



"Living by Faith in National Judgment"

Living by Faith Series

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Introduction

[Is] God unjust who inflicts wrath? No for then how would God judge the world?

[Rom 3:5-6 NKJV]

1. Habakkuk's struggles for faith.

13 [You are] of purer eyes than to behold evil, And cannot look on wickedness. Why do You look on those who deal treacherously, [And] hold Your tongue when the wicked devours A [person] more righteous than he? [Hab 1:13 NKJV]

2. God's gives a word to Job for us.

8 "Will you really annul My judgment? Will you condemn Me that you may be justified? 9 "Or do you have an arm like God, And can you thunder with a voice like His? ... 12 "Look on everyone who is proud, [and] humble him, And **tread down the wicked where they stand.** 13 "**Hide them in the dust together; Bind them in the hidden [place.]** 14 "Then I will also confess to you, That your own right hand can save you. [Job 40:8-9, 12-14 NASB95]

3. The faultfinder's response should be worship.

33 Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How **unsearchable are His judgments** and **unfathomable His ways!** 34 For WHO HAS KNOWN THE MIND OF THE LORD, OR WHO BECAME HIS COUNSELOR? 35 Or WHO HAS FIRST GIVEN TO HIM THAT IT MIGHT BE PAID BACK TO HIM AGAIN? 36 For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him [be] the glory forever. Amen. [Rom 11:33-36 NASB95]

"For God is the King of all the earth; sing to Him a psalm of praise. God reigns over the nations; God is seated on His holy throne. The nobles of the nations assemble as the people of the God of Abraham, for the kings of the earth belong to God; He is greatly exalted." Psa. 47:7-9

5 The Lord is at your right hand; he will crush kings on the day of his wrath. 6 He will judge the nations, heaping up the dead and crushing the rulers of the whole earth. [Psa 110:5-6 NIV]

God's judgment of the nations...

1. ...is with _____ and with _____.

8 He shall judge the world in **righteousness**, And He shall administer judgment for the peoples in **uprightness**. [Psa 9:8 NKJV]

2. ...is _____ to the earth.

13 For He is coming, for **He is coming** to judge the earth. He shall judge the world with righteousness, And the peoples with His truth. [Psa 96:13 NKJV]

3. ...is at the _____ of the resurrected Jesus Christ.

✳ ...not at Christ's _____ coming.

47 "And if anyone hears My words and does not believe, I do not judge him; for **I did not come to judge the world** but to save the world. [Jhn 12:47 NKJV]

✳ ...is on the _____ day of His 2nd coming.

31 "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." [Act 17:31 NKJV]

2 Do you not know that **the saints will judge the world**? And if the world will be judged by you, are you unworthy to judge the smallest matters? [1Co 6:2 NKJV]

✳ ...is a selective _____.

31 "But when the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne. 32 "All the nations will be gathered before Him; and **He will separate them from one another**, as the shepherd separates the sheep from the goats; [Mat 25:31-32]

34 "Then the King will say to those on His right, '**Come, you who are blessed** of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. ... 41 "Then He will also say to those on His left, '**Depart from Me, accursed ones**, into the eternal fire which has been prepared for the devil and his angels; [Mat 25:34, 41 NASB95]

4. ...is _____ and _____ from Genesis 9 to Christ's 2nd coming.

✳ ...comes when the measure of sins becomes _____.

[the Jews]15 who both killed the Lord Jesus and the prophets, and drove us out. They are not pleasing to God, but hostile to all men, 16 hindering us from speaking to the Gentiles so that they may be saved; with the result that **they always fill up the measure of their sins**. But wrath has come upon them to the utmost. [1Th 2:15-16 NASB95]

13 [God] said to Abram, "Know for certain that your descendants will be strangers in a land that is not theirs, where they will be enslaved and oppressed four hundred years. ... 16 "Then in the fourth generation they will return here, **for the iniquity of the Amorite is not yet complete**." [Gen 15:13, 16 NASB95]

✳ ...comes in accordance with the _____ blessing and cursing.

3 And I will bless those who bless you, And **the one who curses you I will curse**. And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed." [Gen 12:3 NASB95]

14 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Write this in a book as a memorial and recite it to Joshua, that I will utterly blot out the memory of Amalek from under heaven." ... 16 and he said, "The LORD has sworn; **the LORD will have war against Amalek from generation to generation**." [Exo 17:14, 16 NASB95]

17 "Remember **what Amalek did to you along the way when you came out from Egypt**, [Deu 25:17 NASB95]

✳ ...delegates _____ retribution for violation of the sanctity of life.

6 "Whoever sheds man's blood, **By man his blood shall be shed**, For in the image of God He made man. [Gen 9:6 NASB95]

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✳ ...is based upon the violation of _____ revelation of man's conscience.

13 Thus says the LORD, "For three transgressions of the sons of Ammon and for four I will not revoke its [punishment,] Because **they ripped open the pregnant women of Gilead In order to enlarge their borders.** [Amo 1:13 NASB95]

18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of **men who suppress the truth** in unrighteousness, 19 because that which is known about God is **evident within them;** for **God made** it evident to them. [Rom 1:18-19 NASB95]

✳ ...is more harsh for the violation of those given _____ revelation.

4 Thus says the LORD, "For three transgressions of Judah and for four I will not revoke its [punishment,] Because **they rejected the law of the LORD** And have not kept His statutes; Their lies also have led them astray, Those after which their fathers walked. [Amo 2:4 NASB95]

5. ...never compromises perfect _____ and perfect _____.

✳ ...is not without His compassion for those who are _____.

10 Then the LORD said, "You had compassion on the plant for which you did not work and [which] you did not cause to grow, which came up overnight and perished overnight. 11 "Should I not have compassion on Nineveh, the great city in which there are more than **120,000 persons who do not know [the difference] between their right and left hand,** as well as **many animals?**" [Jon 4:10-11 NASB95]

✳ ...holds the group _____ with the individual.

1 But **the sons of Israel acted unfaithfully** in regard to the things under the ban, **for Achan,** the son of Carmi, the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerah, from the tribe of Judah, **took some of the things under the ban,** therefore the anger of the LORD burned against the sons of Israel. ... 24 Then Joshua and all Israel with him, took Achan the son of Zerah, the silver, the mantle, the bar of gold, **his sons, his daughters,** his oxen, his donkeys, his sheep, his tent and all that belonged to him; and they brought them up to the valley of Achor. 25 Joshua said, "Why have you troubled us? The LORD will trouble you this day." And all Israel stoned them with stones; and they burned them with fire after they had stoned them with stones. 26 They raised over him a great heap of stones that stands to this day, and the LORD turned from the fierceness of His anger. Therefore the name of that place has been called the valley of Achor [**trouble**] to this day. [Jos 7:1, 24-26 NASB95]

✳ ...comes when the land becomes _____.

24 'Do not defile yourselves by any of these things; for by all these **the nations which I am casting out before you have become defiled.** 25 'For the land has become defiled, therefore I have brought its punishment upon it, so the land has spewed out its inhabitants. [Lev 18:24-25]

✳ ...does not overlook our _____ sins.

3 But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back [some] of the price of the land? [Act 5:3 NASB95]

- ▶ We pretend God's name is not El Roi -the _____.
- ◉ 4 The LORD is in His holy temple; the LORD'S throne is in heaven; His eyes behold, **His eyelids test** the sons of men. 5 The LORD tests the righteous and the wicked, And the one who loves violence His soul hates. [Psa 11:4-5 NASB95]
- ▶ We buy Satan's lie that the consequences for sin won't bring death.
- ◉ 13 Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, and He Himself does not tempt anyone. 14 But each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust. 15 Then when lust has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and when sin is accomplished, it brings forth death. [Jas 1:13-15]

Conclusion

- 1) **God holds us accountable for our nation's sins.**
- 2) **The full weight of God's national judgment often falls on future generations.**
- 3) **God delays national judgment when there is national repentance.**

God's rule on a nation's repentance.

7 "At one moment I might speak concerning a nation or concerning a kingdom to uproot, to pull down, or to destroy [it;] 8 if that nation against which I have spoken turns from its evil, I will relent concerning the calamity I planned to bring on it. 9 "Or at another moment I might speak concerning a nation or concerning a kingdom to build up or to plant [it;] 10 if it does evil in My sight by not obeying My voice, then I will think better of the good with which I had promised to bless it. [Jer 18:7-10 NASB95]

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1 Why are the nations in an uproar And the peoples devising a vain thing? 2 The kings of the earth take their stand And the rulers take counsel together Against the LORD and against His Anointed, saying, 3 "Let us tear their fetters apart And cast away their cords from us!" 4 He who sits in the heavens laughs, The Lord scoffs at them. 5 Then He will speak to them in His anger And terrify them in His fury, saying, 6 "But as for Me, I have installed My King Upon Zion, My holy mountain." 7 "I will surely tell of the decree of the LORD: He said to Me, 'You are My Son, Today I have begotten You. 8 'Ask of Me, and I will surely give the nations as Your inheritance, And the [very] ends of the earth as Your possession. 9 'You shall break them with a rod of iron, You shall shatter them like earthenware.'" 10 Now therefore, O kings, show discernment; Take warning, O judges of the earth. 11 Worship the LORD with reverence And rejoice with trembling. 12 Do homage to the Son, that He not become angry, and you perish [in] the way, For His wrath may soon be kindled. How blessed are all who take refuge in Him! [Psa 2:1-12 NASB95]