

The Deepening Darkness

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: Romans 2

B. Pau turns the spotlight on those who criticize others for being immoral and claim to be moral themselves.

II. Those who pass judgment know the difference between right and wrong.

III. These that have a clear view of right and wrong are as guilty as the rest because they do the same things themselves.

A. We find ourselves to be blind towards many of our faults.

B. We conveniently forget.

C. When we ask why God does not judge evil people, we must ask why He does not judge us when we commit all sorts of wrongs.

1. To bear frustration against God's patience towards others is to treat God's forgiveness with contempt.

2. God gives us a chance to change and be forgiven.

IV. What is ahead for those who refuse to face up to life.

A. God will give to each according to what each has done.

B. We store up wrath when we refuse to look at ourselves.

V. The only way to find oneself is to lose oneself.

Application questions:

1. When have you judged others without realizing you suffered from the same problem? What was the reason for your blindness?

2. What is the consequence for those who pass judgment?

3. In Paul's estimation, are there any people who meet the standards of righteousness? How does God's patience meet this problem?
