

Same God”

“God’s heart for repentance in the OT and NT”

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The God of the Bible Judges the hearts of man!

A. The OT declares that God judges the hearts of man!

"The Lord is slow to anger but great in power; the Lord will not leave the guilty unpunished." -- Nahum 1:3 NIV

"12 let the field exult, and everything in it! Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy "13 before the Lord, for he comes, for he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness, and the peoples in his faithfulness."-- Psalm 96:12-13

"For God will bring every deed into judgment, including every hidden thing, whether it is good or evil." -- Ecclesiastes 12:14

"For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.-- Isaiah 55:9

"You felt secure in your wickedness, you said, "No one sees me"; your wisdom and your knowledge led you astray, and you said in your heart, "I am, and there is no one besides me." But evil shall come upon you, which you will not know how to charm away; disaster shall fall upon you, for which you will not be able to atone; and ruin shall come upon you suddenly, of which you know nothing. Isaiah 47:10-11

"10 In just a little while, the wicked will be no more; though you look carefully at his place, he will not be there. 11 But the meek shall inherit the land and delight themselves in abundant peace. 12 The wicked plots against the righteous and gnashes his teeth at him, 13 but the Lord laughs at the wicked, for he sees that his day is coming." – Psalm 37:10-13

B. The NT declares that God Judges the heart of man!

"36 But I tell you that everyone will have to give account on the day of judgment for every empty word they have spoken.." – Matthew 12:36

"10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad." – 2 Corinthians 5:10

"3 Above all, you must understand that in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and following their own evil desires. 4 They will say, "Where is this 'coming' he promised? Ever since our ancestors died, everything goes on as it has since the beginning of creation." 5 But they deliberately forget that long ago by God's word the heavens came into being and the earth was formed out of water and by water. 6 By these waters also the world of that time was deluged and destroyed. 7 By the same word the present heavens and earth are reserved for fire, being kept for the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly" – 2 Peter 3:3-7

30 By myself I can do nothing; I judge only as I hear, and my judgment is just, for I seek not to please myself but him who sent me. – John 5:30

II. God’s heart for His people is for a changed life and heart!

"Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth." – John 17:17

A. Jesus calls us to be Born Again John 3:1-21

1. The Word Born or Born again is used 8 times!
2. The Word Believe is used 6 times!
3. Those living in sin are blinded to the voice of God and His truth!
4. There is judgment for those that reject His gift and eternal life for those that re washed by His grace!

"26 And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh."

Ezekiel 36:26

Today’s Questions

1. Do you need to be reborn?
2. Are there sins that are blinding you from God's unfailing truth?
3. What is holding you back from repenting and finding God's mercy today?
4. Pray and ask the Lord to reveal His truth above yours in your life!