

Romans 3:21-26

The Righteousness of God

Three irrevocable realities of God's righteousness:

1. Righteousness Revealed (v. 21)

- A. Sensory and Solitary
- B. Separate from Law
- C. Seen by the Law and Prophets

2. Righteousness Received (v. 22-24)

- A. Who receives?
- B. What is received?
- C. When is it received?
- D. Why?...

3. Righteousness Required (v. 25-26)

- A. Public Propitiation
- B. Just and Justifier

- **Genesis** - God's righteousness as Creator and setting up a stable universe that is sustainable and supplied provision for itself. His justice in cursing creation because of Adam and Eve's sin, flooding the earth in the days of Noah, or laying waste to Sodom and Gomorrah. Abraham believed God at His word and it being counted to Him as righteousness. God's commitment to keep His promises with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, even with Hagar, Ishmael, and Esau. God's promise of a seed to crush the serpent.
- **Exodus** - God's righteousness as He remembers Israel and raises up Moses to lead them and care for them. His justice in the 10 plagues, giving of the Law originally to all Israel verbally and then upon the tablets, His judgment at the golden calf, or dwelling amongst Israel yet separate at the same time.
- **Leviticus** - God's righteousness in giving more law to enable and allow fellowship with His people
- **Deuteronomy** - Retelling of His Law and promises to His people, blessing and curses of obedience
- **Joshua** - Conquest and partial fulfillment of His promises to Abraham, Joshua reminded the people of God's law and their need for obedience to Him
- **Judges** - God's judges to rescue Israel despite their disobedience
- **Ruth** - God's provision even for the Gentile, the lowly, the outcast
- **1Samuel** - Rebellious people getting what they deserved, God's righteous prophet/judge to establish His earthly kings
- **2Samuel** - God's righteousness through David and His promises to the Davidic line
- **1Kings** - God's temple and presence among sinful Israel, yet Yahweh's greatness, kindness, and justice shining to a watching world and false prophets within at Mt. Carmel
- **2Kings** - Yahweh and prophets declare His attributes and the a call to repentance. God judges Israel, 10 northern tribes, and Judah, 2 southern tribes, for their idolatry and rebellion
- **1Chronicles** - Death of Uzza for touching the ark, God's righteous theocracy of Israel at its pinnacle until His future kingdom
- **2Chronicles** - God preserves the line of David, even though it goes down to 1 son, because He will always fulfill His promises, repentance and faith on display in Hezekiah, Uzziah, and Josiah
- **Ezra** - Judah set free from exile to return to the land, rebuild the temple, and worship Yahweh alone
- **Nehemiah** - Yahweh protects His chosen people as they begin to rebuild, reading of the Law
- **Esther** - Yahweh protects a remnant and will fulfill His promises regardless of the oppression His people may experience

- **Job** - God does as He wants and wills, He exercises absolute authority and power, yet faithfully cares for His people in trials
- **Psalms** - God sits in the heavens and does all that He pleases. All creation rejoices over and in Him. He rules with absolute righteousness and justice, and He has a coming kingdom
- **Proverbs** - God's righteousness and wisdom in everyday life choices, exercising discernment
- **Ecclesiastes** - Only Yahweh can satisfy, fear Him and keep His commandments
- **Song of Solomon** - God's righteousness in marital intimacy
- **Isaiah** - Righteousness of God as He rules and reigns on His throne in heaven, His coming suffering servant and His overall greatness
- **Jeremiah** - God will uphold His justice, even or especially among His people
- **Lamentations** - Weeping and mourning over God's righteous judgment and wrath towards sin
- **Ezekiel** - Throne of God in heaven, new temple is coming in His kingdom
- **Daniel** - Future history of God's rule and reign, God's faithful and exemplar prophet of God from a young age
- **Hosea** - Yahweh's kindness and faithfulness to the unfaithful
- **Joel** - Yahweh's righteous rule and reign over all nations, and His triumphant return
- **Amos** - Righteous judgment of all. Fairness, justice, and equity by His standard and His kingdom
- **Obediah** - Righteous judge against Edom
- **Jonah** - Righteous desire for the sinner to repent, even the Gentile
- **Micah** - Yahweh rules and judges in righteousness over all, none can stand against Him
- **Nahum** - Righteous Judge of the Gentiles that don't remain faithful even though He was kind, gracious, and patient with them
- **Habakkuk** - Evil and wicked people to accomplish God's righteous means and ends
- **Zephaniah** - Righteous justice is coming, repent and believe now
- **Haggai** - Rebuild the temple - God's righteous glory fills it on the earth
- **Zechariah** - Coming righteous king of Israel over the earth
- **Malachi** - God's messenger and message of His righteousness and all must repent
- **Whole OT** - God is building His kingdom on the whole earth and He reigns in supreme authority, love, and righteousness.