

LEVELING THE FIELD

Romans 2:1-5

God is IMPARTIAL...

***Matt 3:7-9** - You brood of vipers...do not suppose that you can say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham for our father'; for I say to you that from these stones God is able to raise up children to Abraham.*

***Matt 21:31-32** - 31 Truly I say to you that the tax collectors and prostitutes will get into the kingdom of God before you. 32 For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him...*

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***Matt 7:1-5** – 1 Do not judge so that you will not be judged. 2 For in the way you judge, you will be judged; and by your standard of measure, it will be measured to you. 3 Why do you look at the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? 4 Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' and behold, the log is in your own eye? 5 You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye.*

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Deut 32:4 - ... For all His ways are just; A God of faithfulness and without injustice...

Psa 96:13 - ... He is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness...

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II. PRESUMPTION

3 But do you suppose this, O man, when you pass judgment on those who practice such things and do the same yourself, that you will escape the judgment of God?

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Matt 6:24 - No one can serve two masters; for...he will be devoted to one and despise the other...

1 Tim 4:12 - Let no one look down on your youthfulness...

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kindness = 'goodness'

Eph 2:7 - so that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

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4 Or do you think lightly of the riches of His kindness and tolerance and patience...

tolerance = 'restraint'

patience = 'long tempered'

Exo 34:6 - ... the LORD God, compassionate and gracious, slow to anger...

Num 14:18 - The LORD is slow to anger and abundant in lovingkindness, forgiving iniquity ... **but He will by no means clear the guilty...**

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Psa 25:7 - ... According to Your lovingkindness remember me, For Your goodness' sake, O LORD.

Psa 34:8 - O taste and see that the LORD is good...

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Joel 2:13 - ...Now return to the LORD your God, For He is gracious and compassionate, Slow to anger, abounding in lovingkindness and relenting of evil.

Mark 1:15 - ... repent and believe in the gospel.

Luke 5:32 - I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance.

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Jer 3:12 - ... 'Return, faithless Israel,' declares the LORD; 'I will not look upon you in anger. For I am gracious,' declares the LORD; 'I will not be angry forever.

Hos 6:1 - Come, let us return to the LORD. For He has torn us, but He will heal us...

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stubbornness = 'sklerotes'

Deut 10:16 - ...circumcise your heart, and stiffen your neck no longer.

Jer 4:4 - Circumcise yourselves to the LORD And remove the foreskins of your heart...

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Zeph 1:15 - A day of wrath is that day, A day of trouble and distress, A day of destruction and desolation, A day of darkness and gloom, A day of clouds and thick darkness...

Rev 6:17 - for the great day of their wrath has come...

CONCLUDING THOUGHT #1 – Be on Guard against Hypocrisy & Presumption

DORIANI – We can condemn cursing, but then use harsh language. We can condemn murder, but shout at others and say unkind things to others. And we may condemn theft, but live with envy in our hearts.

CONCLUDING THOUGHT #2 – Think Rightly about Repentance

CONCLUDING THOUGHT #3 – Don't Allow Stubbornness To Linger