

By No Means Clearing The Guilty

I. Introduction:

- A. God wants all men to be saved (**I Timothy 2:1-6**).
 - 1. He takes no pleasure in the death of the wicked (**Ezekiel 33:11**).
 - 2. He wants to see the erring restored (**Zechariah 1:3-4**).
- B. The long suffering of God is supposed to lead to repentance (**Romans 2:1-4**).
 - 1. You cannot separate the mercy and long suffering of God from truth (**Psalms 85:10** and **Psalms 86:15**).
 - 2. The truth is, God is long suffering but also has and will punish those who disobey Him (**Amos 3:1-3** and **John 5:28-29**).

II. Body: By No Means Clearing The Guilty (**Exodus 34:1-7** and **Numbers 14:1-30**).

- A. God is “ready to forgive” (**Psalms 86:5**).
 - 1. His mercy is plenteous (**Psalms 103:8**).
 - 2. He is full of compassion (**Psalms 111:4**).
 - 3. With God is is plenteous redemption (**Psalms 130:7**).
 - 4. He is slow to anger (**Psalms 145:8**).
 - 5. We have the benefits of all that through Christ (**Colossians 1:12-14**, **Hebrews 4:14-5:2**, **Hebrews 7:22-25**, and **I Peter 1:3**).
- B. But don’t forget... God is also wrathful (**Ephesians 5:6**).
 - 1. So, as we know, you have to put aside that which angers Him (**Colossians 3:5-10**).
 - 2. If faithful, we’ll not have to worry about His wrath (**I Thessalonians 5:1-10**).
- C. You have to keep checking yourself. Sometimes delayed Judgment gets people away from preparation (**Ecclesiastes 8:11-13**).
 - 1. Wisdom is to be ready always (**Matthew 24:35-51**).
 - 2. If there is some clean-up to be done in your life, don’t wait (**Psalms 119:59-60**, **Proverbs 27:1**, **Matthew 25:1-13**, and **James 4:14-17**).

III. Conclusion: **Hebrews 12:28-29**