

## Lord's Day 4; Hebrews 10:31

### GOD IS PERFECTLY JUST

- I. God is just in what He requires of fallen man.
  - A. God still requires that man do what is good even though man is completely incapable of doing any good.
  - B. N.B. we do not love God because we do not want to, not just because we are not able.
    - 1. Our inability arises from our willful disobedience in Adam.
    - 2. We deserve the death penalty.
  - C. That God is just to demand love of us is evidenced when He demanded it of the Mediator.
- II. God is just in punishing all and every sin.
  - A. Today, the concept of justice is being slowly but surely eroded.
  - B. God remains just, demanding that all sin be punished, so it is an abomination to let sin go unpunished.
    - 1. God is terribly displeased with sin. He is a consuming fire (Heb. 12:29; Deut. 4:24).
    - 2. God's wrath is against my original sin, i.e., the sin with which we are born.
    - 3. And God is also a consuming fire against my actual sins (of commission, omission, and corporate).
  - C. God punishes with temporal and with eternal judgments each sin,
  - D. The Son of God bore this judgment, being made accursed for us.
- III. God is just and this is evidenced in the way in which He shows His mercy.
  - A. Can the just God who justly judges sin be consistent with the gospel of God's mercy and love?
  - B. God is merciful and He is just, one as well as the other, not one more than the other.
  - C. God's mercy does not simply overlook sin, but deals with it, for God punishes the sin only in Another.
    - 1. Mercy is God satisfying His own justice by putting the punishment of His own people on His Son.
    - 2. Christ's cross displays God's justice and God's mercy (Psalm 85:10).