



### **Lesson 51 (1 Samuel 22:12-23): God is still Sovereign**

Read Romans 2:1-11. According to this passage, who will escape God's judgment?

What does verse 4 mean when it talks about "presuming on God's kindness"?

How do we show that we are presuming on His kindness?

What will God render to each person on judgment day?

As you read verse 11, what thoughts go through your head?

Do you immediately start justifying your sin, to find reasons why God should show partiality to you? Or, are you thankful for the grace that He has given to you, in the sacrifice of His Son, to save you from your sins?

Read Romans 5:12-6:14. Why has death entered the world, according to this passage?

The free gift of God's grace brought what?

How does that impact the idea that you can be good enough to save yourself?

Since God's grace abounds to the sinner, can we continue in sin without any consequence?

What has happened to our old self, if we truly have been united with Christ?

How are we to present the very parts of our bodies?

Read Romans 1:18-23. The wrath of God is revealed against who? Why? (Verse 21)

Paul is very clear that we cannot claim that our sin is somehow approved by God since we are covered by His grace. Continuing in sin without repentance and without a change in your life (remember, you are a new creation) demonstrates that you are not a new creation, but still an old one, looking to justify your sin instead of having your sin uprooted from your life. These verses can be hard to hear because we come face to face with the reality that, without

Christ's blood covering us, we are under God's wrath, enemies of God. As you spend time with God today, ask Him to show you where you are justifying your sin. Ask Him to uproot that from your heart, to purify your heart, and bring you closer to Him. Ask Him to help you understand how you are trying to make God get in line with you, instead of getting yourself in line with Him.