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"Judgement: Our Hope and Deliverance"

BASIC DEFINITIONS: (Prov. 28:5) "Evil men do not understand judgement, but those who seek the Lord understand all things."

1. Righteous decree or declaration, judgments and statutes
 - a. laws that govern all creation
 - like physical laws of gravity
 - explain and predict how things will work and consequences
 - b. If then understandings, propositions, scenarios
 - if leap off cliff then fall
2. Righteous discernment or determining, distinguishing and deliverance
 - a. Trial or investigation
 - sorts out the truth, exposes falsehood
 - b. separation of righteousness from unrighteousness
 - creates clean heart without removing whole person
3. Righteous decision, pronounces verdict or sentence
 - a. vindication, reward, privileges, innocence
 - b. condemnation, punishment, curse, guilt
 - enslaves or ransoms

BASIC PRINCIPLES:

1. Means by which God establishes or maintains or increases, righteousness throughout creation
 - a. that which makes things right
 - b. absolute foundation

righteousness \neq religious or theological word

- a. actual condition or state of being
- b. what God is and what He works

(Is. 32:17) righteousness = rightness and inherent prosperity

- a. peace = health, joy, security, blessing, well-being, wholeness
- b. quietness + confidence = rest, boldness, correctness, assurance, loss of intimidation.

2. Forms the basis of all discernment and deliverance
 - a. allows tumor to be removed without complete death *to whole body*
 - b. only judge can grant mercy
 - c. provides touchstone, standard that can be seen by both God and us.
3. Always for the sake of needy, oppressed, downtrodden, meek, bound, tormented, who -- without God's intervention -- would be utterly destroyed by force of unrighteousness
 - a. wrath revealed against unrighteousness
 - b. what hope have the meek against ungodly?
 - c. God's way of preserving the righteous who face unrighteous world
4. Is the ruling aspect of God's kingdom and dominion.
 - a. Good news = God as judge not enemy
 - Satan has no judgement, no final authority -- only condemns
 - b. eventuates Heaven and Hell (prison of unrighteousness)

Preliminary Scriptures:

- Ps. 9:7-10 - established His throne for judgement, stronghold for oppressed.
- Ps. 89:11-16 - heavens & earth, north & south founded, righteousness & judgement are foundation of Thy throne.
- Ps. 97:1-2 - the Lord reigns, righteousness & judgement are foundation of His throne.
- Deut. 32:3-4 - ascribe greatness, all His ways are judgement.
- Ps. 101:1 - I will sing of lovingkindness & judgement.
- Ps. 96:11-13 - let gladness & joy come, God coming to judge.
- Ps. 98:4-9 - let gladness & joy come, God coming to judge.
- Ps. 99:4-5 - The King loves judgement & executes judgement.
- Ilos. 2:19-20 - "I will betroth you to Me in righteousness, judgement, lovingkindness and compassion.