

# EVIDENCE OF RIGHTEOUS JUDGEMENT

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**Jerry Bridges** — *In the deceitfulness of our hearts, we sometimes play with temptation by entertaining the thought that we can always confess and later ask forgiveness. Such thinking is exceedingly dangerous. God's judgement is without partiality. He never overlooks our sin. He never decides not to bother, since the sin is only a small one. No, God hates sin intensely whenever and wherever He finds it.*

## Three Pieces of Evidence for Righteous Judgement.

**II Thessalonians 1:5** — This is evidence of the righteous judgment of God, that you may be considered worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are also suffering—

### I. Persecution Places God on Display.

**II Thessalonians 1:6-8** — since indeed God considers it just to repay with affliction those who afflict you, 7 and to grant relief to you who are afflicted as well as to us, when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his mighty angels in flaming fire, inflicting vengeance on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus.

**Hebrews 13:8** — Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

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### II. God is Just.

**C.S. Lewis** — *Mercy, detached from Justice, grows unmerciful.*

**Psalm 37:28** — For the LORD loves justice; he will not forsake his saints. They are preserved forever, but the children of the wicked shall be cut off.

**Psalm 11:7 (NIV)** — For the LORD is righteous, he loves justice; the upright will see his face.

**II Thessalonians 1:9,10** — They will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might, when he comes on that day to be glorified in his saints, and to be marveled at among all who have believed, because our testimony to you was believed.

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### III. Prayer.

**II Thessalonians 1:11,12** — To this end we always pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling and may fulfill every resolve for good and every work of faith by his power, 12 so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Charles Spurgeon** — *Anything is a blessing which makes us pray.*

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