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DROWNING IN DEBT





Introduction:

**Days of Reckoning can be awful
beyond imagination!**

Text: Romans 2:1-11

You, therefore, have no excuse, you who pass judgment on someone else, for at whatever point you judge another, you are condemning yourself, because you who pass judgment do the same things.

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Now we know that God's judgment against those who do such things is based on truth.

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So when you, a mere human being, pass judgment on them and yet do the same things, do you think you *will escape* God's judgment?

Or do you show contempt for the riches of his kindness, forbearance and patience, not realizing that God's kindness is intended to lead you to repentance?

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**But because of your stubbornness
and your unrepentant heart, you are
storing up wrath against yourself for
the day of God's wrath, when his
righteous judgment *will be revealed.***

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God “*will repay* each person according to what they have done.”

To those who by persistence in doing good seek glory, honor and immortality, he *will give eternal life.*

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**But for those who are self-seeking
and who reject the truth and follow
evil, there *will be wrath and anger.***

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There *will be trouble and distress* for every human being who does evil: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile; but glory, honor and peace for everyone who does good: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile.

For God does not show favoritism.

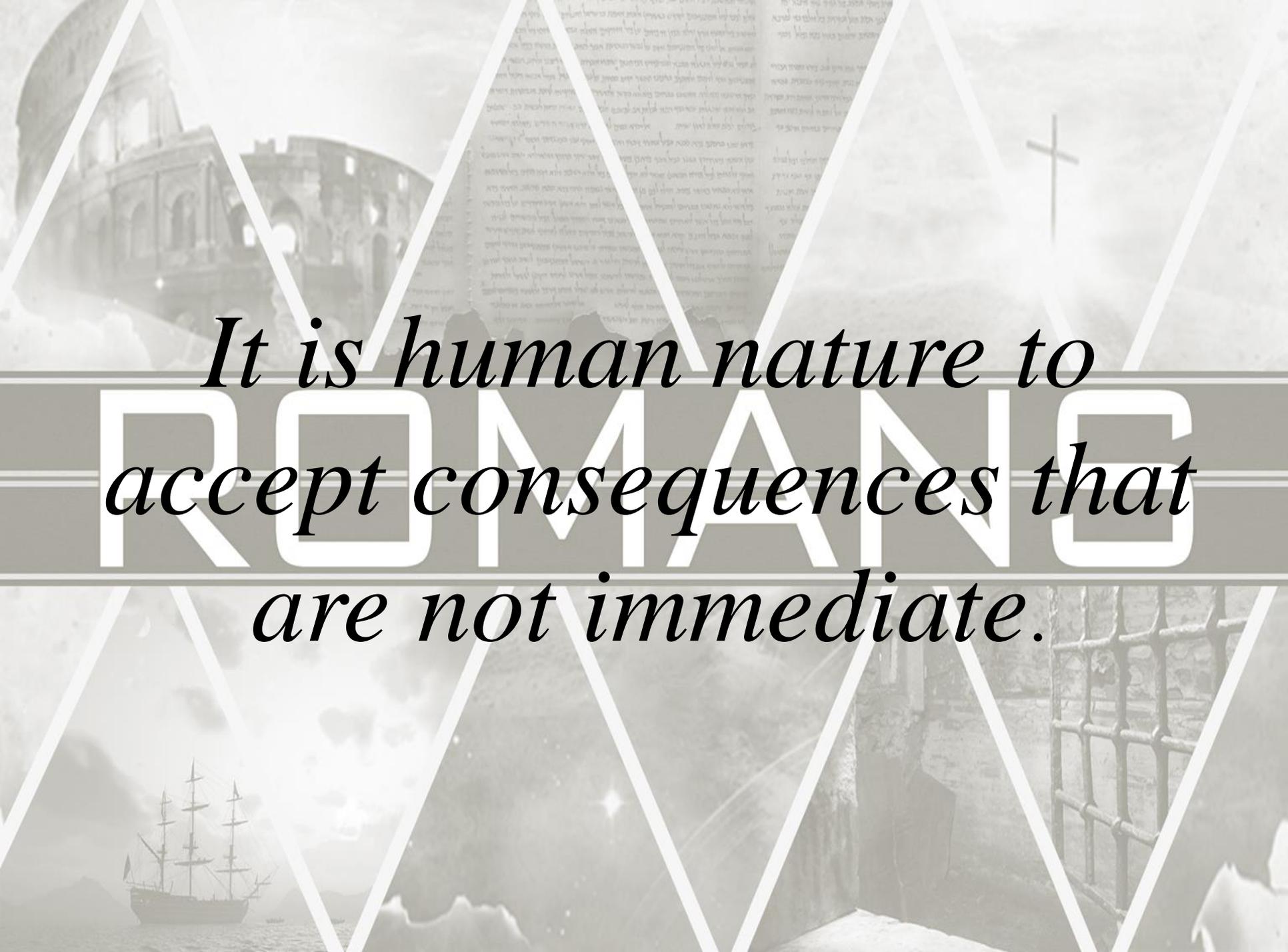
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God judges **DIRECTION**, while humans judge **DISTANCE** (v1-3).

What we **CONDEMN** in others usually isn't the **DIRECTION** in which they are going, but in the **DISTANCE** they have gone. Our criticism isn't that they are acting **SINFULLY**, but that they are acting **STUPIDITY**.

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humans judge **DISTANCE** (v1-3).

Once we have accepted sin in
PRINCIPLE, we will find ourselves
powerless to fight the **EXTENT** of it.
(IE: The pet boa.)

The background is a collage of four grayscale images arranged in a 2x2 grid, separated by white triangular lines. Top-left: The Colosseum in Rome. Top-right: A simple wooden cross against a cloudy sky. Bottom-left: A three-masted sailing ship on the sea. Bottom-right: A view through a metal prison cell. A large, semi-transparent watermark of the word 'ROMANS' is centered across the middle of the collage.

*It is human nature to
accept consequences that
are not immediate.*

God's **KINDNESS** is not
WEAKNESS, but is **DELAY**
intended to allow room for
REPENTANCE, which is a change in
our **DIRECTION** (v4)!

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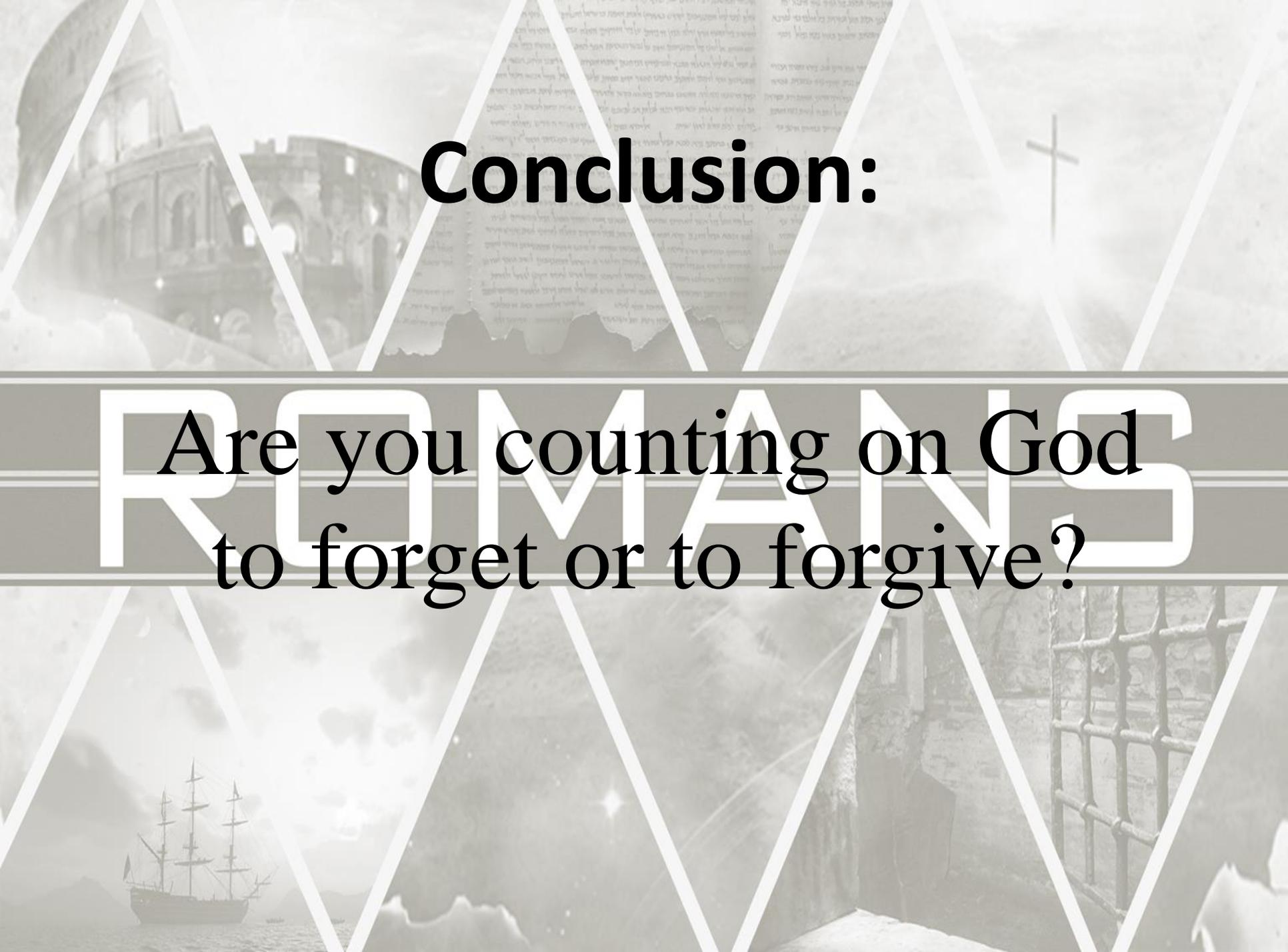
*Our sin can be forgiven,
but it won't be forgotten!*

The longer we **DELAY** turning from sin,
the more moral **DEBT** we incur, and the
more divine **WRATH** accumulates toward
us (v5-6).

The consequences of sin are **CERTAIN**,
even if they are not **IMMEDIATE**
(v5-9).

Who you **ARE** will not protect you from
what you have **DONE**, because divine
FAVOR does not equal divine
FAVORITISM (v11).

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Conclusion:

**Are you counting on God
to forget or to forgive?**



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