

C & C: The Lord's Mercy will Endure Forever, But His Judgments will Prevail

Connections and Comparisons is an ongoing weekly series that deals with many scriptures in the Bible, some of which are not commonly addressed. The purpose of this series is to examine the scriptures at hand comparing what is said and looking at the connections within.

Our God is a God of Justice! There are too many people that believe that God is only a God of love and is only a forgiving God. Our God is a God of Judgment and Justice as well. You can not, as God alone, speak your Word to us as a God of truth (see Titus 1:2) as the scriptures teach us and then not keep your Word! Therefore the God of Justice will keep righteous Judgment!

Matthew 12:36-37

But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.

A very important point that needs to be understood by everyone that is alive. God is sovereign! You are not! And you will give account of every word and deed you have done whether or not you like it or not. To say who is God to decide or to say why does God hold against me what somebody else did concerning Adam and Eve forgets that God is God and God alone. Be thankful that God is not a God like Satan would conduct himself as you would be in constant torments underneath a ruler with infinite power to find indefinite ways beyond anything you can imagine to leave you in indefinite torments. Be thankful that God is a God of Justice and a God of Mercy that will forgive you of your sins if you obey the scriptures. Including how to become born again which takes place according to **Acts 2:38-39** "Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call." This plan of salvation through the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, God did not have to do for you and I. So be wise and choose life over death!

James 2:10-13

10 For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.
11 For he that said, Do not commit adultery, said also, Do not kill. Now if thou commit no adultery, yet if thou kill, **thou art become a transgressor of the law.**
12 So speak ye, and so do, as they that shall be judged by the law of liberty.

Which law of liberty is in sharp contrast to those judged by the Mosaic law which if they offend in one point, he is guilty of all. Those under the law of liberty are free from the law of sin and death and no longer under the bondage of death. Thus set free. So speak ye, and so do, as they that shall be judged by the law of liberty.

13 For he shall have judgment without mercy, that hath shewed no mercy; and mercy rejoiceth against judgment.

Hebrews 10:30-31

30 For we know him that hath said, **Vengeance belongeth unto me, I will recompense**, saith the Lord. And again, **The Lord shall judge his people.**

31 It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

Jeremiah 9:23-24

23 Thus saith the LORD, Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches:

24 But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, **that I am the LORD which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these things I delight, saith the LORD.**

A God of Justice that delights in exercising loving kindness, judgment, and righteousness in the Earth. Praise God!

Galatians 6:7-10

7 **Be not deceived; God is not mocked:** for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

8 For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; **but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.**

9 And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, **if we faint not.**

10 As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, **especially unto them who are of the household of faith.**

“Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and **of the household of God;** And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.” (Ephesians 2:19-22) “So we, being many, **are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.**” (Romans 12:5) So then, “As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.”

Isaiah 45:20-23

20 Assemble yourselves and come; draw near together, ye that are escaped of the nations: they have no knowledge that set up the wood of their graven image, **and pray unto a god that cannot save.**

21 Tell ye, and bring them near; yea, let them take counsel together: who hath declared this from ancient time? who hath told it from that time? **have not I the LORD?** and **there is no God else beside me; a just God and a Saviour;** **there is none beside me.**

22 **Look unto me, and be ye saved,** all the ends of the earth: for **I am God, and there is none else.**

23 I have sworn by myself, the word is gone out of my mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, **That unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear.**

The Lord called out a people unto himself to serve him and love him. The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob! A God that brought his children out of Egypt with a Mighty hand!! Yet for all this the people continued to hunger after the things that were of the world!! The things that be of Egypt!! God promised them a land flowing with milk and honey and yet even with seeing the Mighty deeds of God being done in their sight they continued to doubt the promise of God and to turn their hearts unto false gods that hear not and see not. However, God is not man that he should lie and is a covenant keeping God full of mercy but also a God of Justice and a God of judgment!! **Even if that judgment falls upon his own people!! As we know did take place.**

The same holds true for us today who are living under the New Testament Covenant of Grace and the Perfect Law of Liberty that is only found in the Law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus by the Law of Faith that allows us access into this precious grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

Romans 6:14-18

14 For sin shall not have dominion over you: **for ye are not under the law, but under grace.**

15 What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, **but under grace? God forbid.**

16 Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?

17 But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, **but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you.**

18 Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.

Yes even under Grace if you sin and don't repent and turn from your sin you will surely die!! The God of Justice demands Judgment and will not spare you and break His own Word. God can not lie and you will perish in your sins if you haven't "obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you." Yes you must be obedient to the scriptures or you will perish in your sins! **"to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?"**

Obedience is the key!! The children of Israel provoked the Lord and did not believe Him. They murmured and complained against God and his servants Moses and Aaron!! For their lack of faith and continual disobedience they were made to wander in the wilderness for forty years until they all perished that believed not the promise of God!!

Hebrews 3:15-19

15 While it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, **harden not your hearts, as in the provocation.**

16 For some, when they had heard, **did provoke: howbeit not all that came out of Egypt by Moses.**

17 **But with whom was he grieved forty years? was it not with them that had sinned, whose carcasses fell in the wilderness?**

18 **And to whom sware he that they should not enter into his rest, but to them that believed not?**

19 **So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief.**

In like manner today and since the time of Jesus Christ we are told by Jesus, “**Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity. Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:**” (Matthew 7:21-24)

Summary of the Provocation of Israel and the God of Justice!

Psalms 106:7-46

7 Our fathers understood not thy wonders in Egypt; they remembered not the multitude of thy mercies; **but provoked him at the sea**, even at the Red sea.

8 **Nevertheless he saved them for his name's sake**, that he might make his mighty power to be known.

9 He rebuked the Red sea also, and it was dried up: so he led them through the depths, as through the wilderness.

10 **And he saved them** from the hand of him **that hated them, and redeemed them** from the hand of the enemy.

11 **And the waters covered their enemies:** there was not one of them left.

12 **Then believed they his words; they sang his praise.**

13 They soon forgat his works; they waited not for his counsel:

14 **But lusted exceedingly in the wilderness**, and tempted God in the desert.

15 And he gave them their request; **but sent leanness into their soul.**

16 They envied Moses also in the camp, and Aaron the saint of the LORD.

17 **The earth opened and swallowed up Dathan, and covered the company of Abiram.**

18 **And a fire was kindled in their company; the flame burned up the wicked.**

19 They made a calf in Horeb, and worshipped the molten image.

20 **Thus they changed their glory into the similitude of an ox that eateth grass.**

21 They forgat God their saviour, which had done great things in Egypt;

22 Wondrous works in the land of Ham, and terrible things by the Red sea.

23 Therefore he said that he would destroy them, had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the breach, to turn away his wrath, lest he should destroy them.

24 **Yea, they despised the pleasant land, they believed not his word:**

25 But murmured in their tents, and hearkened not unto the voice of the LORD.

26 Therefore he lifted up his hand against them, to overthrow them in the wilderness:

27 To overthrow their seed also among the nations, and to scatter them in the lands.

28 They joined themselves also unto Baalpeor, and ate the sacrifices of the dead.

29 Thus they provoked him to anger with their inventions: and the plague brake in upon them.

30 Then stood up Phinehas, and executed judgment: and so the plague was stayed.

31 And that was counted unto him for righteousness unto all generations for evermore.

32 They angered him also at the waters of strife, so that it went ill with Moses for their sakes:

33 Because they provoked his spirit, so that he spake unadvisedly with his lips.

34 **They did not destroy the nations, concerning whom the LORD commanded them:**

35 But were mingled among the heathen, and learned their works.

36 And they served their idols: which were a snare unto them.

37 Yea, they sacrificed their sons and their daughters unto devils,
38 And shed innocent blood, even the blood of their sons and of their daughters, whom they sacrificed unto the idols of Canaan: and the land was polluted with blood.
39 Thus were they defiled with their own works, and went a whoring with their own inventions.
40 Therefore was the wrath of the LORD kindled against his people, insomuch that he abhorred his own inheritance.
41 And he gave them into the hand of the heathen; and they that hated them ruled over them.
42 Their enemies also oppressed them, and they were brought into subjection under their hand.
43 Many times did he deliver them; but they provoked him with their counsel, and were brought low for their iniquity.
44 Nevertheless he regarded their affliction, when he heard their cry:
45 And he remembered for them his covenant, and repented according to the multitude of his mercies.
46 He made them also to be pitied of all those that carried them captives.

Nevertheless God made his covenant promise with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob a people called out by God to be His Holy people and commanded the children of Israel what they must do in order to receive the blessings of the Lord as well as the Salvation of the Lord.

The children of Israel in regards to the promised land that God gave to them were commanded by God “When thou comest nigh unto a city to fight against it, then proclaim peace unto it. And it shall be, if it make thee answer of peace, and open unto thee, then it shall be, that all the people that is found therein shall be tributaries unto thee, and they shall serve thee. And if it will make no peace with thee, but will make war against thee, then thou shalt besiege it: And when the LORD thy God hath delivered it into thine hands, thou shalt smite every male thereof with the edge of the sword: But the women, and the little ones, and the cattle, and all that is in the city, even all the spoil thereof, shalt thou take unto thyself; and thou shalt eat the spoil of thine enemies, which the LORD thy God hath given thee. Thus shalt thou do unto all the cities which are very far off from thee, which are not of the cities of these nations. **But of the cities of these people, which the LORD thy God doth give thee for an inheritance, thou shalt save alive nothing that breatheth: But thou shalt utterly destroy them; namely, the Hittites, and the Amorites, the Canaanites, and the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites; as the LORD thy God hath commanded thee: That they teach you not to do after all their abominations, which they have done unto their gods; so should ye sin against the LORD your God.”**

(Deuteronomy 20:10-18)

Notice that God made provision for the other nations that the children of Israel would overtake! However, the children of Israel failed to keep this commandment and thus the judgments from the God of Justice was carried out against the children of Israel!!

Deuteronomy 4:5-8

5 Behold, I have taught you statutes and judgments, **even as the LORD my God commanded me, that ye should do so in the land whither ye go to possess it.**
6 Keep therefore and do them; for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the nations, which shall hear all these statutes, and say, Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.

7 For what nation is there so great, who hath God so nigh unto them, as the LORD our God is in all things that we call upon him for?

8 And what nation is there so great, **that hath statutes and judgments so righteous as all this law, which I set before you this day?**

The LORD God will repay them that hate him to their face!!!!

Deuteronomy 7:1-26

1 When the LORD thy God shall bring thee into the land whither thou goest to possess it, and hath cast out many nations before thee, the Hittites, and the Girgashites, and the Amorites, and the Canaanites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, seven nations greater and mightier than thou;

2 And when the LORD thy God shall deliver them before thee; **thou shalt smite them, and utterly destroy them; thou shalt make no covenant with them, nor shew mercy unto them:**

3 Neither shalt thou make marriages with them; thy daughter thou shalt not give unto his son, nor his daughter shalt thou take unto thy son.

4 For they will turn away thy son from following me, that they may serve other gods: **so will the anger of the LORD be kindled against you, and destroy thee suddenly.**

5 But thus shall ye deal with them; ye shall **destroy their altars, and break down their images, and cut down their groves, and burn their graven images with fire.**

6 For thou art an holy people unto the LORD thy God: the LORD thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth.

7 **The LORD did not set his love upon you, nor choose you, because ye were more in number than any people; for ye were the fewest of all people:**

8 **But because the LORD loved you, and because he would keep the oath which he had sworn unto your fathers,** hath the LORD brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you out of the house of bondmen, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

9 Know therefore that **the LORD thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations;**

10 And repaveth them that hate him to their face, to destroy them: he will not be slack to him that hateth him, he will repay him to his face.

11 **Thou shalt therefore keep the commandments, and the statutes, and the judgments, which I command thee this day, to do them.**

12 Wherefore it shall come to pass, **if ye hearken to these judgments, and keep, and do them,** that the LORD thy God shall keep unto thee the covenant and the mercy which he sware unto thy fathers:

13 And he will love thee, and bless thee, and multiply thee: he will also bless the fruit of thy womb, and the fruit of thy land, thy corn, and thy wine, and thine oil, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep, in the land which he sware unto thy fathers to give thee.

14 Thou shalt be blessed above all people: there shall not be male or female barren among you, or among your cattle.

Abortion is not the will of God for you!! Children are not a burden but the blessings of the Lord. Turn from this wicked evil practice and ask the Lord for the help and guidance you need to raise

this child with love while also following and seeking after the righteousness of God. “Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.” (Proverbs 22:6)

15 And the LORD will take away from thee all sickness, and will put none of the evil diseases of Egypt, which thou knowest, upon thee; but will lay them upon all them that hate thee.

16 And thou shalt consume all the people which the LORD thy God shall deliver thee; thine eye shall have no pity upon them: neither shalt thou serve their gods; for that will be a snare unto thee.

17 If thou shalt say in thine heart, These nations are more than I; how can I dispossess them?

18 Thou shalt not be afraid of them: **but shalt well remember what the LORD thy God did unto Pharaoh, and unto all Egypt;**

19 The great temptations which thine eyes saw, and the signs, and the wonders, and the mighty hand, and the stretched out arm, whereby the LORD thy God brought thee out: **so shall the LORD thy God do unto all the people of whom thou art afraid.**

20 Moreover the LORD thy God will send the hornet among them, until they that are left, and hide themselves from thee, be destroyed.

21 Thou shalt not be affrighted at them: **for the LORD thy God is among you, a mighty God and terrible.**

22 And the LORD thy God will put out those nations before thee by little and little: thou mayest not consume them at once, lest the beasts of the field increase upon thee.

23 But the LORD thy God shall deliver them unto thee, **and shall destroy them with a mighty destruction, until they be destroyed.**

24 And he shall deliver their kings into thine hand, and **thou shalt destroy their name from under heaven: there shall no man be able to stand before thee, until thou have destroyed them.**

25 The graven images of their gods shall ye burn with fire: thou shalt not desire the silver or gold that is on them, nor take it unto thee, lest thou be snared therein: for it is an abomination to the LORD thy God.

26 Neither shalt thou bring an abomination into thine house, lest thou be a cursed thing like it: but thou shalt utterly detest it, and thou shalt utterly abhor it; for it is a cursed thing.

While the children of Israel wandered in the desert for forty years the LORD did this to humble them, to prove them, to know what was in their heart, whether they would keep his commandments, or not. An obedience test after their disobedience for not believing that God would give them the promise land that flowed with milk and honey. He humbled them, and suffered them to hunger, and fed them with manna that he might make them know that man does not live by bread only, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of the LORD does man live. To do them good at their latter end.

Romans 11:25-36

25 For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, **until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.**

26 And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob:

27 For this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins.

28 As concerning the gospel, they are enemies for your sakes: but as touching the election, they are beloved for the fathers' sakes.

29 For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance.

30 For as ye in times past have not believed God, yet have now obtained mercy through their unbelief:

31 Even so have these also now not believed, that through your mercy they also may obtain mercy.

32 For God hath concluded them all in unbelief, that he might have mercy upon all.

33 O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!

34 For who hath known the mind of the Lord? or who hath been his counsellor?

35 Or who hath first given to him, and it shall be recompensed unto him again?

36 For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever. Amen.

Isaiah 25:6-8

6 And in this mountain shall the LORD of hosts make unto all people a feast of fat things, a feast of wines on the lees, of fat things full of marrow, of wines on the lees well refined.

7 And he will destroy in this mountain the face of the covering cast over all people, and the vail that is spread over all nations.

8 He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the rebuke of his people shall he take away from off all the earth: for the LORD hath spoken it.

Revelation 21:1-8

1 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

2 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

4 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

5 And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, **Write: for these words are true and faithful.**

6 And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.

7 He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.

8 But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.