

Shophet (n): Judge (apply fair moral outcome and restore rightful order)

Shapat (v): to decide
to defend
to deliver
to discipline

Do you trust God as Judge?

Do you trust him to decide, defend, deliver, and discipline you?

The goal of God's judgement is restoration!

God's character vs. Our sin nature

What does God want? "judgement will again be founded on righteousness" Ps:94:15

- To be glorified and for us to do all things for His glory.
- To accomplish His good purposes.
- Decide because He is all-knowing.
- Defend the broken hearted, widows, enslaved, outcasts.
- Deliver His children (us) from evil.
- Discipline as needed to turn hearts back to Him.
- For us to love what He loves.
- Micah 6:8

Story of Jonah

What did Jonah want? _____ What do we want? _____

Who was Jonah concerned about defending? _____. Us? _____.

Who did Jonah want to be delivered from evil? _____. Us? _____.

Who did Jonah want to be disciplined? _____. Us? _____.

God's decision delivers us from evil, defends us in our sin, and disciplines us to conform us in the image of his son Jesus Christ.

God's judgement is done with righteousness and love.

ROMANS

- 1: All are sinners.
- 2: We have no excuses.
- 3: No one is righteous. Purpose of law vs. new covenant.
- 4: Faith credited as righteousness.
- 5: While we were God's enemies, Jesus reconciles us by his own death.
- 6: Grace wins!
- 7: Desire to do good, but can't carry it out.
- 8: No condemnation for those in Christ Jesus!

God's Plan:

"For God so loved the world that He sent his one and only son, that whomever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whomever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.

John 3:16-18

God's Heart:

"The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance."

1 Peter 3:9

"God's compassion flows out of his goodness and goodness without justice is not goodness."

A.W. Tozer

"Let us study the character of Christ until our souls are filled with the love and admiration of His lowliness. And let us believe that, when we are broken down under a sense of our pride, and our impotence to cast it out, Jesus Christ himself will come in to impart this grace too, as a part of His wondrous life within us."

Andrew Murray, Humility

"Humility is perfect quietness of heart. It is to expect nothing, to wonder at nothing that is done to me, to feel nothing done against me. It is to be at rest when nobody praises me, and when I am blamed or despised. It is to have a blessed home in the Lord, where I can go in and shut the door, and kneel to my Father in secret, and am at peace as in a deep sea of calmness, when all around and above is trouble."

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