

**Behold God the Judge**

1. Before answering the following questions, write your initial thoughts as you contemplate God as the sovereign Judge of all things. He is “the One who has absolute authority to dispense justice as He will.”

2. J. I. Packer writes: “The heart of justice which expresses God’s nature is retribution, the rendering to persons what they have deserved; for this is the essence of a judge’s task.” What are your thoughts?

3. Read the following passages in light of the statement above and record your thoughts.

a. Read Leviticus 10:1-3; 10:8-11; then read Ex. 30: 9, 10

b. Read Chronicles 13:1-14; then read Numbers 4:1-20, Exodus 37:3,4

4. Read Nehemiah 9:32-37 (If you have time read all of chapter 9). Question: we are caught in a dilemma; would a God who did not care about the difference between right and wrong be a God worthy of worship? How then can we cry for mercy? See if you can provide a scripture passage to support your answer.

5. Scripture is clear that there will be a final Day of Judgment. “Moral indifference would be an imperfection in God. Judgment means that in the end “evil will be disposed of authoritatively, decisively, finally.” Is that a comfort to you? Explain.