Who Made You a Judge? (Exodus 2:14)

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INTRODUCTION

- So the word judging has taken on kind of an ugly taint in today's society.
- What he meant was that he resented interference in what he was doing.
- And that's the sense in which a lot of people ask this question today. The sense of, I don't want you to criticize anything.

1 God Will Judge the World

Acts 17:31

- In the first place, the Bible says that God will judge the world.
- And he asks the question, shall not the judge of all the earth do right?
- He has now commanded all men everywhere to repent, because he has appointed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness.

2 Jesus and His Words Will Judge

Matthew 25:31–32; John 5:26–27; John 12:48

- He will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he has ordained.
- Jesus describes himself in this passage as the judge, as the one who will do the dividing, the designation of sheep and goats.
- He who rejects me and does not receive my words has that which judges him.

3 Judged by Records of Our Deeds

2 Corinthians 5:10; Revelation 20:12

- We must all stand before the judgment seat of Christ that we may receive the things done in the body.
- The dead were judged according to their works by the things that were written in the books.
- I have some blots on that record, and I need them to be blotted out by forgiveness because of the sacrifice of Christ, but it is still my record that goes on display.

4 Do You Not Know the Saints Will Judge the World?

1 Corinthians 6:1–3

- Do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if the world will be judged by you, are you unworthy to judge the smallest matters?
- Dare any of you, having a matter against another, go to law before the unrighteous and not before the saints.

- It's a shame that fraud should go on in the church, but it's a second shame, if it does, that we have to go to the heathen and ask them to sort it out for us.

5 A Judging by Comparison

Romans 2:27; Hebrews 11:7

- I believe that the judging that Paul is talking about here is a judging by comparison. And it's a reference to the idea that in the final judgment, the saints will serve as an example of good behavior.
- Will not the physically uncircumcised, if he fulfills the law, judge you, who, even with your written code and circumcision, are a transgressor of the law.
- The presence of one righteous man and his family demonstrated that God's standards were not, in fact, too high.
- The men of Nineveh will rise in the judgment with this generation and condemn it. Because they repented at the preaching of Jonah.
- That's the sense in which the Queen of Sheba condemns them because she did better with less.

6 What Can God Say About Us Judging the World?

Romans 1; Hebrews 11

- The saints will be evidence in the last day that God's way is reasonable, that it is achievable, and people can get there.
- He can look at the lost and say, you could have known of me.
- But you could have understood my word, God can say. You could have followed my plan.
- We are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God has prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.
- It's not just a religion of no, don't do that. It's a religion of we need to be doing this instead of that.

THE CHALLENGE

You can be the example of God's plan. You can judge the world. You can be the one that he points to at the end and says, This is what I wanted, if you're willing.

MY NOTES