

IS GOD JUDGING US?



There are many doctrines surrounding the idea that God is judging American or even a believer for the sins they have committed. Much of this doctrine has been pulled from Old Testament scriptures that show the wrath of God. For example, Sodom and Gomorrah or even the Flood of Noah have been mentioned to show that if God judged them for their transgressions, we are being judged as well. People blame tornados, disasters, and many other acts of evil and credit it to God. The key to understanding that God is not judging us or America is to understand the difference in Covenants. Under the Old Testament God was in covenant with man based off their performance (law).

Sodom and Gomorrah and the Flood were both acts of mercy. Sin had gotten so rampant and if God would not have intervened to restrain sin, we would not have had a virgin to carry the promise Seed. God's primary way of dealing with man was grace. For 2,000 years God was not imputing sin on man (Rom 5:13) but these were isolated events so that Jesus could come through a Virgin and redeem mankind.

So, under the New Covenant of Grace is God judging us? The scriptures say the Father judges no one (John 5:22) but I know reading this you are thinking well God is not judging us but Jesus is. Jesus tells us that He does not judge (John 12:47) but that the Word will do the judging in the last days.

If a person has rejected Jesus, they will be judged in the last days. The church age; which is now is in the acceptable year of the Lords favor (2 Cor 6:2). If God judged us, He would be wrong to Jesus because He poured all of His wrath on Jesus (John 12:32). There is only one sin that man will be judged for and that is not believing of Jesus (John 16:9).

Any type of disaster, tragedy, or evil that happens in this world is not God judging you or America. Regardless of our actions as a Nation or individual, God is not imputing sin (2 Cor 5:19). God is not judging us for sin but sin will judge us. The reason we do not sin is **not** because God is out to get us or punish us, but we turn from sin because we give the enemy legal access into our lives to kill, steal, and destroy (Rom 6:16) and if we are truly born again, we do not have a desire to sin anymore (Rom 6:2). This is not saying we will not fall short but we are sheep now. Sheep can get in the mud but they are not comfortable in it and want to get out. A pig, however will get in the mud and roll around and enjoy it.

In conclusion, sin is what will punish you, not God (Rom 6:23).