

**Devotional Thoughts :: The Unchanging Law of Judgment -Chambers**

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The Unchanging Law of Judgment

With what judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you —Matthew 7:2

This statement is not some haphazard theory, but it is an eternal law of God. Whatever judgment you give will be the very way you are judged. There is a difference between retaliation and retribution. Jesus said that the basis of life is retribution— "with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you." If you have been shrewd in finding out the shortcomings of others, remember that will be exactly how you will be measured. The way you pay is the way life will pay you back. This eternal law works from God's throne down to us (see Psalm 18:25-26).

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Jesus said, "Judge not, that you be not judged" (Matthew 7:1). He went on to say, in effect, "If you do judge, you will be judged in exactly the same way." Who of us would dare to stand before God and say, "My God, judge me as I have judged others"? We have judged others as sinners— if God should judge us in the same way, we would be condemned to hell. Yet God judges us on the basis of the miraculous atonement by the Cross of Christ.

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Re: The Unchanging Law of Judgment -Chambers - posted by RobertW (), on: 2006/6/22 13:31

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This is sobering!

Re: The Unchanging Law of Judgment -Chambers, on: 2006/6/22 14:11

How wonderfully the Holy Spirit works amongst us all!

Three days ago I was reading the extract below, having come, some days before, to understand 1 John 4:12, through the experience of being loved

(NKJV) 1 John 4:12

No one has seen God at any time. **If** we love one another, God **abides in** us, and **His love** has been **perfected** in us.

It struck me that the writer was pointing out the same principle, of acting according to God's heart first, and experiencing His confirmation through His presence consequentially. It made me wonder if my charismatic 'upbringing' had made me more *dependent* on the prompting of the Spirit, and on being *aware* of that prompting, rather than just doing what I should know is *right*, without any prompting at all? This question reminded me, Robert, of what you shared in another thread on worship as a lifestyle, from Matt 25.

"The right way, yea, and the only way to understand the scripture unto our salvation is, that we earnestly and above all thing, search for the profession of our baptism or covenants made between God and us. As for an example: Christ saith (Matt 5) Happy are the merciful for they shall obtain mercy. Lo, here God hath made a covenant with us, to be merciful to us if we will be merciful to one another, so that the man which showeth mercy unto his neighbour, may be bold to trust in God for mercy at all needs. And contrary-wise, judgment without mercy shall be shown to him that showeth not mercy. (Jas 2) So now, if he that showeth no mercy, trust in God for mercy, his faith is carnal and worldly and but vain presumption. For God hath promised mercy only to the merciful.... And (Matt 6) if ye shall forgive men their faults, your heavenly father shall forgive you; but and if ye shall not forgive men their faults, no more shall your father forgive you your faults. Here also by the virtue and strength of this covenant wherewith God of his mercy hath bound Himself to us unworthy, may he that forgiveth his neighbour, be bold when he returneth and amendeth to believe and trust in God for remission of whatsoever he hath done amiss. And contrary-wise, he that will not forgive, cannot but despair of forgiveness in the end and fear judgment without mercy.

The general covenant wherein all other are comprehended and included, is this. If we meek ourselves to God to keep all His laws, after the example of Christ: then God hath bound himself unto us to keep and make good all the mercies promised in Christ, throughout all the scripture...."

Extract

Letter to the Readers from William Tyndale's New Testament, 1534.