The Impartial God

Intro: Impartiality is a trait of character to be admired in a parent, teacher, business manager, in a person of any calling. It is an absolute necessary qualification for a judge. No amount of knowledge or ability can substitute for it. Yet, it is a rare quality so seldom found. Rom. 2:11 speaks of the impartiality of God. “For there is no respect of persons with God.” Because all men are His creatures, He must not make any difference in them. Today, let us notice some instances of His impartiality.

I. GOD HAS DECLARED ALL UNDER SIN.
   A. All have sinned.
      1. Rom. 3:9-10, 23 “What then? are we better than they? No, in no wise: for we have before proved both Jews and Gentiles, that they are all under sin; 10As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:... 23For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;”
      2. Gal. 3:22 “But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe.”
      3. 1 John 1:8, 10 “If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.... 10If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.”
   B. Even the most faithful of God’s servants sinned, and those sins are recorded for us.
      1. Abraham—lied about his wife.
      2. Moses—disobeyed God’s command by striking the rock.
      3. David, a man after God’s own heart—adultery, murder.
      4. Peter—sin of dissimulation.

II. GOD HAS PROVIDED A COMMON SAVIOUR FOR ALL.
   A. Christ came and died for all.
      1. John 3:16 “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”
      2. 1 Tim. 2:6 “Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.”
      3. Heb. 2:9 “But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.”
      4. 1 John 2:2 “And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.”
   B. The Gospel is universal.
      1. Mat. 28:19-20 “Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: 19Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.”
      2. Mark 16:15-16 “And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. 16He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.”
      3. The seed is to be sown upon every kind of soil, Mat. 13; Luke 8.

III. GOD EXTENDS THE SAME INVITATION TO ALL.
   A. All are invited.
      1. Mat. 11:28-30 “Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. 30For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”
2. John 7:37 “In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.”

3. Rev. 22:17 “And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.”

B. No one who responds will be rejected; John 6:37 “All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.”

IV. THE SAME CONDITIONS OF PARDON ARE REQUIRED FOR ALL.
A. God does not have different conditions for different ones, such as the rich, or one race over another, etc.
B. The one plan for all.
1. All must believe.
   a. Heb. 11:6 “But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.”
   b. John 14:1 “Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.”
2. All must repent.
   b. Luke 24:46-47 “And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.”
   c. Acts 17:30-31 “And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent: Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead.”
3. All must confess.
   a. Mat. 10:32-33 “Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven.”
   b. Rom. 10:10 “For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.”
4. All must be baptized for the remission of sins.
   a. Mark 16:15-16 “And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.”
   b. Acts 2:38 “Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.”

V. GOD HAS ONE STANDARD OF CONDUCT FOR ALL.
A. Man may have different standards.
1. A man may have one standard for himself and another for others; Mat. 7:3-4 “And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother’s eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye? Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me pull out the mote out of thine eye; and, behold, a beam is in thine own eye?”
2. Some have one for men and another for women (double standard); or one based on race, nationality, etc.
3. Some expect church leaders to be more holy and pious than others.
B. God makes no distinction
   1. 1 Cor. 12:13 “For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.”
   2. Gal. 3:28 “There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.”
C. That standard of conduct is set forth in the Bible.

VI. God Has Provided a Common Church for All.
A. God didn’t build a church of each race, class, or fancy of man.
B. Christ built only one church.
   1. Mat. 16:18 “And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.”
   2. Eph. 4:4 “There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling;”
   3. Eph. 1:22-23 “And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.”
   4. Col. 1:18 “And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence.”
   5. When you meet God’s conditions of pardon then He adds you to that one church. Acts 2:47 “Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.”

VII. God Has the Same Manner of Judging.
A. 1 Pet. 1:17 “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:”
B. God will not judge the people as nations, class, race but as individuals.
   1. Nor will He judge upon the basis of what the congregation does or does not do.
   2. Rom. 14:12 “So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.”
C. God will not judge according to wealth or influence but by our deeds.
   1. 2 Cor. 5:10 “For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.”
   2. Rev. 20:12 “And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.”
D. All people will be there. Rev. 6:15-17 “And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?”

Conclusion: The impartiality of God not only reveals something of the character of God; it also tells us something about men - that all men are equal. While God is no respecter of persons, He is a respecter of character. Acts 10:34-35 “Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him.” 1 Pet. 3:12 “For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil.”