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**Rom. 2:1-3**

*Sinful Judging*

**INTRO**

 A. Introduction (1:1-15)

 B. Theme (1:16-17)

 C. All men are unrighteous and deserve God’s wrath (1:18-3:20)

 1) Gentiles are unrighteous (1:18-32)

 ***2) Moralists are unrighteous (2:1-16)***

 3) Jews are unrighteous (2:17-29)

 4) There is none righteous (3:1-20).

**I. WHO ARE THE MORALISTS (vv. 1-16)?**

 *A. Jews or Gentiles?*

 *B. Their belief system.*

 1) They are good.

 2) They are the “children of Abraham”.

**II. WHAT ARE THESE MORALISTS GUILTY OF (vv. 1-3)?**

 They are condemning others for sin that they are guilty of too.

 *A. They have a standard.* “in that you judge another.”

 *B. They pass a sentence.* “you who passes judgment.”

 *C. They are guilty of the same.* “you practice the same things” (v. 1), Does this mean that they really did do the sins of chapter one? The word “same” can imply either:

 1) **sins of exact identity** (they really did do these same sins) or,

 2) **sins of similarity**. Namely, that they were quilty of similar sins Cf. Mt. 5:21-30; 1 Sam. 15:23.

 *D. They are totally unlike God when He judges (v. 2).* God uses the same standard for all.

**III. PRINCIPLES OF JUDGING OTHERS.**

 *A. Sinful judging.*

 1) In hypocrisy. Rom. 2:1-3; Mt. 7:1-5.

 2) With partiality. Deut. 1:17; Jas. 2:1-13.

 3) From a malicious intent. Jas. 4:11-12.

 4) In areas of Christian liberty. Rom. 1-4, 10, 13; Col. 2:16.

 5) Based on superficial evidence or external appearance. 1 Sam. 1.

 *B. Biblical judging.*

 1) Moral sin. Mt. 18:15

 2) Doctrinal sin. Gal. 1:8-9

 3) Self-judging. 1 Cor. 11:27-31; Gal. 6:1

 4) Church discipline. 1 Cor. 5:1-5,12; Mt. 18:15-18; Gal. 2:11-14; 6:1.

 5) Eschatological. 1 Cor. 6:2-3

**CONCLUSION**