

Just Judgment

(FOT Day 6)

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Greetings, everyone. Welcome to the Feast of Tabernacles, Day 6.

- What kind of world are we leaving
- What kind of world will we bring in?

We see before us today many different problems:

- wars and civil unrest
- sexual immorality
- crime and murders
- upset weather

Everything on the earth is all messed up!

God has called us to be kings, priests, rulers and judges to end it!

Let's come to Luke 11, and let's learn some lessons here as it leads up to the topic today, **just judgment!**

Luke 11:34—*Jesus is speaking*: “The light of the body is the eye. Therefore, when your eye is without guile....”

Now, that's a very interesting thing because there's a lot of guile going on in the judiciary of America and other countries. They are not judging ***just judgment*** or ***righteous judgment!*** They're making political declarations or immoral foundations, whatever.

“...Therefore, **when your eye is without guile, your whole body is light; but when your eye is evil, your body also is dark.**” (v 34).

Isn't it interesting that that goes along with health! ***IF your body is dark, you're subject to a lot of health problems.***

Verse 35: “Therefore, beware *that* the light that *is* in you is not darkness. Now then, **IF** your whole body *is* light, not having any part dark, **it shall be full of Light, as when a Lamp shining brightly gives you Light**” (vs 35-36).

Now, that's what it should be, and that's exactly how we will be! We will be spirit beings. People will be able to see us. We'll have glory, and we'll have all of that, as well.

Verse 37: “Now, while He [Jesus] was speaking, a certain Pharisee asked Him to dine with him; and He went in *and* sat down. But the Pharisee, seeing *this*, wondered why He had not first washed before dinner” (vs 37-38).

Now, they had a special thing to wash their hands; let's see what Jesus said to them. This is quite an amazing thing!

Verse 39: “Then the Lord said to him, ‘Now, you Pharisees...’”

All the others are standing around or sitting around looking at Him, and, of course, they all wanted Him to join *their political ranks!* But He never did, and that's why they hate Him to this day.

Verse 39: Then the Lord said to him, ‘Now, you Pharisees cleanse the outside of the cup and the dish, **but inside you are full of greediness and wickedness.**’”

How can a person who is a judge—***who is full of greediness, wickedness and immorality***—make right judgments?

Just look at the world today. *We're going to have to untangle all this mess by righteous judgment!* Now, He said this:

Verse 40: “**Fools...**”

What is a fool? *A fool is someone who does not believe in God or does not believe God! Or, worse yet, that tells God what to do!* Isn't that the way it is in the world?

Verse 40: “Fools, **did not He Who made the outside also make the inside?** Rather, give alms *from* the things **that are within...**” (vs 40-41).

- your attitude
- your hope
- your love
- your conduct

everything!

“...and behold, all things are clean to you” (v 41).

Now, listen to this. This also is very important because people have a religion and they have laws; even some of them go along with the Laws of God.

But God wants the complete picture! God wants the whole of our being doing what He wants us to do for the blessings that come from Him.

Verse 42: “But woe to you, Pharisees! For you pay tithes of mint and rue and every herb, **but you pass over the judgment and the love of God.**”

Think about that for a minute, when there is judgment that is not based on law and love. Love has to do with more than just the victim who is being sentenced; love and judgment go together this way:

The criminal is sentenced, whatever the punishment may be, from jail time till death. *The love portion of that is **not to go soft on crime!*** The love portion is so the lawful people whom you love in this judgment will have peace and security. That's what it's all about.

That's why we need to learn to make just judgments because it affects not only the victims, the criminal, but the rest of society. This is what is wrong with the whole world today, wherever you go.

Jesus went on to say, "...It is obligatory for you to do these things, and not to set aside those lesser things" (v 42).

- they're under duty for righteous judgment
- they're under duty not to leave the other things undone

So, that's quite a thing when you understand it!

What does it lead to? *Well, we know this:* Jesus said that ***because lawlessness shall abide, there's going to be all kinds of things that take place because of that!*** How the society is left high and dry.

Isa. 59 is a very classic part of the Bible, which shows ***why there needs to be just judges, just judgments!***

- there needs to be the penalty against the criminal
- there needs to be understanding for the victim
- there needs to be justice for the victim
- there needs to be love for the overall society so that they can live in peace

Well, today, it's on the other hand. The biggest perpetrators of *unjust judgment are the religionists in the pulpit!*

- they misplace kindness
- they misplace grace
- they misplace the punishment for the criminal
- they try and treat everybody nice, even the worst criminals

Not caring for the harm that they have caused or restitution to make it right. But to try and *psychoanalyze the criminal* as to why he or she did these things. In some places, they want to get rid of police and substitute them with psychology workers. *Well, that won't work!*

Isa. 59:1—here's what we need to learn. Even in this time that we have today, *as there is a partial return to God*, you see there's a benefit.

But one of the big benefits that comes with it is peace and order. But sometimes that has to be forcibly instilled, because of all of the lawlessness and licentiousness that ***the judges of the land have strewn upon all the people!***

And all of what the religionists have done!
You have:

1. the religionists
2. the judges
3. the politicians
4. the general public

All of those need to be considered in how there is ***just judgment!***

- IF you have the right God
- IF you're doing the right things
- THEN God will bring the blessings

Furthermore, all of the Laws of God are based on love. *Everything about it!* That's why you've heard me say over and over again, and I will continue to do so:

- you have to *believe* God
- you have to *obey* God
- you have to *love* God

IF you want love from God, you have got to love Him, as well. Because IF you don't, *you will never have everything the way that it ought to be!* So, here's what God says, because there's so much rejection of God. He wants everyone to know that *in spite of the fact that you reject Him, on an individual basis, you can find Him in your life, and come to be right with God!*

So, let's see what it is in the society today and what we're going to change in the Millennium.

Isaiah 59:1: "Behold, the LORD'S hand is not shortened that it cannot save, nor is His ear heavy that it cannot hear."

No, God doesn't need Beltone hearing aids. He knows what's going on. Here's the problem, Wherever it is, doesn't matter.

- from the highest office in the land
- from the highest religious office in the land
- from the highest judgeship in the land
- from the highest of whatever to the lowest

Verse 2: "But your iniquities...—*are violating the Laws of God, and that is sin!* And

- **UNLESS** sin is repented of
- **UNLESS** there's correction in life, the way that people live
- **THEN** it's all destructive

And we look at it and we see it!

Verse 2: "But your iniquities have come between you and your God, and your sins have hid *His* face from you, that He will not hear "

Now, that's a very interesting thing, indeed! You can't come to God unless you repent. You can't come to God unless you are willing to:

- believe Him
- obey Him
- love Him

Then He will hear, but they come to God with all of their hands full of sin and their minds full of lust!

Verse 3: "For your hands are defiled with blood, and your fingers with iniquity; your lips have spoken lies, your tongue has muttered perverseness."

Isn't that something? **Perfect description of the society today. And this is what we have been called to correct!**

But now **we are to learn how to correct it** in our own lives, and what we do. So that we can be qualified at the time of the resurrection to do what Jesus wants us to do and assigns us to do. That's going to be quite a thing, indeed, for us.

Verse 4: "**None calls for justice...**"

There are a few who are! So today, with a little calling of justice, things appear to be getting a little better in certain areas.

"**...nor does anyone plead for Truth...**" (v 4).

Now, you need to think on that. What is Truth?

- God is true
- His Word is true
- His Laws are true
- His Commandments are true
- everything that God has said is true
- His love is true
- His faith is true
- His hope is true

None plead for Truth!

"**...they trust in vanity and speak lies....**" (v 4).

That's the whole political and religious system today on the far extreme left!

"...They conceive mischief and bring forth iniquity.... [everything gets worse and worse and worse] ...They hatch adders' eggs and weave the spider's web; he who eats their eggs dies, and that which is crushed breaks out into a viper" (vs 4-5).

What are you going to do? *You can't continue to live in sin and have a whole population living in sin!* And you can't have it where there are some few who try to do good, but they have no power or influence to try and make things right.

That all falls on who the leaders are. Right now, things are improving a little bit because of Donald Trump, not only in America, but in the world. As we have discussed, he's probably setting up everything for all the end-time events to come together.

Here's what they do with all of their perverseness:

Verse 6: "Their webs shall not become clothing, nor shall they cover themselves with their works; their works *are* works of iniquity, and the acts of violence *are* in their hands. **Their feet run to evil, and they make haste to shed innocent blood...**"(vs 6-7). Doesn't that describe the society today? *Yes, indeed!*

"...their thoughts *are* thoughts of iniquity; **wasting and destruction are in their paths...** [they call it political resistance] ... They have not known the way of peace, **and there is no justice in their ways....**" (vs 7-8). *That's it!*

- you can never have peace when there is sin abounding
- you can never have justice when there is corruption
 - ✓ in the legal system
 - ✓ in the religious system
 - ✓ in the political system

Can't happen! God knows!

- He knows what's in the heart and mind of men
- He knows what's in the heart of Satan the devil

Now, what happens? All of this builds up to a 'therefore.' Let's look at the conclusion of what this brings"

Verse 9: "Therefore, justice is far from us; nor does righteousness overtake us. We wait for light, but behold, darkness..."

Politicians come along and say, 'We're going to do this.' Religious people say, 'Well, we're so wonderful and so nice. Let's go ahead and do this.'

“...We wait for light, but behold, darkness; for brightness, *but* we walk in deep shadows. We grope along the wall like the blind, and we grope as if *we had* no eyes. We stumble at noonday as in the night; among those who are strong, we are like dead men” (vs 9-10).

Now then. This is what we’re going to have to deal with to straighten it out. So, let’s carry it further, and we will see that God intervenes and shows how He’s going to do it, ***which will be the second coming of Christ and the rule of the Family of God, all the saints from down through history, transformed into spirit beings to make it come about!***

Verse 12: “For our transgressions *are* multiplied before You...”

What does it say in Matt. 24? *Lawlessness is multiplied. Not just increased. Multiplied!*

“...and our sins testify against us; for our transgressions are with us; and *as for* our iniquities, we know them... [but a lot of them love them] ...in rebellion and denial of the LORD, and turning away from our God, talking perversity and revolt, conceiving and speaking from the heart words of falsehood” (vs 12-13).

What does that do? *That’s a perfect, absolute description of the world today!*

Now, we can be thankful for this, that there is some movement to law and order and some movement to common sense and right or wrong. In a nation, that will be acceptable to God for a while. **But for those:**

- who are seeking God
- who are called to salvation
- we have a much higher standard
- we have more things we need to do
- we need to learn to think right
- we need to love right
- we need to judge right

*We need to do all of these things **with justice!***

- we will see that
- that’s what we have to do in our lives today

*In the middle of v 14: “...for Truth... [the Word of God] ...has fallen in the street, and uprightness... [righteousness] ...cannot enter. Yea, **Truth fails;** and he *who* departs from evil makes himself a prey. And the LORD saw, **and it was evil in His eyes that there was no justice**” (vs 14-15).*

God keeps track of all of these things that take place!

Verse 16: “And He saw that *there was* no man, and was astonished that there was no intercessor....”

Well, we have one man today—Donald Trump—who was trying to do it. So we’ll see how far that goes. *But at best, this will be temporary!*

“...Therefore, His own arm brought salvation to Him...” (v 16).

In other words, Christ is going to have to return. He’s going to have to instill this in the people; He’s going to have to ***bring all of the resurrected saints—who are now spirit beings—and make them judges and rulers and kings and priests!***

“...Therefore, His own arm brought salvation to Him; and His righteousness sustained Him, for He put on righteousness like a breastplate, and a helmet of salvation upon His head. And He put on the garments of vengeance *for* clothing, and was covered with zeal like a cloak” (vs 16-17).

That’s what it’s going to take to straighten up this world in the way that it needs to be straightened up, That’s what happens when it gets so bad. Remember what it was like before the Flood. **God had to destroy it all!** There it is, yes, indeed!

Verse 18: “According to *their* deeds, accordingly He will repay; fury to His foes, deed for deed to His enemies. He will repay their deeds to the isles. So, they shall fear the name of the LORD...” (vs 18-19).

That’s what’s going to happen! It’s all going to be put down!

Verse 19: “So, they shall fear the name of the LORD from the west, and His glory from the rising of the sun. When the enemy shall come in like a flood, **the Spirit of the LORD shall make him flee. ‘The Redeemer shall come to Zion, and to those who turn from transgression in Jacob,’** says the LORD” (vs 19-20).

Now notice what He’s going to do. This is how it’s going to straighten the world out. It isn’t going to come any other way.

- Christ has to return
- we have to be resurrected
- we have to become spirit beings
- we have to right now learn from the Word of God what we’re going to do when we’re resurrected

then be given

- the *spirit* mind
- the *spirit* wisdom
- the *spirit* heart

- the *spirit* love

as the sons and daughters of God now saving the world!

Think about that. The world doesn't even comprehend that this is going to happen.!

Verse 21: "'As for Me, this is My covenant with them,' says the LORD...."

He will bring them into covenant when they repent. He will offer them salvation and a good way of life. the way that God wants it to be for everyone in the world. That's what it's telling us here.

"... 'My spirit that is upon you, and My words which I have put in your mouth, shall not depart out of your mouth, nor out of the mouth of your seed, nor out of the mouth of your seed's seed,' says the LORD, 'from now on and forever'" (v 21).

So this is the beginning of the salvation of God in a way that the world has never expected. So, here you have in this one chapter of Isaiah, Isa. 59, that way.

We know what happened with God and Abraham and Sodom and Gomorrah. Remember that? *Yes!* God came down with two angels and he told Sarah, 'You're going to have a child next year.' And she laughed and God said, 'You laughed!' She said, 'No, I didn't laugh!' He said, 'Yes, you did laugh!'

Then the Lord with the two angels took Abraham and God told Abraham what He was going to do to Sodom and Gomorrah; He was going to destroy it. Now, Sodom and Gomorrah was so wicked and then the two other cities that were next to them were the 'get-along-go-along' cities and because they were the 'get-along-go-along' cities, they likewise were destroyed.

Now Lot, who was supposed to be righteous, which he was to a very good degree, lived in Sodom. He had been living there for quite a while and it wasn't perverse as it was when this time of judgment came. So, Abraham, because he was his nephew, came to God and said:

Lord, now look, this is a very interesting thing. What if there are 50 who were righteous there? Will you destroy it!

Then Abraham got Him all the way down to 45 and then 40 and then 30 and then 20 and then finally Abraham said:

Lord, let me speak just this one time. I'll just ask one more thing. What if there are 10? Will You ***spare the city*** if there are 10?

And God said that yes, He would. ***But he knew there wouldn't be 10!*** So the two angels went on down to Lot, and you know the story. They came in to Sodom by night and all the homosexuals were out there prowling the streets looking for conquest for that night and they saw the angels who appeared as men and they wanted to take them and pervert them.

They came to Lot's house and when they went in, they had a big riot out there and said, 'Let these men come out because we want to know them.' **That means they wanted to pervert them!**

So, Lot said, 'Well, I've got two daughters. Lot said that because he knew that they wouldn't take his two daughters. So, in order to stop them from invading the house, the angel had to strike them blind so they couldn't see. Well, you know the rest of the story.

Even the sons-in-law were told them, 'Come, let's get out of here.' But they thought he was joking, so they didn't come, and it ended up to start out that it was *Noah and his wife and his two daughters and the two angels who were leaving!*. The angel said, 'Now you get out of here because it's going to be total destruction and don't look behind you.' You know what happened, *Mrs. Lot didn't listen, and she was turned into a pillar of salt!*

Now just stop and think for a minute. If angels had that power back then, what kind of power do you think that God is going to give us, as the sons and daughters of God?

- to bring justice
- to bring love
- to bring understanding

All of this together!

Now let's see something else in 2-Chron. 1. This was in the days of Solomon. Solomon. And remember, we've given many messages about Solomon. And remember, the whole thing and theme of Solomon is this. **It's not how you start, it's how you finish!**

He started out with everything. The blessings of God, everything to build the temple, all of the supplies. There were no wars. There was peace. And Solomon was smart enough to ask for wisdom and nothing else. So God said, 'Because you didn't ask for riches or anything else, I'm going to give you riches. I'm going to give you everything above and beyond that. So, what was one of the first things that he did?

2-Chronicles 1:1: "And Solomon the son of David was made strong in his kingdom, and the LORD his God *was* with him and magnified him

exceedingly.” *Now, that’s quite a statement, isn’t it?*

- How is that going to apply for us?
- How is God going to magnify us exceedingly to be able to have the power to straighten out this world?

Because it’s going to be a terrible mess with people:

- with sickness
- with disease
- with death
- with wounds
- with missing limbs

and everything like that! The whole environment all upset and falling apart, because of the wars.

Verse 2: “And Solomon spoke to all Israel, to the commanders of thousands and of hundreds, and to the judges, and to every governor in all Israel, the chief of the fathers.”

Now, this was leading up to setting up and opening up the temple, and it was so pleasing, as we have seen, that God put His presence in the temple with a great display of all the wonderful things that were made for the temple and everything that was there and the priests were singing and the trumpeters were trumpeting, and the great joy was there and God came and put Himself *a presence*—not Himself, but a presence—of His Spirit in the temple and in the Ark of the Covenant! Israel had its greatest *time at that time*, but it was short-lived!

We won’t get into it, but we’ll look and see how it started out.

Solomon and all the congregation with him went to the high place in Gibeon, for there the tabernacle was of the Congregation of the Lord, which Moses, the servant of the Lord, had made in the wilderness.

Now, the Ark of God David had been brought up from Kirjah-Jerim to the place that David had prepared for it, and he pitched it in a tent at Jerusalem. Then at that time, Ark of the Covenant went into the Holy Place and so forth.

They had everything going really, really good, and that’s quite a thing how that was done. Amazing! Absolutely amazing!

How long did that last? Well, it lasted a couple of hundred years with ups and downs and the splitting of the kingdom because of the sin of Solomon and it was a terrible mess, indeed!

Now, let’s come back here to Jer. 4 and let’s see that just like today, God gave the Jews a chance to come back. That’s what he’s doing today with what

we have. We have a chance to have things a little better for a while. But

- Will we do it?
- Will we come back to God the way that we need to?

We’ll see!

Jer. 4:1—here is going to be the message that we’re going to be teaching all the people because:

- the Kingdom of God will be set up on earth. Jerusalem will be the headquarters
- all of the nations in the world are going to find out about God

Some are going to willingly come and want to know and go back and bring peace. Others, Christ is going to have to fight against and we’ll look at some of that tomorrow.

Jeremiah 4:1: “‘If you will return, O Israel,’ says the LORD, ‘Return to Me....’”

Now, this is a message we’re going to have to preach to all the people at the beginning of the Millennium.

“‘...And if you will put away your abominations out of My sight, then you shall not be removed’” (v 1).

He was warning them back there, before the invasion that took place another 30 years later. *They had a 40-year time of warning from Jeremiah!* Think about that! There were a couple of revivals, one good one with Josiah, but they didn’t do it.

Verse 2: “And will swear, ‘As the LORD lives,’ in Truth, in Judgment, and in Righteousness; then the nations shall bless themselves in Him, and in Him they shall glory.”

That’s what it’s going to be. We’ll lay it out to them, but look at that. How does God act?

- in Truth—that’s the *Word of God*
- in Judgment—making *right, just* decisions
- in Righteousness—*right laws and goodness to prevail*
- then the nation shall bless themselves in Him—*that is in God*, in Him shall they glory

But they wouldn’t do it! Then it shows what they had to do:

- they had to really repent
- repent in truth
- repent in righteousness

so that none of these things would come upon them!

Now then, let's come all the way to the Gospel of John, because the Gospel of John is a very interesting one, especially chapter 7, which was in the days when there was the Feast of Tabernacles in Jerusalem, and Jesus went up there.

At first He didn't make Himself known. Even His brothers came to Him, and said, 'Look, why don't You go show Yourself?' He said, 'My time hasn't come, yet. You go up to the Feast.' He went up incognito and arrived there in the middle of the Feast.

John 7:14: "But then, about the middle of the Feast... [that's the feast of Tabernacles] ... Jesus went up into the temple and was teaching. And the Jews were amazed, saying, 'How does this Man know letters, having never been schooled?'" (vs 14-15).

Now that's an interesting statement, isn't it? He never went to a rabbinic school. ***God the Father taught Him from infancy everything!*** Now, was that not a better education than they could provide? *Yes! And Jesus never abided by any of their laws!* What do you know about that?

Verse 16: "Jesus answered them and said, 'My doctrine... [what I have learned] ...is not Mine, but His Who sent Me. If anyone desires to do His will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it is from God, or *whether* I speak from My own self'" (vs 16-17).

That's exactly what we're going to tell all the people of the world when we start taking over the world!

Verse 18: "The one who speaks of himself is seeking his own glory... [isn't that true?] ...but He Who seeks the glory of Him Who sent Him is true."

Now, that's of Christ and of us, ***because we will be sent to bring back the world to God!***

Now, think about that! Think about that when you're watching the news and looking at

- all the difficulties
- all the problem and the death
- all the destruction
- all the crime
- all the political shenanigans
- all the lies
- all the riots

We're going to go out there and tell them Christ is ruling in Jerusalem. We are sent by Him.

- ***IF*** you believe in Him
- ***IF*** you believe what we teach you
- ***THEN*** He's going to bless you

It's going to be laid out there for them to know. We won't speak of ourselves.

Verse 23: "If a man receives circumcision on *the* Sabbath, so that the Law of Moses may not be broken, why are you angry with Me because I made a man entirely whole on *the* Sabbath?"

Now, Jesus gave this out as a proposition that He wanted them to make a right choice. They wanted to say that what they were criticizing Him for doing, for healing this man on the Sabbath, was greater than circumcision *lawfully* on the Sabbath. *Quite a thing!*

So, He told them, 24: "Judge not according to appearance, ***but judge righteous judgment.***"

Isn't that a tremendous thing? ***Judge righteous judgment.*** Yes, indeed! So, these are all some of the things we're leading up to.

When we come back from a break, we will look at some of the things that we need to do for judging and what is right. It tells us exactly what we need to do. But the most important thing for us right now, so that we learn to do that, we start out with; that we have a relationship with God

- based upon love, repentance and service
 - based upon obedience to the Truth
 - based upon the love of God
 - based upon the love of each other
 - based upon the love of our neighbor
- and understanding that we need to learn the Truth*
- how to think with it
 - how to be able to do the things that God wants us to do

Now, before we take a break, let's come here to Heb. 10, and let's see that we're dealing with conversion in our lives and everything like that in order to be able to develop the mind.

Aren't we told: ***'Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus.'*** That's not *His* mind, but ***the way that He thought with the Spirit of God and the Laws of God!***

Here is how God is preparing us for these things right now, and that's called ***conversion with His Spirit!*** Conversion is quite a process, and it's something that we need to:

- learn
- understand
- grow in grace and knowledge
- know
- live by

How are we going to prepare ourselves for it? That's the whole point of the New Covenant. That's the whole point of us understanding about all the Holy

Days and especially the Feast of Tabernacles, of what God is going to do for the world.

Heb. 10:14 is a key fundamental cornerstone and building block that we build on Jesus Christ, right here:

Hebrews 10:14: “For by one offering He has obtained eternal perfection *for* those who are sanctified.”

- **IF** you have the Spirit of God
- **IF** you continue your right relationship with God

you are sanctified with the Spirit of God! That is, you are ***being made Holy!*** Now think about that! That’s why we have the Holy Spirit, and here’s what it’s to do for us,

Verse 15: “And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after He had previously said... [this is the whole purpose of it right here]: ...‘This *is* the covenant...’” (vs 15-16).

We know the difference between a covenant and a testimony, how important that a covenant is. A covenant is such that it is lasting. **IF** you break it, **THEN** you lose eternal life.

Now the covenant is also this: **IF** you sin and repent, your sins will be forgiven. That can be used as an exercise in overcoming so that we learn not to sin. *That’s all part of the covenant!*

“...that I will establish with them after those days,’ says *the Lord*, ‘I will give My Laws...’” (v 16).

That’s what God wants; ***His Laws into their hearts!*** Then this brings us:

- belief
- obedience
- love

“...and I will inscribe them in their minds” (v 16). ***That’s what God wants!***

- that’s how we prepare for the Millennium
- that’s how we prepare for Eternal Life

The whole responsibility of taking over the world and bringing about the control of the whole earth under Jesus Christ as King and all of the saints! The sons and daughters of God being all of the rulers and leaders in the whole society everywhere around the world! **Now that’s what the Feast of Tabernacles is all about!**

So, let’s take a break and we’ll come back and then we will see ***how we have written in our hearts and our minds the way that we need to learn***

judgment in preparation for the resurrection and ruling in the Kingdom of God!

(break@46:19)

Now let’s continue on with ***just judgment***, and that’s to be ***done in righteousness***. Let’s see something that how God always organizes.

- God doesn’t leave things to chaos
- He doesn’t leave things to chance

But people:

- when they reject the way of God
- when they reject the Truth of God

They want to go in their own way, with their own conscience and everything like that, actually in many cases out in deliberate sin! You have to have some way to control it.

Now in the New Testament, Rom. 13, God set up these civil governments that they were to enforce the letter of the Law, and they were the ones who were to have the judgment concerning what to do with evildoers and those that need to be executed.

Now, you need to realize that once the Church began and going out into all other nations, you can’t have a civil government within the Church running things in a nation, ***because you can’t have two sovereigns in one nation.***

So, the Church is not given the same civil authority that God gave to ancient Israel, because He gave them civil authority and religious authority, or that is authority for the worship of God, all based upon the Laws of God.

Here in Deut. 1 is what Moses was telling them [what the LORD said] before they went into the land.

Deuteronomy 1:8: “Behold, I have set before you the land. Go in and possess the land, which the LORD has sworn to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give to them and to their seed after them.”

Verse 9: “And I [Moses] spoke to you at that time, saying... [this is to the people and introducing everything in the book of Deuteronomy] ...‘I am not able to bear you by myself. The LORD your God has multiplied you, and behold, today you *are* as the stars of heaven for multitude. May the LORD, the God of your fathers, make you a thousand times more than you *are*, and bless you as He has promised you!’” (vs 9-11)—***claiming the promise of God!***

Now then, Moses says this about doing all the judgment himself. *That’s why God is preparing all of us. He’s not going to do it Himself, **but** we’ve got to:*

- have everything right
- be spirit beings
- be just in our thinking
- have the Laws written in our hearts and in our minds
- have love toward the people
- have love toward God
- be bringing law and order
- be bringing Truth and worship of God

All of that's what we're going to be doing in the Millennium!

So, Moses says, v 12: "How can I by myself bear *the weight of* your problems and your burden and your strife?" *And that's what it was!* So, here is the solution:

Verse 13: "Choose wise and understanding men, and *those* known to your tribes, and I will appoint them leaders over you."

That's exactly what Christ is going to do!
That's why ***we're to grow in:***

- grace and knowledge
- wisdom
- judgment
- understanding
- knowing how to use the Word of God

Verse 14: "And you answered me and said, 'The thing which you have spoken *is* good to do.' And I took the heads of your tribes, wise and experienced men, and made them leaders over you, leaders over thousands, and leaders over hundreds, and leaders over fifties, and leaders over tens, and officers among your tribes. ***And I commanded your judges...***" (vs 14-16).

Notice, there are the civil ones who carry out the Law, which we will do, ***God's Law!*** *Then there are judges.*

Verse 16: "And I commanded your judges at that time saying, 'Hear *the causes* between your brethren, ***and judge righteously between a man and his brother, and the stranger*** with him.'" *Now, notice the rules:*

- there are Commandments for being a righteous judge
- there are Commandments for executing justice

Verse 17: "You shall not respect persons in judgment. You shall hear the small as well as the great.... [doesn't matter who they are, they have equal standing before the court] ...You shall not be afraid of the face of man, ***for the judgment is God's...***"

In other words, you judge it by the Laws of God. Don't give in to the ones who are pressuring you to let them stay evil. Don't give in to the ones who are pressuring you to eliminate everything and everyone, ***but you judge righteous judgment!***

"...And the cause that is too hard for you, bring to me... [to Moses and later to Joshua and the judges (book of Judges)] ...And I will hear it. ***And I commanded you at that time all the things, which you should do***" (vs 17-18).

So, that's what it was. That's how he commanded them to set it up; very interesting, indeed!

- Deut. 16—he adds a little more to this, to tell us about it
- Deut. 17—also is applicable to what we do today.

Deuteronomy 16:18: "You shall appoint judges and officers..."

These are also some of the things that will be given to us for us to do as spirit beings. We're going to do this, appointed by God. The whole government, every part of it, will be under the jurisdiction of Jesus Christ for the whole world.

Verse 18: "You shall appoint judges and officers for yourself in all your gates, which the LORD your God gives you, tribe by tribe. And ***they shall judge the people with righteous judgment.***" *That's the key and important thing!*

Now, recently, we had this case up in Idaho, where they gave clemency to the man who ruthlessly killed four students at the University of Idaho, viciously! He confessed, and then they gave him life in prison without parole.

But God says, 'life for life!' And that, even though it was merciful, on its appearance, was an ***unjust judgment,*** because his life should have been given, as God has said, for anyone who takes life.

Verse 19: "You shall ***not pervert judgment;*** you shall ***not respect persons, nor take a bribe,*** for a bribe ***blinds the eyes of the wise and perverts the words of the righteous.***" *Always does!*

That's what the Democrats have been doing, going to these ***unjust judges to get perverse decisions!***

Verse 20: ***You shall follow that which is altogether just so that you may live... [important]: ...and inherit the land, which the LORD your God gives you.***"

Isn't that what's happening today. Look at how responsible *the judges are for all the crime* that's going on, ***because they didn't follow the words of God!***

Verse 21: "You shall not set up for yourself pillars of any trees near the altar of the LORD your God, which you shall make for yourself. Nor shall you set up any image, which *thing* the LORD your God hates" (vs 21-22).

Now, what he's showing here is this: **WHEN** you leave the Laws of God and you go after other things to worship, **THEN** your judgment is perverted, *and*:

- you can't make ***righteous*** judgment
- you can't make ***just*** judgments

Now let's look at what happened when they wanted a king. It also tells us here in Deut. 17 that if you have judgments and you can't make a judgment of it, then you go up the line until you come to the high priest. When the high priest makes the judgment, everyone's going to live by it; everyone's going to do it.

This is where we get our judiciary in America and it goes on up to the Supreme Court. Here with God, it went up to the high priest.

Deuteronomy 17:9: "And you shall come to the priests, the Levites, and to the judge... [so you have both] ...that shall be in those days, and ask. And they shall declare to you the sentence of judgment."

That's precisely what we're going to be doing in a Millennium.

Verse 10: "And you shall do according to the sentence, which they declare to you from that place which the LORD shall choose. And you shall be careful to do according to all that they tell you"—*according to the Word of God.*

That's why it's so important that now in our conversion and growing in grace and knowledge that we have those laws **written in our hearts and in our minds** so that we can make right judgments!

Then it says, v 11: "... You shall not turn aside from the sentence, which they shall show you, to the right hand or the left. And the man that acts presumptuously and will not hearken to the priest who stands to minister there before the LORD your God, or to the judge, **even that man shall die**" (vs 11-12).

There are a lot of things that God said that the death penalty should be brought upon them. A lot of those you will see are not just as penalty for the one who sinned, ***but to protect the rest of the society!***

"...And you shall put away the evil from Israel. And all the people shall hear and fear, and do no more presumptuously" (vs 12-13).

Now then, let's see what God says when they said, 'We want a king,' *and that happened in the days of Samuel!*

Verse 14: "When you come to the land, which the LORD your God gives you, and shall possess it and shall live in it and shall say, 'I will set a king over me, like all the nations that *are* around me.'"

Now here's the way that the top leader should be chosen, the king. That won't be in the Millennium, ***because Christ will be King!*** But nevertheless, for now, *this shows us how we qualify to be kings and priests!*

Verse 15: "You shall surely set a king over you **whom the LORD your God shall choose**.... [that's Christ] ... You shall set a king over you from among your brethren.... [we'll all be brethren of Christ] ... You may not set a stranger over you who is not your brother."

Here are the things that Solomon failed to do, and it destroyed the nation of Israel, ***divided it*** with the ten tribes of the north going off, and then Levi and some of Benjamin in the south to Rehoboam.

Verse 16: "Only he shall not multiply horses to himself... [which Solomon did] ...nor cause the people to return to Egypt... [which Solomon did when he built incense altars for all of his thousand wives and concubines] ...so as to multiply horses because the LORD has said to you, 'You shall not return that way again.'"

Verse 17: "**Nor shall he multiply wives to himself**, so that his heart does not turn away...."

Isn't that exactly what is said of Solomon? ***His wives turned his heart away, yes indeed!***

"...Nor shall he greatly **multiply silver and gold to himself**" (v 17).

Well, God gave all of that to Solomon, ***but all of this went to his head!*** You can read that in the book of Ecclesiastes.

Verse 18: "And it shall be, when he sits on the throne of his kingdom, **he shall write for himself**..."—*sit down and personally write!*

Well, we don't have to do that today because we can have it printed and have many, many copies like we do.

"...he shall write for himself a copy of this Law in a book... [a personal book for himself]

...from that which is in the custody of the priests the Levites” (v 18).

Now then, think about this. That ties in directly with what we read in Heb. 10, *the whole Law, write it all down!* Notice what he was to do with it:

Verse 19: “And it shall be with him, and he shall read it all the days of his life... [For what purpose?] ...so that he may learn to fear the LORD his God, to keep all the words of this Law and these statutes, to do them.”

Now that’s exactly what God wants us to do with the Word of God today for ourselves.

- this qualifies us to be judges
- this qualifies us to be kings and priests and rulers

and things like this, because then we will be the sons and daughters of God! That’s going to make the Millennium the greatest thing that ever happened to humanity! Keep all the law!

Verse 20: “So that his heart...” Now think about that and think about Heb. 10:

- written in your heart
- inscribed in your mind

What does that do? *That:*

- helps us to be sanctified with the *Words of God* in our mind
- helps us to develop *the mind of Christ* so that we think with the Word of God
- prepares us to rule in the Millennium

Amazing how these things back here in what the world rejects as the Old Testament, are actually living Words of God that should be followed today!

Verse 20: “So that his heart may not be lifted up above his brethren...”

What did Jesus say about the apostles?

- they weren’t to be overlords
- they weren’t to be high priests
- they were to be ‘doulos’ *servants* for the people to teach them

That’s what it is right here. *That’s the same thing that Jesus taught!*

“...and that he does not turn aside from the commandment, to the right or the left, to the end that he may prolong *his* days in his kingdom, he and his children, in the midst of Israel” (v 20). *Whoa! What a tremendous thing that is!*

- we’re going to be living forever
- the Kingdom is going to be forever

How is that going to be run? Exactly as we are learning.

These are the things that we need to have and develop in our minds now, because *this is how we develop the mind of Christ*, so that *we can rule and reign with Him*:

- in truth
- in love
- in honesty
- in power
- in righteousness

and so forth!

Proverbs 8:13: “The fear of the LORD *is to hate evil*; I hate pride... [wisdom speaking] ...and arrogance, and the evil way, and the perverse mouth.”

That’s the thing to avoid! This is the thing that we get rid of now:

- we don’t lift ourselves up
- we don’t become high and mighty
- we don’t say that we’re privileged
- we don’t say that we rule over the brethren

NO! We’re to be servants to help them!

Verse 14: “Counsel and sound wisdom are mine; I am understanding; I have strength”—*that is wisdom!*

This is the Spirit of God, as it were, *showing the action through the simile of wisdom.*

Verse 15: “By me kings reign and princes decree justice.” *It’s the only way to do it!*

Verse 16: “Princes rule by me, and nobles, and all the judges of the earth.”

Now that’s actually *a prophecy of the Millennium, think of that!*

Verse 17: “I love those who love me; and those who seek me early shall find me. Riches and honor *are* with me; *yea*, enduring riches and righteousness. My fruit... [the Truth] ...*is* better than gold, *yea*, than fine gold; and what I give *is* better than choice silver” (vs 17-19).

Now look, right here in the Proverbs, it tells us all the things we need to know. Isn’t that amazing? Think what would happen **IF ALL—just take all of the senators and congressmen in Washington, D.C.—were made to follow these things!** Just think how much better this country would be. Everything that we’ve covered here.

Verse 20: “I lead in the way of

righteousness, in the midst of **the paths of justice.**”
There it is again, justice and righteousness!

Now we’re going to see how consistent the Word of God is in everything. That’s what’s so good. Just think what it would be **IF** the judges, **IF** the leaders, **IF** everything followed the Word of God.

Well, they won’t do it today, but when the Kingdom of God comes, **everyone’s going to do it!** That’s the only way it’s going to work.

Proverbs 21:15: **“It is joy to the righteous to do justice...”**

Now notice the second half, and this is what’s so good about the Proverbs. It gives you Truth, and then *it condemns the error.*

Proverbs 21:15: **“It is joy to the righteous to do justice, but ruin to the workers of iniquity.”**

Verse 16: **“The man who wanders out of the way of understanding shall remain in the congregation of the dead.”** WOW! Quite a thing!

Prov. 18:13—here’s something that’s very important in what we need to do in our very conversation too, ***and that is get all the facts! Wait until you hear everything that needs to be presented!***

Proverbs 18:13: **“He who answers a matter before he hears it, it is folly and shame to him.”**

Verse 15: **“The heart of the prudent gets knowledge, and the ear of the wise seeks knowledge.”**

Verse 17: **“The one who is first in his own cause seems just, but his neighbor comes and searches him out.”**

In other words, you’ve got to hear both sides of this story, and you have to put it together. That’s quite a thing! See how great that these Proverbs are in helping us to understand what we need to do.

Proverbs 24:23: **“These things also are for the wise... [that is, **IF** you’ll listen, pay attention] ...to have **respect of persons** in judgment is not good.” **No! It ruins everything!****

Verse 24: **“He who says to the wicked, ‘You are righteous,’ the people shall curse him and nations shall abhor him. But to those who rebuke him, it shall be a delight, and a good blessing shall come upon them”** (vs 24-25).

Quite a thing, right there in Proverbs. Now, I tell you that one of the best ways to understand many things in the Bible, and many practical things in living day to day, ***is study through the Proverbs!*** They’re all so good, the Word of God.

Let’s look at something that a lot of people

misunderstand. Let’s come to John 8 Now, a lot of people look at this as *forgiveness*, ***but it’s not!*** This is quite a thing in relationship to the typology of John 8 & 9, which is this.

The first part of John 8 is with the woman caught in adultery, and we’ll go through that. And then, John 9 is the one who is born blind.

Symbolically, prophetically, the woman here in John 8 is typical of Israel. And a man born blind applies to all the Gentile nations that God has not dealt with. Now, think on that. That’s something to understand, isn’t it?

John 8:3: **“Then the scribes and the Pharisees brought to Him... [in the temple area] ...a woman who had been taken in adultery; and after setting her in the center... [because there was a big crowd of people] ...they said to Him, ‘Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery. And in the Law, Moses commanded us that those who commit such a sin should be stoned. Therefore, **what do You say?**’”** (vs 3-5). *Let’s see what happened!*

Verse 6: **“Now, they said this to tempt Him, so that they might have cause to accuse Him. But Jesus stooped down and wrote on the ground with His finger.”**

Now many people have often wondered, what did He write? Let’s see if we can apply ***the rules of good judgments*** to this and understand what He did. We’ll answer the question a little bit.

Verse 7: **“And as they continued to ask Him, He lifted Himself up and said to them, ‘**Let the sinless one among you cast the first stone at her.**’”**

Wasn’t that true that the people should stone someone who sinned? So, Jesus took them on with their own temptation and said: ‘Anyone out here who is sinless, you go get a stone and you stone her.’

Verse 8: **“And again He stooped down and wrote on the ground. But after hearing this, they were convicted each by his own conscience, and went out one by one, beginning with the older ones until the last. And Jesus was left alone, with the woman standing in the center. And when Jesus lifted Himself up and saw no one but the woman, He said to her, ‘Woman, where are your accusers? Did anyone condemn you?’ And she said, ‘No one, Lord.’ And Jesus said to her, ‘Neither do I condemn you.... [listen to what He said] ...**Go, and sin no more**’”** (vs 8-11).

Now think on that! **He didn’t say,** ‘I forgive you.’ He said:

- ‘Is there anyone to accuse you?’ *No, they all left.* Why did they leave? *Probably because of what Jesus was writing on the ground!*
- What do you suppose that He wrote?

Most appropriately, He *probably* wrote, ‘**Where is the man?**’ *Because there can be no adultery without a man and a woman, and if she was caught in the act: **Why didn’t they bring the man, also?** Because both were to be stoned!*

So, what is this? *This is a mistrial, because they didn’t follow the Law in bringing the man and the woman, and they didn’t follow the law by having witnesses give testimony against both!*

This was a mistrial, *not a forgiveness*, because Jesus didn’t say, ‘I forgive you.’ **He said**, ‘Go and sin no more!’

So, that’s quite a thing! I hope you understand that. A lot of people miss that. Now let’s carry this a little bit further. Let’s see *what are we going to do with judging!*

That’s quite a thing when we understand what Paul wrote in 1-Cor. 6. Because this is going to be quite an amazing thing! Now think about how much we all need to grow in grace and knowledge to have the kind of character that it’s going to be required

1-Corinthians 6:1: “Does anyone among you who has a matter against another dare to go to a court of law before the unrighteous, and not before the saints?”

What Paul is saying is this: All of the members of the Church need to be educated themselves so in difficult problems like when Matt. 18 comes up and wanted to tell the Church that they are able to make a right decision *rather than run off to the **unrighteous judge in the world!***

Verse 2: “Don’t you know that the saints shall judge the world?...” **See how important right judgment is?**

- just judgment
- correct thinking
- correct application
- being fair in everything that is done
- not being one-sided
- not being emotional
- not giving in to the rich
- not giving in to the poor
- not giving in to yourself

All of those things!

We shall judge the world, “...and **IF** the

world is to be judged by you, **are you unworthy of the most trivial of judgments?**” (v 2). *Can’t you even make the slightest little correct decision?*

That’s quite an indictment, isn’t it? *Yes!* Well, same thing for us today. That’s exactly what we find with the judiciary here in America, as well as other countries. *They can’t even make a right decision over something that is trivial!*

Verse 3—I want you to think on this, because judgment is going to be given to the saints as kings, priests, judges, rulers and everything.

Verse 3: “Don’t you know that we shall judge angels?...”

Now, think on that! What is that going to be like to judge angels? We don’t know, but we better be prepared so when we get in the kingdom of God we can do it right.

“...How much more the things of this life? So then, if you have judgments *concerning the things of this life, why do you appoint as judges* those who have no standing in the Church?” (vs 3-4).

In other words, they had everything all upside down. And even in the Church, the ones who are supposed to make any judgments for the church:

- have to be wise
- have to know the Word of God
- have to make a correct judgment

And don’t you know that that’s one of the major faults as to why Worldwide Church of God was taken down?

- they didn’t make the right judgments
- they didn’t do the right things
- they didn’t handle everything the way that God wanted

So, He took it down all away!

Now, all of these things are necessary for us to learn and for us to understand that in order to be the sons and daughters of God, to be resurrected from the dead or transformed if we’re still living when the resurrection comes, into being spirit beings. Then we will have:

- spirit minds
- spirit bodies

and be able with the education that we have now come into full blossom:

- to make the right decisions
- to teach people to love God
- to keep His Commandments
- to live by every Word of God
- to love their neighbor

- to love God
- and we are going to rid the world of:*

- war
- crime
- murder
- theft

all of the things that plague us because human beings have sought to go their own way! IF they go their own way, and yet, claim God, *it doesn't work out.*

- this is why we are here
- this is why we keep the Feasts of God
- this is why we live by every Word of God

As we continue on and finish this Feast of Tabernacles tomorrow with Day 7. **We will see also what God has to do to help bring this world completely under the control of the resurrected saints of God, to rule the world!** So we'll see you tomorrow on Day 7.

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