinners to condemn the Lord for His judgments. He’s the only Just One.

- Yes, the Lord tells us we are sinners. We need to know that.
 - But He also tells us that He will save any man, woman, boy or girl if they will trust in Him.
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