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## God's judgment Pt 3 – God is exalted in judgment.

This is our third study on the judgment of God. In our previous teaching we established that God gave His judgments to Moses (the law), they are therefore knowable, yet are also unsearchable because all of God's ways are judgment. In this study we see that when God executes His judgments He is exalted, He is sanctified, and His judgments are without respect of persons.

Scriptures upon which this teaching is founded.

### 1. In judgment God is exalted.

"But the Lord of hosts shall be exalted in judgment, and God that is holy shall be sanctified in righteousness. Additional comments on our points" (Is.5: 16).

God is exalted in judgment, which means in judgment He is lifted up (Ez.31: 5).

A man is humbled in heart when he accepts the punishment (judgment of God) for his iniquity (Lev.26: 41), and when a man is brought low the Lord is lifted up and so is exalted (Is.2:11, 17).

### 2. In judgment God is sanctified in His children.

"And say, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I am against thee, O Zidon; and I will be glorified in the midst of thee: and they shall know that I am the Lord, when I shall have executed judgments in her, and shall be sanctified in her" (Ez.28: 22). See also verse 26 & Is.5: 18.

If God did not execute judgment on sinners then He would show Himself not to be holy, but because He executes judgment on the sinner He is seen to be holy, He is sanctified (made holy) in judgment. And because the Lord is holy (Ps.99: 5), God being sanctified in judgment must refer to how man sees Him – see Ez.36: 23 – "And I will sanctify my great name, which was profaned among the heathen, which ye have profaned in the midst of them; and the heathen shall know that I am the Lord, saith the Lord God, when I shall be sanctified in you before their eyes".

### 3. God's judgments are without respect of persons.

"And if ye call on the Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man's work, pass the time of your sojourning here in fear" (1Pet.1: 17):

If God did respect persons in the execution of His judgment His name would not be exalted, and His judgment would not show forth His holiness. Therefore, God's judgments must be without respect of persons, and so He will judge according to every man's work – the saved and the lost.

### Applying the teaching to our life today.

The NZ Herald recently ran an article on an Independent Baptist pastor that taught his congregation that gays should be shot – based on the Old Testament law – Lev.20: 13 which says "If a man also lie with mankind, as he lieth with a woman...they shall surely be put to death".

Question to think about.

Was the pastor bearing the sword of judgment as a minister of God – "a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doth evil" (Rom.13: 4), and therefore exalting God, sanctifying Him, or was he showing respect of persons?

My answer to our question from the scriptures.

If the pastor was executing God's judgment he would know that there are many laws in the Old Testament, that, if broken, require a man to be put to death – adultery, blasphemy, profaning the Sabbath – to name a few. And when a pastor chooses one law and applies the consequences for that sin only today, then he cannot be showing forth God's judgments without respect of persons. Because otherwise he would preach all those that blaspheme should also be shot, and that would leave very few heathens left alive. You will know God's judgment because He is exalted, He is sanctified and they are without respect of persons, and of course according to His word. Amen!