

Date: January 27, 2012

Topic: The God of Grace and Judgment

Aim: To explain the inter relations between grace and justice in the plan of salvation.

Know: God's character is reflected in His work of grace and Judgment.

Feel: Appreciate the balance use of grace and judgment in the gospel

Do: Practice blending mercy with justice in the sharing of the gospel

Introduction

Because of the entrance of sin, God responded with both judgment and grace. Judgment is required for justice to be met, but for those who believe in Christ's sacrifice on their behalf, mercy provides the grace that restores us to union with God (*Adult Teachers Sabbath School Bible Study Guide p. 49*).

Statement: **God's character is reflected in His acts of grace and judgment.**

Read: 2 Corinthians 5:10; Ecclesiastes 12:13-14

Meditate: Vertical relationship

Question: How do these verses reflect the character of God?

Share in twos: Horizontal relationship

Application How have God's grace and judgment been a blessing to you?

Statement: **God's grace always precedes His judgment.**

Read: Genesis 3: 15-16; 17

Meditate: Vertical relationship

Question: How does grace precedes His judgment in these verses?

Share in twos: Horizontal relationship

Application: How have you experience God's grace after you have sinned?

Statement: Justice is punishment for sin, but grace is pardon for sin.

Read: Genesis 6: 13-14 and 7: 23

Meditate: Vertical relationship

Question: Why should grace come before judgment in the plan of salvation?

Share in twos: Horizontal relationship

Application: How has God reveal His grace towards you?

Statement: Our faith in Jesus acquits us from the judgment.

Read: John 3: 17-21

Meditate: Vertical relationship

Question: How does our faith in Christ acquit us from the Judgment?

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Application: How would your life be different if you should lose faith in Christ?

Statement: The hour of God's judgment is also the hour of God's grace.

Read: Revelation 14: 6-7

Meditate: Vertical relationship

Question: How does gospel reflect a balance between grace and judgment?

Share in twos: Horizontal relationship

Application: How would you present a balance of God to a friend?

Summary points:

1. God's character is reflected in His acts of grace and judgment.
2. God's grace always precedes His judgment.
3. Justice is punishment for sin, but grace is pardon for sin.
4. Our faith in Jesus acquits us from the judgment.
5. The hour of God's judgment is also the hour of God's grace.