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NOTICE
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT
NORTH CAROLINA.

CHEROKEE COUNTY.
MARSHALL J. DERREBERRY
Plaintiff

Vs.
HELEN M. DERREBERRY,
Defendant
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above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Cherokee County, North Carolina, by the plaintiff to secure an absolute divorce from the defendant upon the ground that plaintiff and defendant have lived separate and apart for more than two years next preceding the bringing of this action; and the defendant will further take notice that she is required to appear at the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Cherokee County, in the courthouse in Murphy, North Carolina, within twenty days after the 16th day of July, 1953, that is to say on or before the 6th day of August, 1953, and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to

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By: Carmen Haney, Deputy
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Scripture: Romans 1-3
Devotional Reading: Psalm 111

God Is Righteous

Lesson for July 5, 1953

MAYBE it is because righteous is not a singable word. (Is there any rhyme for it?) Maybe it is because the word has a hard ring to it in some ears. It seems to suggest something rigid and un-beautiful, like a poker or a fence-post. Anyway, for some reason or other, we do not hear much about God's being righteous. Words like "love" or "mercy" are used more often. We hear of the high and holy God, the almighty, or we hear of the loving Father of all. But we do not hear often enough of the God who first and last and always is the righteous God.

A Righteous God Or None

The Bible's God is a righteous God. But the writers of the Bible did not shiver when they wrote that word. They did not believe and tremble, they believed and were glad. In fact, nobody who gives the question the serious thought it deserves would be interested in God if he were not righteous. An un-righteous God would be no God at all but a kind of devil. Righteousness means being right, first of all. It means seeing things as they are, seeing past the surface to the heart of things. No one who sees men and character dimly or crookedly can be righteous.

But righteousness is more than being right. It means being right-in-action. It includes being just and fair, though it is more than that, too. Some one might be fair because the rules compelled him to be. He might be fair to others so that they in turn would be fair to him. Righteousness means not only justice in act, but justice in desire. It means the love of justice and not only the practice of it. Righteousness—the Bible word—in addition means dependability. The original meaning of the word was simply "straight."

Justice For All

God is like man in one respect. His actions speak louder than his words. The writers of the Bible, Old Testament and New, more often speak of God's righteous acts than of his righteous words. It remained for the Apostle Paul to sum up the case for God's righteousness. It is shown, he says—demonstrated, that is to say—in two ways. These two ways are enlarged on in the early chapters of Romans as well as elsewhere in Paul's writings.

First of all, the justice of God expresses His righteousness. God is no "respector of persons;" in other words, He plays no favorites. Paul's own people, the Jews, had misunderstood what it meant to be the "chosen" people. They had supposed it meant they were God's favorites, though the prophets had long tried to explain that "chosen" meant chosen for service, appointed. Some people today think that "Nordics" or Americans or some other group is God's chosen people, His favorites, His pets so to speak. No, the Bible teaching is that in God's sight all men stand on an equal footing.

Redemption For All

If this were all that could be said, we of the human race would be in a hopeless hole. As Paul shows, the fact that God treats all men alike in the long run, is no comfort at all; it only means that the verdict "Guilty" must be pronounced on us all. Comparing what we are with what we ought to be, not even we ourselves can honestly say much for ourselves. If God's righteousness were nothing but an even-handed justice, it would be a searing flame. But it is more. The other way God shows His righteousness is in His mercy. In His coming to us in Christ. He has made salvation—that is, the setting-free from the deadly whirling wheeling of sin and destruction—He made this free to all. He forces mercy on no one. But if He offered mercy and forgiveness only to a selected few—or for that matter, only to a selected many—then while He might be called merciful He could hardly be called righteous. If God saved everyone, regardless He would still not be righteous. He saves those who have faith, that is, those who humbly accept what they realize they can never earn—the transforming love of God. For one of the glorious things about God is that He is not only righteous—He shares His righteousness.

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