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Romans 3:19 - Obviously, the law applies to those to whom it was given, not one of them has any excuse; in fact, all the world stands guilty before Almighty God.

HEAVEN'S COURTROOM GOD IS THE RIGHTEOUS JUDGE

<u>Il Timothy 4:7-8</u> - I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: 8 In the future there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, *THE RIGHTEOUS JUDGE*, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

Psalm 96:10 - God shall JUDGE the people RIGHTEOUSLY

Genesis 18:20-26 – Shall not the **JUDGE** of all the earth do right?

God in his righteousness judged us guilty and then in His mercy took our place.

JESUS IS YOUR ADVOCATE OR LAWYER

<u>I John 2:1</u> - **My** little children, these things write I unto you that you may not continue in sin. And if any man does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous or **YET IF ANYONE DOES SIN, WE WHO HAVE SINNED, HAVE COUNSEL FOR DEFENSE IN THE FATHER'S PRESENCE, JESUS CHRIST THE RIGHTEOUS.**

Advocate - is one who represents another

I'm so glad that it is Jesus that represents me before the Father and not my sins and failures.

Are you esteeming your sins more highly than the price Jesus paid to represent you before the Father?

<u>Hebrews 9:24</u>- For Christ has entered into heaven itself to appear now *before God as our Advocate*...

<u>Hebrews 7:25</u> - Therefore he is able, once and forever, to *save everyone who comes to God through him*. *He lives forever to plead with God on their behalf*.

SATAN IS THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

Revelation 12:10-11 – 10 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, now is come salvation and strength and the kingdom of our God and the power of his Christ. For *THE ACCUSER OF OUR BRETHREN* is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. 11 And *THEY OVERCAME HIM BY THE BLOOD OF THE LAMB AND BY THE WORD OF THEIR TESTIMONY*.

HOW TRUTH IS DETERMINED IN HEAVEN'S COURTROOM

This is how Jesus dealt with broken and sin-stained people.

Woman taken in the act of adultery

<u>John 8:13-18,44</u> – 13 The Pharisees challenged him, "Here you are, appearing as <u>your own</u> witness; your testimony is not valid." 14 Jesus answered, "Even if I testify on my own behalf, my testimony is valid, for I know where I came from and where I am going. But you have no idea where I come from or where I am going. 15 You judge by human standards; I pass judgment on no one. 16 But if I do judge, my decisions are right, because I am not alone. I stand with the Father, who sent me. 17 In your own Law it is written that the testimony of two men is valid and true. 18 I am one who testifies for myself; my other witness is the Father, who sent me."

44 You are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father you will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and did not abide in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, **he speaks of his own or alone**: for he is **a liar**, and the father of it.

YOU ARE ON THE WITNESS STAND!

Who are you cooperating with—the enemy or Jesus?

<u>Hebrews 10:23</u> - Let us HOLD FAST THE *PROFESSION* of our faith *WITHOUT WAVERING*, For we can rely on him who gave us the promise.

<u>Matthew 12:36-37</u> - 36 But I say unto you, that EVERY IDLE WORD that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. 37 For *BY YOUR WORDS YOU SHALL BE JUSTIFIED OR ACQUITTED* and by *YOUR WORDS OR OUT OF YOUR OWN MOUTH* you shall be condemned.

"The Judge" declares you guilty, based upon the evidence and the efforts of the "Accuser." Your "Lawyer" agrees with your guilt and then takes your punishment and "The Judge" declares you innocent.

AGREE WITH THE JUDGE!