神的信实和神的义

The Faithfulness of God and the Righteousness of God

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- A. The Righteousness of God Being the Foundation of God's Throne
- (一) '公义···是你(神)宝座的根基。'诗篇八十九篇十四节。
- 1. "Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne" (Psa. 89:14).

神的信实,是以神自己为靠山,是和神自己同样的不能改变;神的公义是神宝座的根基,也是和神的宝座同样的不能摇动。以神的自己说,神不能不信实;以神的宝座说,神不能不公义。神的自己,关乎神的话语,是信实的问题;神的宝座,关乎神的作为,是公义的问题。神从祂的自己里面,对人说了话,就绝不能不信实,而背乎祂的自己;神在祂的宝座上面,管理一切,也绝不能不公义,而使祂的宝座受摇动。

The faithfulness of God is supported by God Himself, and like God Himself, it cannot change. The righteousness of God is the foundation of His throne, and like God's throne, it cannot be shaken. In relation to Himself, God cannot be unfaithful; in relation to His throne, God cannot be unrighteous. God's being is related to His word and is a matter of faithfulness; God's throne is related to His actions and is a matter of righteousness. God speaks to man according to the faithfulness of His inner being. He cannot be unfaithful. God rules on His throne according to the righteousness of His inner being. His throne cannot be shaken because He cannot be unrighteous.

- 二 神不能不义
- B. The Righteousness of God Making God Incapable of Being Unrighteous
- (一) '审判全地的主,岂不行公义么'创世记十八章二十五节。
- 1. "Shall the Judge of all the earth not do justly?" (Gen. 18:25).

神是在宝座上管理宇宙,审判全地的主,不能不公义。祂如果不公义,祂宝座的根基就要翻掉!宇宙中的一切也都要颠覆!

From His throne God governs the universe. He is the Lord who judges all the earth. He cannot be unrighteous. If He were unrighteous, the foundation of His throne would be overturned, and everything in the universe would be in chaos.

- (二) '神岂能偏离公平? 全能者岂能偏离公义?' 约伯记八章三节。
- 2. "Does God pervert justice? / Or does the Almighty pervert righteousness?" (Job 8:3).

神的地位和法度,需要祂公义,叫祂不能偏离公义,叫祂没法不义。

God's position and laws require righteousness. He cannot pervert justice and righteousness.

- 三 基督的死成全了神的义
- C. The Righteousness of God Being Fulfilled by the Death of Christ
- (一)'神使那无罪的,替我们成为罪,好叫我们在祂里面成为神的义。'林后五章二十一节。
- 1. "Him who did not know sin He made sin on our behalf that we might become the righteousness of God in Him" (2 Cor. 5:21).

我们在神面前是有罪的,神的义要神来定罪我们,刑罚我们。但神要救我们,所以就叫主耶稣来替我们受 他公义的刑罚,满足祂公义的要求。主耶稣原是无罪的,按着神的公义不该受神的刑罚。但神叫祂作我们 罪人的代替,不只叫祂担当我们的罪,并且叫祂替我们成为罪。所以神的公义就来审判祂,因为那里有罪,神的公义就在那里施行。审判主耶稣既替我们受了神公义的审判,就为我们成全了神的公义,所以神的公义就要神来赦免我们,来称义我们。现在我们这些人,因着主耶稣成全了神的义,就在祂里面成了神的

义。因着祂替我们成全了神的义,神在祂里面就必须称我们为义。所以神的义就显在我们这些在祂里面的人身上,所以我们这些人在祂里面也就成为神的义,也就是神的义。祂如何为我们成为罪,我们也如何在祂里面成为神的义。祂与我们联合,是替我们成为罪,好叫我们与祂联合,得以成为神的义。

We are sinners before God. God's righteous requirement condemned us and required us to be punished. Nevertheless, God desires to save, so He caused the Lord Jesus to receive His righteous punishment on our behalf in order to satisfy His righteous requirement. The Lord Jesus did not know sin, so according to God's righteousness, He did not have to receive God's punishment. On our behalf, however, the Lord Jesus offered Himself up as a substitutionary sacrifice for us. He bore our sins and also was made sin on our behalf. Thus, in His righteousness, God judged Him. According to the righteousness of God, God's judgment was carried out because of the sins that Christ bore and because He was made sin. Because the Lord Jesus received the righteous judgment of God on our behalf, He also satisfied God's righteous requirement for us. Now the righteousness of God requires God to forgive and justify us. We have become the righteousness of God in the Lord Jesus because He fulfilled God's righteousness. Since He fulfilled God's righteousness on our behalf, God must justify us in Him. Therefore, the righteousness of God is manifested in those who are in Christ. In Christ we have become the righteousness of God in Him. He was joined to us and made sin so that we might be joined to Him to become the righteousness of God.

四 神的义使神的福音有大能

- D. The Righteousness of God Empowering the Gospel of God
- (一) '这福音本是神的大能,要救一切相信的,···因为神的义,正在这福音上显明出来。'罗马一章十六至十七节。
- 1. "The gospel...is the power of God unto salvation to everyone who believes...For the righteousness of God is revealed in it" (Rom. 1:16-17).

神的福音所以有大能,能救一切相信的人,是因为这福音是以神的义为根据,不是以人的义为倚靠。神的 义既然叫神以主耶稣为我们的代替,在主耶稣身上审判了我们和我们的罪,神这义也就必须叫神赦免我们 的罪,而称我们为义。就是神这一个义,是神福音的根据,显在神的福音上,叫这福音有大能,叫神必须 拯救我们,而没法不赦免我们,不称义我们。

The gospel of God is powerful and can save everyone who believes it because the gospel is based on the righteousness of God. This does not depend on man's righteousness. Since the righteousness of God allowed the Lord Jesus to be our Substitute, judging us and our sins in Him, God must forgive our sins and justify us when we believe in the Lord Jesus. This righteousness of God is the base of the gospel, and it is revealed in the gospel. The gospel is powerful because it requires God to save us; He must forgive us and justify us.

五 神的义使神的恩典有权能

- E. The Righteousness of God Giving Authority to the Grace of God
- (一) '恩典也藉着义作王。'罗马五章二十一节。
- 1. "Grace might reign through righteousness" (Rom. 5:21).

神的恩典是藉着神的义作王。作王是掌权有权能。所以乃是神的义叫神的恩典有权能。若不合乎神公义的手续,若没有神的义通过,神的恩典就不能临到我们身上,更不能在我们身上施展它的权能。但神的义既称义了我们,既使我们在各方面都合乎神公义的手绩,就叫神的恩典毫无问题的临及我们,使我们得以享受神和祂的一切。

The grace of God reigns through righteousness. To reign is to rule with authority. Thus, the righteousness of God gives authority to the grace of God. The grace of God can come to us with authority because it has passed through the procedure of God's righteousness. Since God's righteousness has justified us and enables us to meet the standard of His righteous requirement, the grace of God cannot be withheld; rather, it comes to us because we have the right to enjoy God and all that He is and has.

六 神的义使信徒得赦免

F. The Righteousness of God Causing Believers to Be Forgiven

(一) '我们若认自己的罪,神…是公义的,必要赦免我们的罪。'约壹一章九节。

1. "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins" (1 John 1:9).

神的义既为我们的缘故审判了主,耶稣就我们现在靠着主耶稣为我们受神公义审判所流的血,向神承认我们的罪,神的义就叫神必须赦免我们的罪。就神在圣经里所告诉我们的话语说,神必须照着祂的信实赦免我们;就神按着祂的公义,为我们的缘故,审判主耶稣的作为说,神也非按着祂的公义赦免我们不可。

According to the righteousness of God, the Lord Jesus was judged on our behalf. When we confess our sins, God is required to forgive us our sins because of the blood that the Lord Jesus shed while being judged according to God's righteousness. According to God's word in the Bible, He must forgive us because of His faithfulness. According to God's act in righteously judging the Lord Jesus on our behalf, He must forgive us because of His righteousness.

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