



Section 2: Concerning The Godhead (Cont.)

Question 11: Is God just?

Answer 11: Yes, God is perfectly just in all that He does.

Memory Verse: **Job 34:12**
Yea, surely God will not do wickedly, neither will the Almighty pervert judgment.

Support Verses: **Deuteronomy 32:4**
He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he.

Psalms 89:14
Justice and judgment are the habitation of thy throne: mercy and truth shall go before thy face.

Romans 3:26
To declare, *I say*, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.

Discussion Points:

1. Defining "Justice:"

- "Justice" according to Webster's 1828 is, 1. The virtue which consists in giving to every one what is his due; honesty; integrity in commerce or mutual intercourse. 2. Impartiality; equal distribution of right in expressing opinions; fair representation of facts respecting merit or demerit. 3. Equity; agreeableness to right; 4. Vindictive retribution; merited punishment. 5. Right; application of equity.
- "Justice" is, according to the Biblical use of the word, "that which is lawful and right" (BDB Hebrew Definitions) or "a right relation to an ethical or legal standard." (Complete Word Study Dictionary)
- That definition is very important to our understanding of the character of God. It means that there is an absolute standard to which everything is accountable... even God.
- God holds Himself accountable to this absolute standard, because it only exists as a result of Who He is... His character.
- God never perverts judgment, not only because He always does justly, but because He is just.

2. Characteristics that are unique to God alone:

- The completeness of His judgment.
- The Bible says, "all His ways are judgment."
- That means that every move He makes, and every word He speaks, and every action He takes is tried according to the standard of justice, and found equitable.



- There is nothing God does or has ever done that violates the high standard of perfect justice.
- And, in fact, He by His character establishes and defines justice, therefore everything He does is a manifestation of justice, or is just.
- The beautiful picture that is painted by the Psalmist is one of justice and judgment being His very dwelling place, His throne... the symbol of His authority.

3. The characteristics of God's justice that directly affect man.

- First, because He is just, that also makes Him the justifier.
- If we are to ever be justified, that judgment can come from one place only... the just one.
- There is no other that you give an account to, nor is there any other that is qualified to be a judge over such an important decision.
- Therefore, You would only want God making a decision about your soul, and only according to His terms.
- It is interesting to think about the perversion of justice that is found in the mind of man when compared to God.
- Man, in an attempt to justify himself would violate the principle of justice every time.
- Yet God, who is just, would make a just way for man in his inability to be justified.
- This characteristic of God that is so beneficial to the man who believes and is justified, is also equally detrimental to the man who rejects, and is rightly condemned.
- That is the nature of justice... that is the nature of God.

Notes:

Psalms, Hymns, Spiritual Songs:

- "Worthy of Praise" (Hymn - #53 - Rejoice Hymns)
- "Almighty Father" (Hymn - #61 - Rejoice Hymns)