

INVESTIGATION

Understanding The Judgement

(6 - An Understanding of
'Judgement')



Before going any further on our investigation into the Christian theology of Judgement, we need to lay an important foundation.

What does the word 'judgement' really mean?



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IMPORTANT POINTS

- Our understanding of Judgement is framed by our understanding of Father and what he's like

- Our understanding of Father comes from evangelical teaching & that mostly overrides the facts

- Most Christians think of punishment when they hear the word 'judgment' because it's an automatic, conditioned response

- We're conditioned to think that when Father looks at something that he doesn't agree with, he's going to bring punishment

- Evangelical Penal Substitutionary Atonement (PSA) is based on the idea that Father needs appeasement because he's an angry person who needs to pacify his anger by doing something

- Therefore, we have to do something to stop his judgement so he's not angry with us any more

- Doing something to appease him – like tithing – is a works system, not grace

- The word 'judgement' in the Bible has its root meaning in 'verdict' – weighing the evidence and coming to a verdict (a decision)

- ‘Judgement’ causes us to immediately think of a criminal court that’s waiting to find someone guilty so they can be punished

- ‘Justice’ – our pet support idea – comes from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good & Evil, not the Tree of Life

Therefore it doesn't belong in the Kingdom

- The idea of a judgemental god is what's created all the world's religions, which are works-based and are designed to earn favour with god so you're not punished

- To get to understand Father, you need a face-to-face relationship. Then he'll reveal how he sees all his children and the whole of his creation

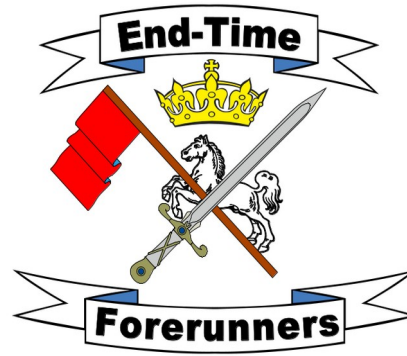
- In relationship you'll see that his understanding of judgement is very different from the fundamental right-wing concept of his judgement

- Futurist Eschatology is based on this, where Father will give up on humanity, wipe us out, and start all over again.

- Experiencing Father's deep love will open your heart to see that he loves every person equally

- If Father only loves us when we're good, then his love isn't unconditional

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