

## Behold Therefore the Goodness and Severity of God

### I. Introduction: **Romans 11:13-23**

- A. God is not unequal, but balanced (**Ezekiel 18:25-32**).
  - 1. Our God is a just [lawful] god (**Isaiah 45:20-22**).
  - 2. He is not a respecter of persons (**Acts 10:34, Romans 2:11, Colossians 3:24-25, and I Peter 1:17**).
- B. God's Judgment on mankind is really in our hands (**John 5:28-29**).
  - 1. Heaven is yours for the taking (**I John 5:11-12**).
  - 2. We cannot play the "not my fault game" (**Genesis 3:9-18**).

### II. Body: Two sides to God (**I Chronicles 28:9**).

- A. A look into the Goodness of God (**Lamentations 3:25-26**).
  - 1. Here on earth He takes care of His own (**Psalms 55:22, Isaiah 49:15, Romans 8:28-39, Philippians 4:6-7, and I Peter 5:6-7**).
  - 2. Eternal blessings await God's people (**John 10:27-28, John 12:25-26, II Corinthians 5:1, I Peter 1:3-4, and I John 2:24-25**).
- B. A look into the severity of God (**Hebrews 10:30-31**).
  - 1. On earth, God will punish the unjust (**Genesis 19:17-26; cf. Luke 17:32, Numbers 20:1-12; cf. Deuteronomy 3:23-28, Deuteronomy 20:16-20, I Kings 20:28-43, II Kings 2:23-24, Jeremiah 15:1-7, Matthew 23:34-24:34, and Acts 5:1-10**).
  - 2. Eternally, God will have no mercy on the disobedient (**Matthew 10:28, Mark 9:43-48, John 15:6, II Thessalonians 1:7-9, and Revelation 20:14-15**).
- C. Seeing those things, what manner of persons ought we to be (**II Peter 3:9-11**)?
  - 1. If we want God on our side, we must be righteous (**I Peter 3:12**).
  - 2. To be righteous, we must be obedient (**Romans 6:16-18**).

### III. Conclusion:

- A. What we have seen is certainly not the God people think we serve (i.e. the perversion of **I John 4:16**).
- B. Knowing God enables us to better understand godly fear (**Hebrews 12:28-29**).