

Romans 2:1-16, Daily Devotions

☐ Monday - The Hypocritical Judge.

Romans 2:1-3

In Romans, the apostle Paul writes, “Therefore you have no excuse, (everyone of you who passes judgment, for in that which you judge another, you condemn yourself; for you who judge practice the same things” (Rom. 2:1). Here we see the apostle’s exhortation, not against sound judgment, but against hypocrisy. The righteous man judges all things (1 Cor. 2:15), starting first with himself. Read Matthew 7:1-5

☐ Tuesday - Two Motivations to Repent.

Romans 2:4

The sinner brings the terrible consequences of his own sin upon himself: a broken home or a sexually transmitted disease because of immorality; or the loss of a job, reputation or friends because of dishonesty, temper, or greed. But God can use these consequences to bring about repentance (Psa. 119:67, 71, 75; Heb. 12:5-12). Yet at other times the Lord shows extraordinary kindness in order to draw us to repentance. And so, Scripture poses this question: “Do you think lightly of the riches of [God’s] kindness and tolerance and patience, not knowing that the kindness of God leads you to repentance?” (Rom. 2:4). Yet if good things happen, when our hearts are yet unrepentant, we must be careful that we do not mistake this for God’s endorsement of our sin. In such cases God’s kindness is meant to show, in stark contrast, the ugliness of our sin compared to His own goodness. And so, sometimes the Lord drives us with affliction, and other times He draws us with affection to repent and turn to Him. Read Psalm 34:8, 119:68

☐ Wednesday - What’s in Your Storehouse?

Romans 2:5

The Bible talks about storing up treasures in Heaven (Matt. 6:29; 1 Tim. 6:19), but it also talks about storing up wrath in Hell. To the unconverted, Scripture declares: “But because of your stubbornness and unrepentant heart you are storing up wrath for yourself in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God” (Rom. 2:5). What’s in your eternal storehouse? Read Psalm 31:19

☐ Thursday - Doers of the Law.

Romans 2:13

Jesus said, “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who *does* the will of My Father who is in heaven will enter” (Matt. 7:21). “For it is not the hearers of the Law who are just before God, but the doers of the Law will be justified” (Rom. 2:13), not that we are justified by works of the Law (Rom. 3:20, 28; Gal. 2:16), but rather obedience to the Law of God is the heart’s response of those who are saved by grace through faith in Him (1 John 2:3-4). Read James 1:22, 25

☐ Friday - Conscience: Clear or Partly Cloudy?

Romans 2:14-15

“For when [unbelievers] who do not have the Law do instinctively the things of the Law, these, not having the Law, are a law to themselves, in that they show the work of the Law written in their hearts, their conscience bearing witness and their thoughts alternately accusing or else defending them” (Rom. 2:14-15). God has written His moral law upon every human heart, of the converted and unconverted alike, so that we might know right from wrong. We call this the human conscience. But the conscience can become “seared” [desensitized] through repeated sin (1 Tim. 4:2). Yet by repentance and the forgiveness that comes through Jesus Christ, the conscience can be cleansed and resensitized (Heb. 10:22). How is your conscience today - clear or partly cloudy? Take it to the Lord in prayer. Read 1 Timothy 1:5

☐ Saturday - God Knows the Secrets of Your Heart,

Romans 2:16

Jesus said to the crowd, “For nothing is hidden that will not become evident, nor anything secret that will not be known and come to light” (Lk. 8:17). This will happen in the final judgment when “God will judge the secrets of men through Christ Jesus” (Rom. 2:16). Christian, live each moment with the realization that you are *coram deo* - before the face of God. Read Psalm 90:8