

THE PROMINENT ASPECTS OF THE GLAD TIDINGS

Part 1b: RIGHTEOUSNESS - GOD'S JUST JUDGEMENT AGAINST EVERY SIN

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REVIEW:

1. Righteousness is the most prominent aspect of the New Covenant. The Glad Tidings are the power of God in our behalf because the righteousness of God is revealed therein.
2. Practicing righteousness matures us from being infants in Christ, needing milk.
3. God is Judge over all of Mankind.
4. *"Who can say, I have made my heart clean, I am pure from my sin?"* (Pr 20:9 ASV)
5. God's master stroke of all of time was Jesus Christ's substitutionary death for our sins!

What Are The Just Judgements of Sin?:

1. Jer 30:15 ASV *"Why criest thou for thy hurt? thy pain is incurable: for the greatness of thine iniquity, because thy sins were increased, I have done these things unto thee."*
2. Eze 33:10b ASV *"Our transgressions and our sins are upon us, and we pine away in them; how then can we live?"*
3. John 5:5-15, esp. v. 14: *"Behold, thou art made whole (of a 38 year long infirmity wherein he was impotent to walk); sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee."*
4. Psm. 31:10 *"For my life is spent with sorrow And my years with sighing; My strength has failed because of my iniquity, And my body has wasted away."*
5. Psm. 38:3 *"There is no soundness in my flesh because of Your indignation; There is no health in my bones because of my sin."*
6. Psm. 38:5 *"My wounds grow foul and fester because of my folly."*
7. Psm. 41:4 *"As for me, I said, 'O LORD, be gracious to me; Heal my soul, for I have sinned against You."*
8. Isa 33:24 ASV *"And the inhabitant shall not say, I am sick: the people that dwell therein shall be forgiven their iniquity."*
9. *"Your iniquities have turned away these things, and your sins have withholden good from you."* (Jer 5:25 ASV)
10. Jer. 14:19b-20 *"...there is no healing for us? We looked for peace, but no good came; and for a time of healing, and, behold, dismay! 20 We acknowledge, O Jehovah, our wickedness, and the iniquity of our fathers; for we have sinned against thee."*
11. Jer 30:12-15 ASV *"For thus saith Jehovah, Thy hurt is incurable, and thy wound grievous. 13 There is none to plead thy cause, that thou mayest be bound up: thou hast no healing medicines. 14 All thy lovers have forgotten thee; they seek thee not: for I have wounded thee with the wound of an enemy, with the chastisement of a cruel one, for the greatness of thine iniquity, because thy sins were increased. 15 Why criest thou for thy hurt? thy pain is incurable: for the greatness of thine iniquity, because thy sins were increased, I have done these things unto thee."*

These records show us that the reason these "sicknesses," "diseases," "pains," "sorrows," "incurable pains," "bodies wasting away," etc. take place due to sins. Sins are the doorway through which all these problems came. The two masters: 1. God, through the redemptive work in Jesus Christ (righteousness by faith) seeks to deliver us. 2. Sin seeks to destroy us. We will get the results from the master we serve.

The Just Judgements of Sin Are Too Much For Anyone to Bear:

1. Isa. 59:2 *"Your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid His face from you that He will not hear."* ("face" see Ps 67:1)
2. Psm. 38:3-4 *"my iniquities have gone over my head, as a heavy burden they are too heavy for me."*
3. Lev. 5:17 *"And if a soul sin, and commit any of these things which are forbidden to be done by the commandments of the LORD; though he wist (knew) it not, yet is he guilty, and shall bear his iniquity."*
4. Num. 32:23 *"and be sure your sin will find you out."*

God Has Always Been Aimed at Being Merciful:

1. Mark 2:1-12: (vs 10-11) ***“But that ye may know that the Son of man hath authority on earth to forgive sins (he saith to the sick of the palsy), I say unto thee, Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thy house.”***
2. Isa. 38, esp. v. 17b ***“...thou hast in love to my soul delivered it from the pit of corruption: for thou hast cast all my sins behind thy back.”***
3. Psm. 103: 3: ***“Who (God) forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases”***
4. Jer 9:24 ***“but let him that glorieth glory in this, that he hath understanding, and knoweth me, that I am Jehovah who exerciseth lovingkindness (mercy, pity), justice, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these things I delight, saith Jehovah.”***

God Measured Out the Just Judgements for Every Sin on his Son, Jesus Christ:

1. ***“and he is the propitiation (full payment which satisfied God) for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for the whole world.”*** (1Jo 2:2 ASV)
2. ***“but he, when he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God;”*** (Heb 10:12 ASV) “Sat down” means that the work was done.
3. ***“For the death that he died, he died unto sin once: but the life that he liveth, he liveth unto God.”*** (Ro 6:10 ASV)
4. ***“who (Jesus Christ) gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us out of this present evil world, according to the will of our God and Father:”*** (Ga 1:4 ASV)
5. ***“1 ¶ Who hath given credence to (belief in) that which we heard? And the arm (strength) of Jehovah, On whom hath it been revealed? 2 Yea, he cometh up as a tender plant before Him, And as a root out of a dry land, He hath no form, nor honour, when we observe him, Nor appearance (special look), when we desire him. 3 He is despised, and left (rejected) of men, A man of pains, and acquainted with sickness, And as one hiding the face from us, He is despised, and we esteemed him not.”***
“4 ¶ Surely our sicknesses he hath borne, And our pains — he hath carried them, And we — we have esteemed him plagued, Smitten of God, and afflicted. 5 And he is pierced for our transgressions, Bruised for our iniquities, The chastisement of (which achieved) our peace is on him, And by his bruise there is healing to us. 6 All of us like sheep have wandered, Each to his own way we have turned, And Jehovah hath caused to meet (be measured out) on him, The punishment of us all. 7 It hath been exacted (he was demanded upon), and he hath answered (responded), And he openeth not his mouth (didn't defend himself), As a lamb to the slaughter he is brought, And as a sheep before its shearers is dumb, And he openeth not his mouth. 8 By restraint and by judgment he hath been taken, And of his generation who doth meditate, That he hath been cut off from the land of the living? By the transgression of My people he is plagued, 9 And it appointeth with the wicked his grave, And with the rich are his high places (deaths), Because he hath done no violence, Nor is deceit in his mouth.”
“10 ¶ And Jehovah hath delighted to bruise him, He hath made him sick, If his soul doth make an offering for guilt, He seeth seed — he prolongeth days, And the pleasure of Jehovah in his hand doth prosper. 11 Of the labour (grievousness) of his soul he seeth — he is satisfied, Through his knowledge give righteousness Doth the righteous one, My servant, to many, And their iniquities he doth bear. 12 Therefore I give a portion to him among the many, And with the mighty he apportioneth spoil, Because that he exposed to death his soul, And with transgressors he was numbered, And he the sin of many hath borne (carried), And for transgressors he intercedeth.” (Isa 53:1-12 YLT)

Not one sin was missed! God's just judgement was measured out. Every sin of Mankind was acquitted through our Lord's sacrificial work at Calvary. This is why he was tortured to such an extent. He took the full punishment that was due to us:

“For since the message declared by angels proved to be reliable and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution,” (Heb 2:2 ESV)

RIGHTEOUSNESS THERAPY: Meet in small groups to discuss Leviticus 26:14-39. Remember, this section is pre-cross of Christ, before full payment for sins was executed.