

The Attributes of God

Righteous, Merciful, & a Judge

Looking at three out of many attributes of God: God is Righteous, God is Merciful, & God is a Judge

God is Righteous

The Greek word for “righteous” is “Dikaios” which means equitable (in character or act) and by implication innocent and holy. So it means that God is just and impartial and He is morally upright without guilt and sin.

God is Righteous

*"For there is **no partiality with God.**" (Rom. 2:11)*

*"This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and **in Him is no darkness at all.**" (1 John 1:5)*

*"The Lord is **righteous in all His ways, Gracious in all His works.**" (Psalm 145:17)*

*"...**the righteous judgment of God.**" (Rom. 1:32)*

*"My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ **the righteous.**" (1 John 2:1)*

Man, by Nature, is Not Righteous

*"As it is written: **“There is none righteous, no, not one; There is none who understands; There is none who seeks after God. They have all turned aside; They have together become unprofitable; There is none who does good, no, not one.”**" (Rom. 3:10-12)*

*"But we are all like an unclean thing, And all **our righteousnesses are like filthy rags; We all fade as a leaf, And our iniquities, like the wind, Have taken us away. And there is no one who calls on Your name, Who stirs himself up to take hold of You; For You have hidden Your face from us, And have consumed us because of our iniquities.**" (Isaiah 64:6-7)*

Man, by Nature, is Self-Righteous

"“Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, ‘God, I thank You that I am not like other men— extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.’ And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me a sinner!’ I tell you, this man went

down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted." (Luke 18:10-14)

The Lord Our Righteousness

When we put our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, Christ's perfect righteousness is imputed to us.

"...THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS." (Jer. 23:6)

"For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man's obedience many will be made righteous." (Rom. 5:19)

*"But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, even **the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ**, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference; for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,"* (Rom. 3:21-24)

*"But to him who does not work but believes on Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is accounted for righteousness, just as David also describes the blessedness of the man to whom **God imputes righteousness apart from works**: "Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, And whose sins are covered." (Rom. 4:5-7)*

*"For **Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.**" (Rom. 10:4)*

*"But of Him you are in **Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God—and righteousness and sanctification and redemption—**" (1 Cor. 1:30)*

*"For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become **the righteousness of God in Him.**" (2 Cor. 5:21)*

God is Merciful

Mercy is not giving us what we deserve. The bible says that God is "merciful" and "abounding in mercy" (Psalm 103:8). He does not give us what we deserve or punishes us according to our iniquities (Psalm 103:10). He is "full of compassion" (Psalm 111:4).

*"And the Lord passed before him and proclaimed, "The Lord, the Lord God, **merciful and gracious**, longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth, keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, by no means clearing the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children and the children's children to the third and the fourth generation."* (Exo. 34:6-7)

*"The Lord is merciful and gracious, Slow to anger, and **abounding in mercy.**" (Psalm 103:8)*

"He has not dealt with us according to our sins, Nor punished us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the earth, So great is His mercy toward those who fear Him; As far

as the east is from the west, So far has He removed our transgressions from us. As a father pities his children, So the Lord pities those who fear Him. For He knows our frame; He remembers that we are dust." (Psalm 103:10-14)

*"But **God, who is rich in mercy**, because of His great love with which He loved us," (Eph. 2:4)*

*"But He, being **full of compassion**, forgave their iniquity, And did not destroy them. Yes, many a time He turned His anger away, And did not stir up all His wrath." (Psalm 78:38)*

God is a Judge

God is not only righteous, merciful, but He is also a Judge. God is an impartial judge and He is righteous in His judgment.

Are you ready for Judgment Day?

Judgment Day is a Reality

*"And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after **this the judgment**." (Heb. 9:27)*

*"But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in **the day of judgment**." (Matt. 12:36)*

"Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice and come forth— those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation." (John 5:28-29)

*"Then I saw a **great white throne** and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works. Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire." (Rev. 20:11-15)*

Punishment is Certain

"For the wages of sin is death..." (Rom. 6:23)

"Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God." (1 Cor. 6:9-10)

"But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death." (Rev. 21:8)

The Only Way of Escape

Friend, do you dare face an earthly judge without an attorney? How much more the living God? Friend you need someone by your side. Do you have Christ, my friend? If you put your faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, than He will stand by you as your advocate and your mediator. But make sure you come through the Lord Jesus Christ; for God will not accept any other mediator besides Him for there is none that is qualified like Christ. If you put your faith in the Lord Jesus Christ to be your Lord and Savior, than Christ's perfect righteousness will be imputed to you so that when God looks upon you on Judgment Day, He will pronounce: "Not guilty, not guilty." So I urge you to put your faith in the Lord Jesus Christ today without any delay.

"For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus." (1 Tim. 2:5)

"Jesus said to him, I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." (John 14:6)

"Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved." (Acts 4:12)

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"For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him." (2 Cor. 5:21)

"Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." (Rom. 5:1)

"There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit." (Rom. 8:1)

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." (John 3:16)

"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life." (John 5:24)

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