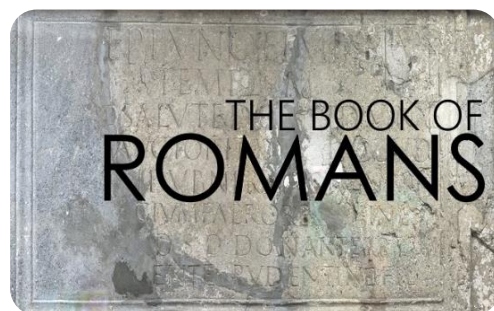


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Paul was a good teacher; in Galatians, we learn he was first taught 3 years, then 14 more years directly from the risen Lord, who is a good Teacher, too. This Book to the Romans is the grand manifesto of God... against all that is Mystery Babylon in the last days: the time of the 3 days of the Ingathering, shadows of things to come still on the Lord's calendar awaiting fulfillment.



Why did Paul say that in chapter 1 ? As I said, he wasn't finished in chapter 1. He has 5 more verses to go, to seal the deal... and complete his introduction; as Paul... with a very emphatic voice... is introducing us... to ourselves!

So, get your stones ready!

¹ **So, you are inexcusable, O man, whoever you are who judges** / oh man or woman who plays God, instead of doing what you were created for; the word is: **krino**; the one who criticizes, it means: **to cut**, it's the root for: **scissors**. Now we say, however you cut it; however you slice it. And what is so funny: it's also the root for: **excrement**; and do we learn about those who judge others... who think their excrement don't stink!

Paul says...

you are inexcusable / you are indefensible; and it doesn't sound like there's going to be a lawyer provided does it? Paul says, you who criticize another... you don't have a defense. Jesus said, I did not come to judge the world. Later, Paul will say, who are you who judges another man's servant?

And here, Paul tells us...

So you are indefensible, for when you judge another, you condemn yourself / katakrino; you ultimately condemn yourself. From the 1300s, John Wycliffe's translation is still so clear. Listen...

wherein thou deemest another... thou condemnest thyself.

for you who judge do the same things / you practice and approve the same. So, either we are temporarily insane or hopelessly lost... certainly hypocritical, if we love to criticize and throw stones at others.

² **But we are sure the justice of God** / the krima of God,

is according to truth / at heart, God's judgments are according to truth; not according to public opinion. Jesus, when He lived among us... sounded different than all the others: He spoke truth; He did not play the world's game and twist the truth; which is why they did not like Him. if it was not so, He would have told us; because Jesus knew, God who is spirit... must be worshiped in spirit and truth.

we are sure the justice of God is according to truth...

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against those who commit such things / against all Paul mentioned in chapter 1. Paul said: the judgment of God is... God judging! not you, not me. He does not need our help; He's not like those hard like iron, smashing and destroying... until the whole world is broken.

God's judgment is according to truth, against those who commit such things.

And Paul gives us one of his: either, or moments... to pause and reconsider...

³ **And do you think this, O mankind** / O anthropos, man or woman,

who criticizes them who do such things, and you do the same,

that you will escape the judgment of God? / Paul asks, Is that what you really think? Hebrews 2 asks, [How will we escape if we neglect so great salvation?](#)

⁴ **Or do you despise the riches of His goodness**

and restraint / do you loath His patient restraint;

and longsuffering / He sure has suffered with us long;

not knowing that the goodness of God leads to metanoia / in Greek: **meta** = **change** + **noia** = **mind**, to change our mind; to reconsider... to relearn some things; until we think correctly; it is a great word that the best first-grade teachers in the world use every day; not related to any hocus pocus traditions. Paul knew what Jesus knew, without a changed mind, there will be no changed heart.

God's goodness and restraint and longsuffering leads His children to a metanoia moment and The Spirit knows the best educational methodology is the soft touch, long suffering Teacher strategy; as opposed to the slash and burn, break and ruin and destroy strategy of the world; God our Father knows without a changed mind, there will be no changed heart.

⁵ **but because of your hardness / your callous stubbornness and unchanged mind** / let's take apart that word: **a** = **negative particle** + **meta** = **change** + **noetos** = **mind**... Paul talks about: thoughts going the wrong direction; or worse, admitting no change of mind, probably seeing no need. those who think: everybody else... is wrong...

you are storing up wrath for yourself... against the Day of wrath revealing the righteous justice of God.

Paul warns, Which do you think? We sit in judgment over others... while we think we will escape the judgment of God? Or we're going to ignore God's goodness... and patient restraint and longsuffering towards us... as we store and pile up God's anger, in our race to our own Armageddon?

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There is a Day coming – Moses told us about 7 Days... **belonging to the Lord**; specific days; set-times; 4 days were completed, 2000 years ago; only 3 Days remain on His calendar. Paul knows, the **6th Day of the Lord** will be ugly... for all who are on the earth. **Psalm 2** asks: Why do people imagine a vain thing? And concludes: Kiss the Son while He can still be found.

There is a hardness... there is a callousness... there is a stubbornness... yes there is... and it's the deadly disease in all of us -- me included. Thankfully, now is **the Day of Salvation**... that in His mercy and grace we might enter His presence full of faith; but this time of salvation, for those not appointed unto God's wrath... will one day suddenly end... with the sound of a Trumpet!

There is an unchanged heart... which piles up wrath... against the **Day of wrath** and the righteous judgment of God. You know, having heard Paul, If we still have a stone to throw at somebody, then we probably have missed the point. But having heard Paul and maybe being pressed to ask, How will I escape? We will not... without God's help. That's why He came. Call on Him! And thank Him... today!



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