

Is it Wrong to Judge?

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Sometimes it is

It is wrong to judge a person's final destiny

– *That is God's territory*

– Acts 17:30–31 (NKJV)

- **30** Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent,
- **31** because He has appointed a day on which **He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained.** He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead.”

We can't put anyone into
heaven or hell!



- **God's has already judged**

- **Matthew 7:21–23 (NKJV)**

- **21** “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.
- **22** Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?’
- **23** And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!’

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It is wrong to judge hypocritically

– Matthew 7:1–5 (NKJV)

- 1 “Judge not, that you be not judged.
- 2 For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you.
- 3 And why do you look at the speck in your brother’s eye, but do not consider the plank in your own eye?
- 4 Or how can you say to your brother, ‘Let me remove the speck from your eye’; and look, a plank is in your own eye?
- 5 Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother’s eye.

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Judging the motives of others is wrong

- Only Jesus can look into the hearts of men
 - **Matthew 12:25 (NKJV)**
 - **25** But Jesus knew their thoughts, and said to them: “Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and every city or house divided against itself will not stand.

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The message of teachers

– 1 John 4:1 (NKJV)

- 1 Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world.

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The difference between right and wrong

– Hebrews 5:14 (NKJV)

- 14 But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

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As a member of the church

– 1 Corinthians 5:4–5 (NKJV)

- 4 In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when you are gathered together, along with my spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ,
- 5 deliver such a one to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.

– 1 Corinthians 5:11 (NKJV)

- 11 But now I have written to you not to keep company with anyone named a brother, who is sexually immoral, or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or an extortioner—not even to eat with such a person.

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As a member of society

– Romans 13:4 (NKJV)

- 4 For he is God's minister to you for good. But if you do evil, be afraid; for he does not bear the sword in vain; for he is God's minister, an avenger to execute wrath on him who practices evil.

God is the Ultimate Judge!

When we tell a sinner that he is lost is sin, God has already made that judgment.

– Galatians 5:19–21 (NKJV)

- **19** Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness,
- **20** idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies,
- **21** envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, **that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.**

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– 2 Peter 2:18–22 (NKJV)

- **18** For when they speak great swelling words of emptiness, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through lewdness, the ones who have actually escaped from those who live in error.
- **19** While they promise them liberty, they themselves are slaves of corruption; for by whom a person is overcome, by him also he is brought into bondage.
- **20** For if, after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and overcome, the latter end is worse for them than the beginning.
- **21** For it would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than having known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered to them.
- **22** But it has happened to them according to the true proverb: “A dog returns to his own vomit,” and, “a sow, having washed, to her wallowing in the mire.”

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When we tell the indifferent Christian that they are lost, God has already made that judgment.

– Revelation 3:15–16 (NKJV)

- **15** “I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot.
- **16** So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth.

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When we tell the sinner that they must be baptized to be saved, God has already made that judgment.

– **1 Peter 3:21 (NKJV)**

- **21** There is also an antitype which now saves us—baptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,

– **Acts 2:38 (NKJV)**

- **38** Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

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When we tell the saved that they must continue to live by faith, God has already made that judgment.

– 1 Corinthians 15:1–2 (NKJV)

- 1 Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand,
- 2 by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

Conclusion

Unsaved people can't hide
behind, "Don't you judge me!"
God already has!!