

RIGHTEOUS JUDGMENT

JOHN 7:19-24

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- II. Priority of the Law (v21-22)
- III. Heart of the Law (v23-24)

I. Requirement of the Law (v19-20)

Break Law

¹⁹Has not Moses given you the law? Yet none of you keeps the law. Why do you seek to kill me?”

Lying & Denying

²⁰The crowd answered, “You have a demon! Who is seeking to kill you?”

II. Priority of the Law (v21-22)

Mix & Match

²¹Jesus answered them, “I did one work, and you all marvel at it. ²²Moses gave you circumcision (not that it is from Moses, but from the fathers), and you circumcise a man on the Sabbath.

III. Heart of the Law (v23-24)

God's Loving Intention

²³If on the Sabbath a man receives circumcision, so that the law of Moses may not be broken, are you angry with me because on the Sabbath I made a man's whole body well? ²⁴Do not judge by appearances, but judge with right judgment.”

RIGHTEOUS JUDGMENT REQUIRES

- Focus on Jesus, who...
 - Meets all Law requirements
 - Keeps proper priorities
 - Focuses on the heart & lives of people

Questions

1. Why did Jesus confront the religious leaders of His time?
2. How can putting laws & demands on people actually suppress them, even if we are well intended?
3. What are some dual standards we experience in life? How is it hard to discern them?
4. Have you ever experienced breaking one law (or rule) to maintain, or keep, another? What is a practical example of that?
5. How does Jesus both fulfill the Law & Covenants? How does that bless us?

Questions

6. How does love fulfill all the Law?
7. Why are we held guilty of breaking the entire law, if we only break one?
8. What are some things in our life that we do not prioritize in a healthy fashion? How does that affect our lives?
9. Think of Abraham & the sign of God's covenant with him. What makes us counted as righteous? How are we made righteous in Christ today?
10. How would your life look like, if you couldn't drive, walk, or anything else on the Sabbath?
11. How do you rest?
12. What are some of the things God intends for us on the Sabbath?

Questions

13. What if we can't rest on Saturday, can any other day be our Sabbath?
14. What are practical things we can do to both work and get rest (and enjoy life)?
15. Have you worked enormous amount of hours, or had so many tasks to do, that you felt overwhelmed? What happens if we do not rest?
16. Why was circumcision important to the Jewish leaders?
17. What happens if the 8th day to circumcise fell on the Sabbath? Why would it be ok to do that work on the Sabbath? Is it still holy?
18. Would Jesus healing the invalid man in John 5, give this man his rest (or Sabbath) in life?

Questions

19. Are there any hard beliefs you have as a Christian that you will not compromise on? Now could you see in some unusual, or even odd, circumstance, that would actually hinder others of knowing Jesus?

20. What are the really important, heart components of that belief? And what are the more, symbolic or not as spiritually important components of that same beliefs?

21. How do they agree and require each other? And how can the physical, hinder the spiritual? What would you do?

22. How can knowing and following Jesus help us navigate through tough times in life? Or hard matters where we try to balance the requirement, priority, and heart of God?