

The Arguments of the Religionist (Jew) Against a Heart Religion

Romans 03: 01–08

1. *What value is there in being a Jew, a religionist*

*– in being circumcised or baptized
– if all are guilty before God?*

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- a. He is privileged
- b. He is entrusted with
and responsible for God's Word

2. *Does unbelief void God's promises – make God a liar?*

- a. Not at all
- b. God's Word stands
even if every man is a liar
- c. God will prove His Word
- d. God will overcome those
who judge Him and His Word

3. *Is God unjust if He punishes the unrighteous?*

- a. The absurd claim:
Sin serves a good purpose
if it gives God a chance to forgive,
to show mercy
 - 1) Fact: God is moral;
He must judge the world
 - 2) The contradiction
of such an argument
- b. The condemnation of persons
who argue such is deserved

1 What advantage, then,
is there in being a Jew,
or what value is there in circumcision?

2 Much in every way!
First of all,
they have been entrusted with the very words of God.

3 What if some did not have faith?
Will their lack of faith
nullify God's faithfulness?

4 Not at all!
Let God be true,
and every man a liar.
As it is written:
"So that you may be proved right when you speak
and prevail when you judge."

5 But if our unrighteousness
brings out God's righteousness more clearly,
what shall we say?
That God is unjust in bringing his wrath on us?
(I am using a human argument.)

6 Certainly not!
If that were so,
how could God judge the world?

7 Someone might argue,
"If my falsehood enhances God's truthfulness
and so increases his glory,
why am I still condemned as a sinner?"

8 Why not say -
as we are being slanderously reported
as saying and as some claim that we say -
"Let us do evil that good may result"?
Their condemnation is deserved.