

God's Judgments Against His Sons

Commentary of March 1, 2007 — Severe and Terrible

God's judgments can be severe. His most severe judgments are against those who take advantage of the disadvantaged to their own gain and advancement. Such actions especially attract His wrath when they go directly against His commands

The "[March 2007 Newsletter](#)" and Article continue the theme of idolatry. You will take a survey of different aspects of the Divine Assembly in heaven around God's throne, take a quick look at the form of the Old Covenant, look into the punishment by YHWH of the Sons of God introduced in Genesis 6:1–4, and then look briefly how God judges the gods of the nations, false and real, in the past and in the future.

The focus of the article is on the Sons of God. They are beings that were given great power, great freedom, and great responsibility. They misused their power and their freedom and failed totally in their responsibility. God punished them accordingly. He punished them severely for their disobedience. Their situation should be an example to us. The apostle Peter may have said more than he realized when he wrote:

"For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?"

• 1 Peter 4:17

Peter, of course, is referring to judgment beginning with the *ekklesia* of God, and not to the Sons of God, but God's household in heaven is also subject to judgment as evidenced by Psalm 82. Indeed God severely punishes those who involve themselves with committing evil and sin, whether they are the household servants like the angels, or members of the family in heaven as the Sons of God were.

Peter tells of God's judgments against angels (which is a completely different judgment than that against the Sons of God). At present some angels are incarcerated. This incarceration is not their judgment. The judgment shall come to them in the future. These are the angels Jesus preached to after His resurrection (1 Peter 3:19):

"For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment; And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly."

• 2 Peter 2:4–5

Perhaps this is the same judgment Paul referred to when he said in 1 Corinthians 6:3: **"Know you not that we shall judge angels?"**

Examples

Other examples of God's judgments against those He loves can be cited. Israel was severely punished for their transgressions and disobedience against God and His law. The apostle Paul for his part uses the negative example of Israel to give a warning to the *ekklesia* of God:

"For if the word spoken by angels was stedfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of reward; How shall we escape, if we

neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him."

• *Hebrews 2:2–3*

Jesus challenged the cities in His home area of Galilee to pay attention to and acknowledge the miracles and signs they had witnessed with their own eyes. He warned them about a judgment if they did not respond positively to those great signs and miracles that He performed among them (Matthew 11:20–24; Luke 10:12–15).

God directly punishes His divine Sons of God. He punishes them not for taking human wives and producing evil offspring (Genesis 6:1–4), but rather they are judged for unjust judgment in their rule over the nations as their gods. I admit that I do not understand God's reasoning in these matters. Why He did not bring judgment in the former matter, yet did so the latter? It does not make sense to me. I confess with the apostle Paul:

"O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!"

• *Romans 11:33*

Yet I can be assured that God judges righteously from His throne

"Your word is true from the beginning: and every one of your righteous judgments endures for ever [*olam*, for the age]."

• *Psalms 119:160*

"YHWH reigns; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of isles be glad thereof. Clouds and darkness are round about him: righteousness and judgment are the habitation of his throne."

• *Psalms 97:1–4*

Our task is to fear God in everything He does, and accept His judgments as they are given. What God does shall last to the end of the age, when a new system will be put into place, the Kingdom of God.

"I know that, whatsoever God does, it shall be for ever [*olam*, for the age]: nothing can be put to it, nor any thing taken from it: and God does it, that men should fear before him."

• *Ecclesiastes 3:14*

Keep in mind also that at some time in the future it may be God's judgment that some of us will receive persecution, for which God will bring judgment upon your oppressors. Some will even be martyrs (Revelation 20:4). God's judgment may not happen quickly or at a time we think it should happen, and we may have to endure terrible occurrences, but we have God's promise through Paul, as he originally told the *ekklesia* at Thessalonica:

"We ourselves glory in you in the churches [*ekklesias*] of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that you endure: Which is a manifest token of the righteous judgment of God, that you may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you also suffer. Seeing it is a righteous thing with God to recompense tribulation to them that trouble you."

• *2 Thessalonians 1:5–6*

God, according to His own will, shall **"reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished"** (2 Peter 2:9, Jude 6). God's judgments are righteous (Revelation 16:7), although they will come in the future (Revelation 14:7). Some of that judgment will be given to those who were martyred for Christ (Revelation 20:4). I hope you read and pay attention to God's judgment that He imposes upon His own divine Sons.

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