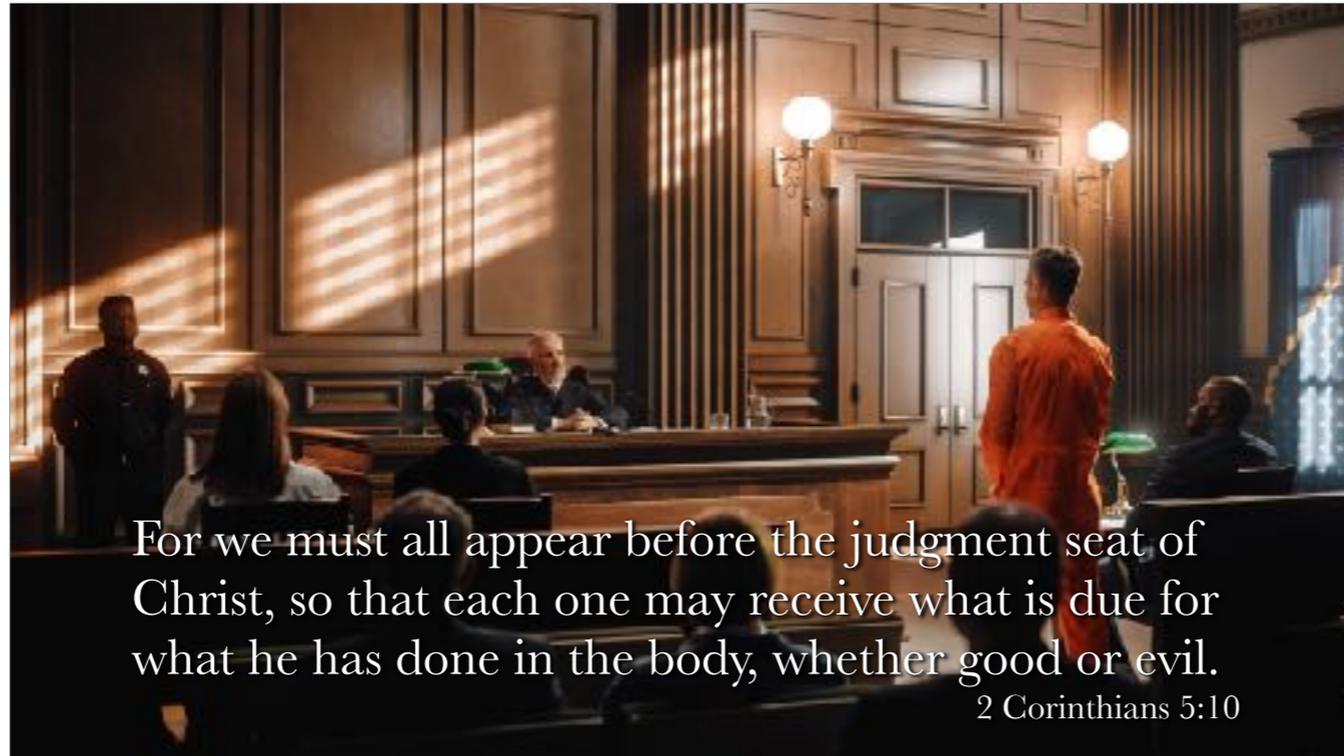




- 1 Peter 1:17: And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile,



- How do you picture the judgment?
 - It's not like our courts of law and judgments
- For most of us judgment is almost exclusively seen as a legal matter, and so we think of law, sin, atonement as legal issues with legal resolutions. Salvation is primarily a legal matter.
- Hebrews 10:27 but a fearful expectation of judgment, and a fury of fire that will consume the adversaries.
- Hebrews 10:31 It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.



For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.
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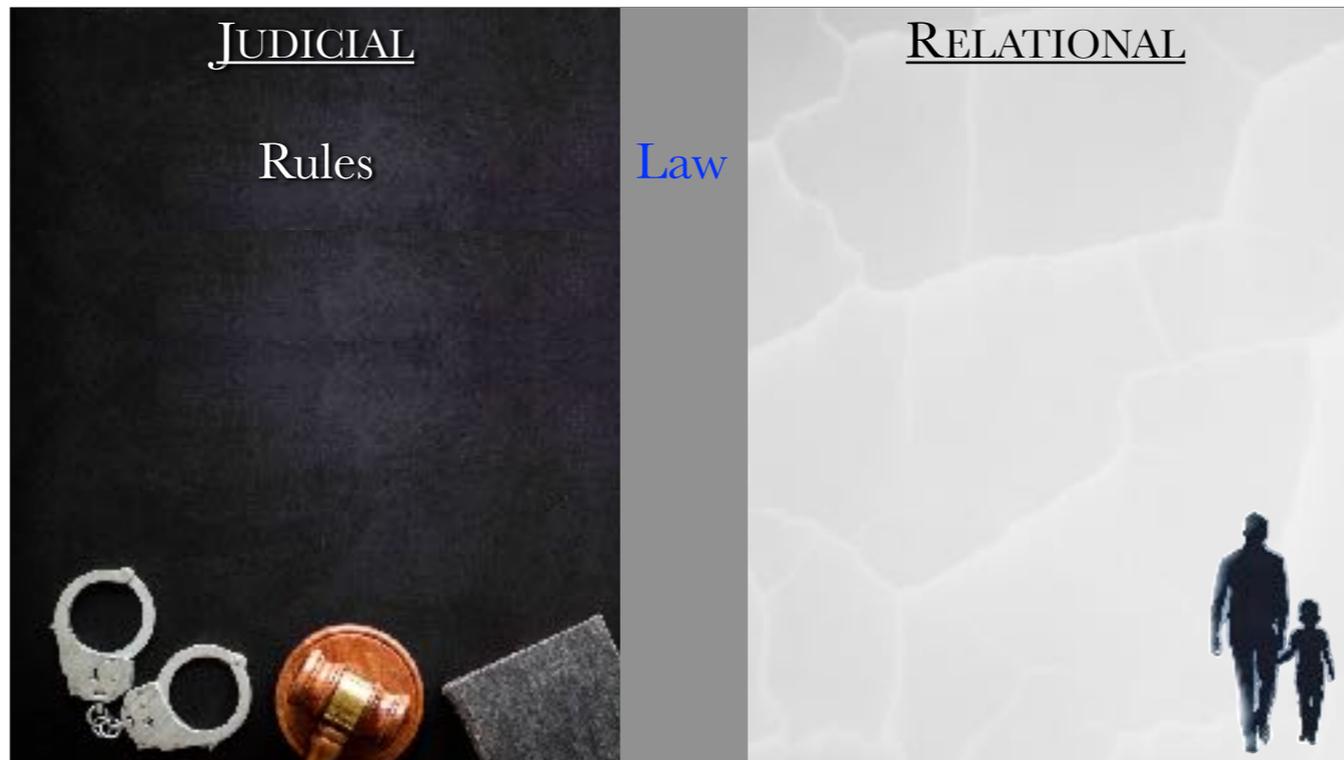
- But when we think of judgment in terms of relationship, then our view of sin, reconciliation, and atonement is broadened, and improved (brought more in line with what is revealed in the NT about the meaning and purpose of Jesus' death).
- Think about these two views... not either/or — both.



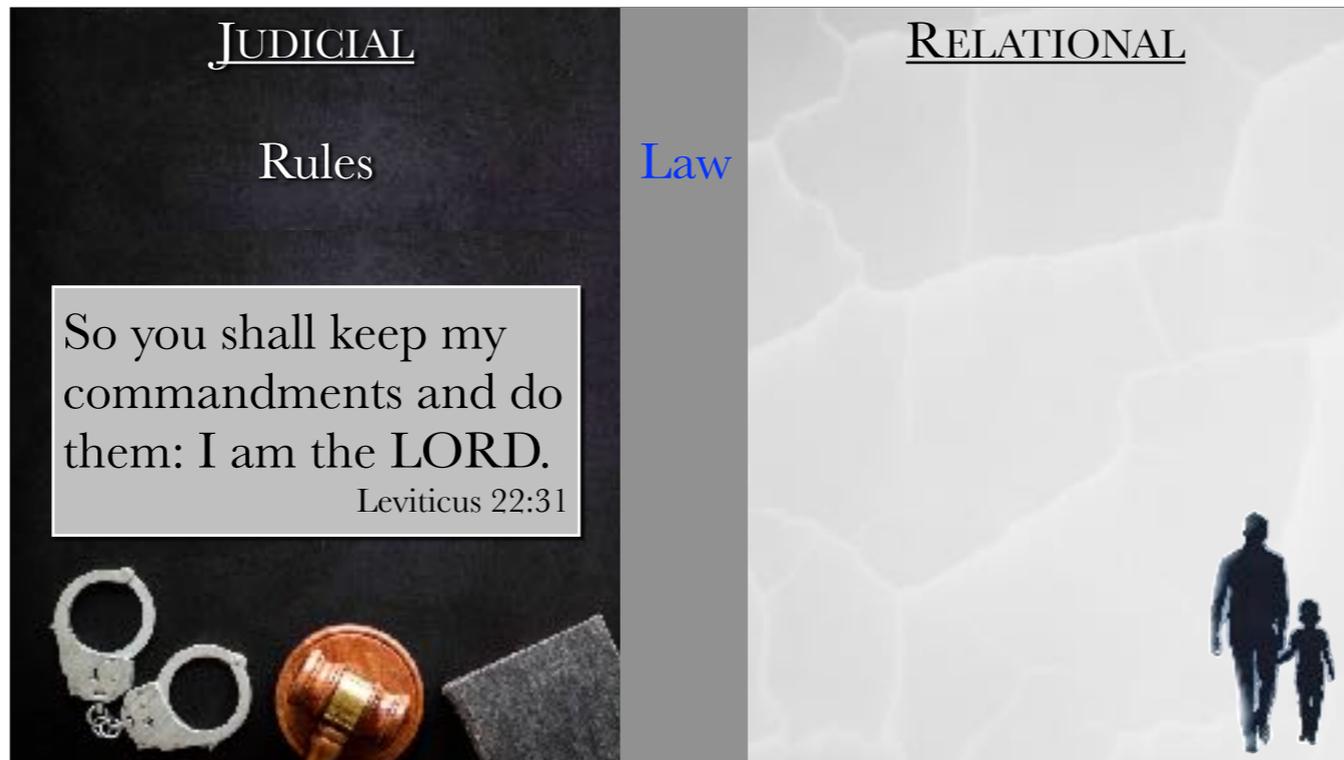
- Judicial contrasted with Relational
 - Three areas: law, sin, God



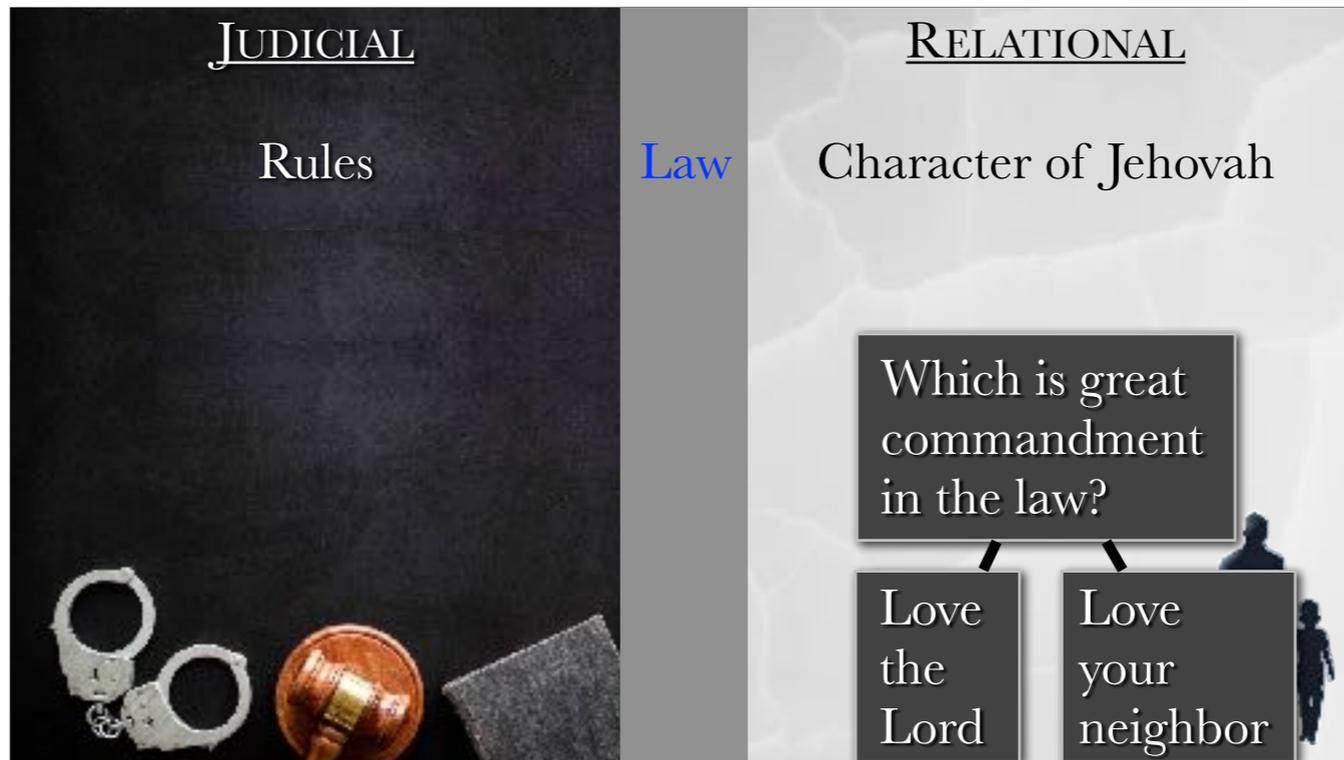
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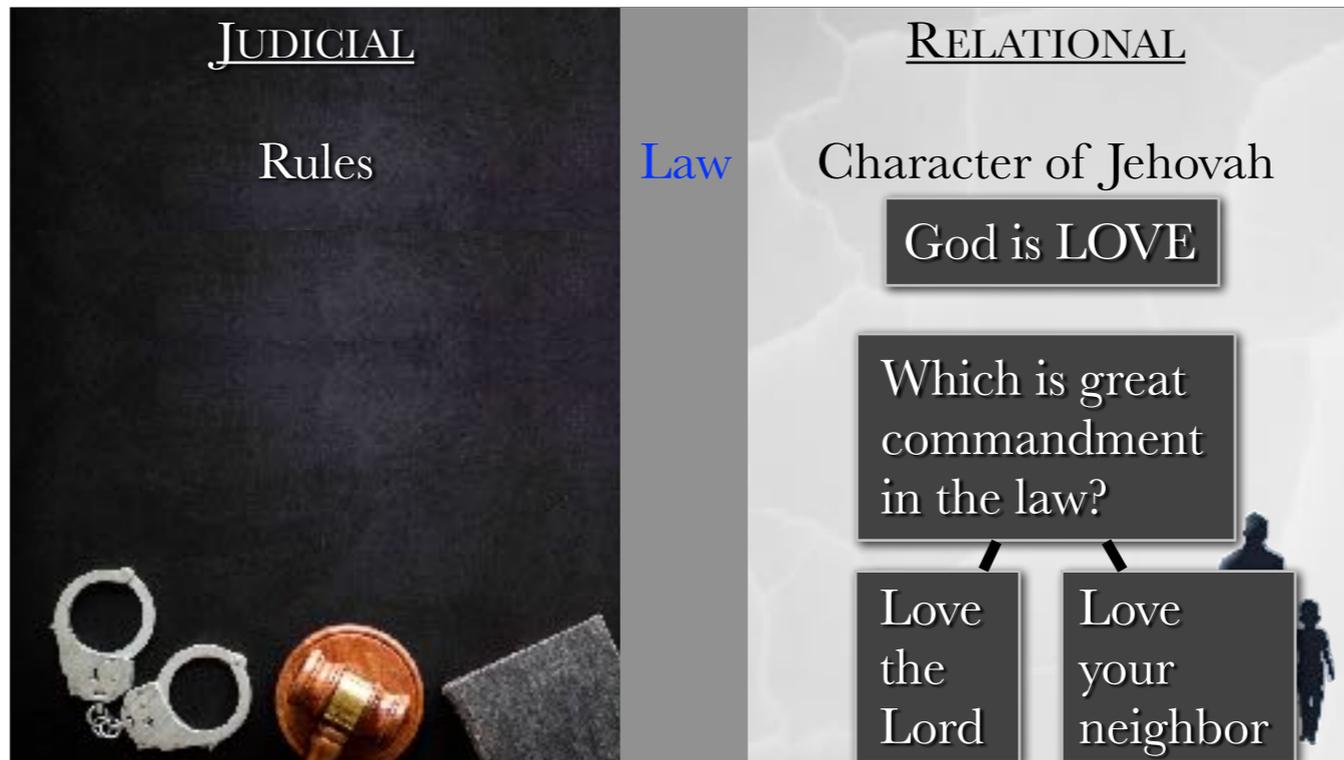
- God's Law is a set of rules given to be obeyed.
- Some have seen these laws as being almost random (not eating pork)
 - or just self-existing
- At worst, some see them as tyrannical (and therefore God is a Tyrant).



- Leviticus 22:31 So you shall keep my commandments and do them: I am the LORD.
- “for your good” Deut. 10.13
- Hebrews 5:9 And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him,



- Law is about the Character of God, and helping us become like him.
- Matthew 22:36-40:
 - “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?”
 - And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment.
 - And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.
 - On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”



- 1 John 4:7-8: Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.
- 1 John 5:2: By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments.
 - Children.
 - Note order: Love God then obey.



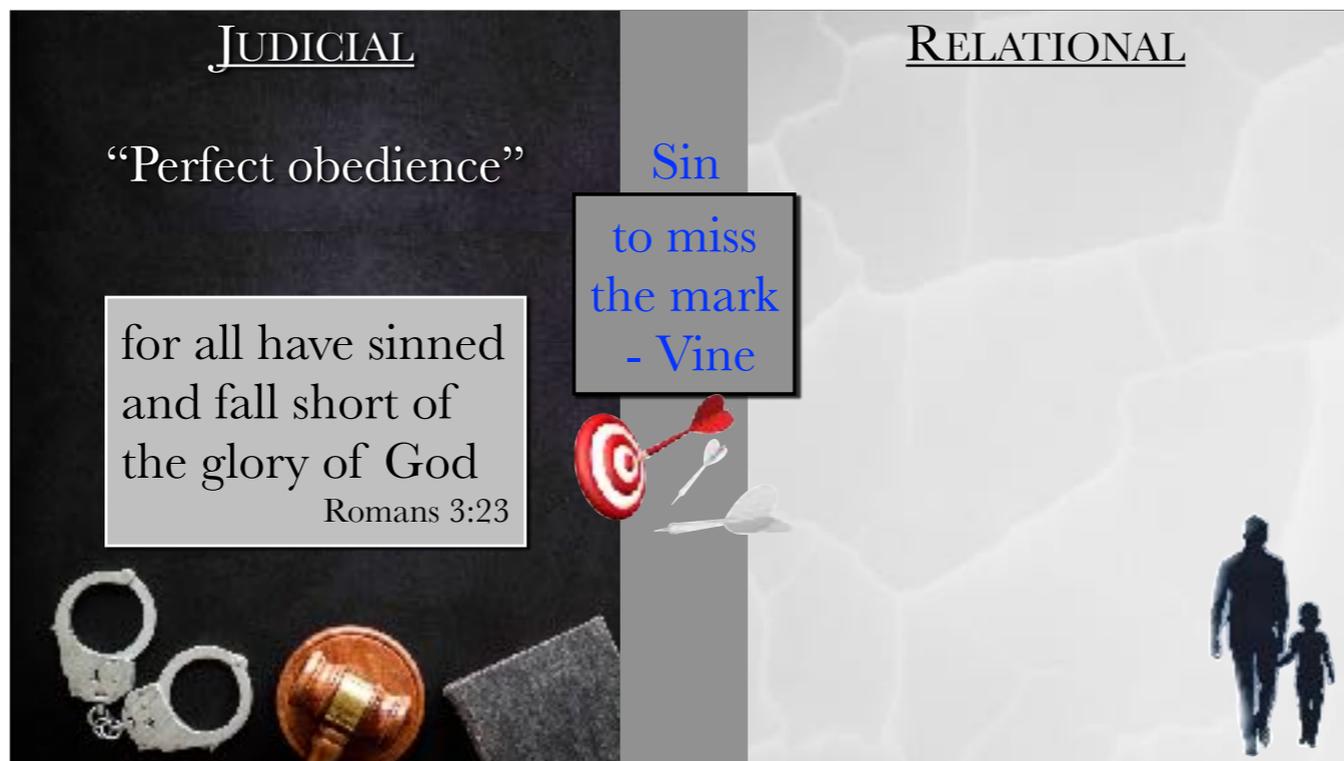
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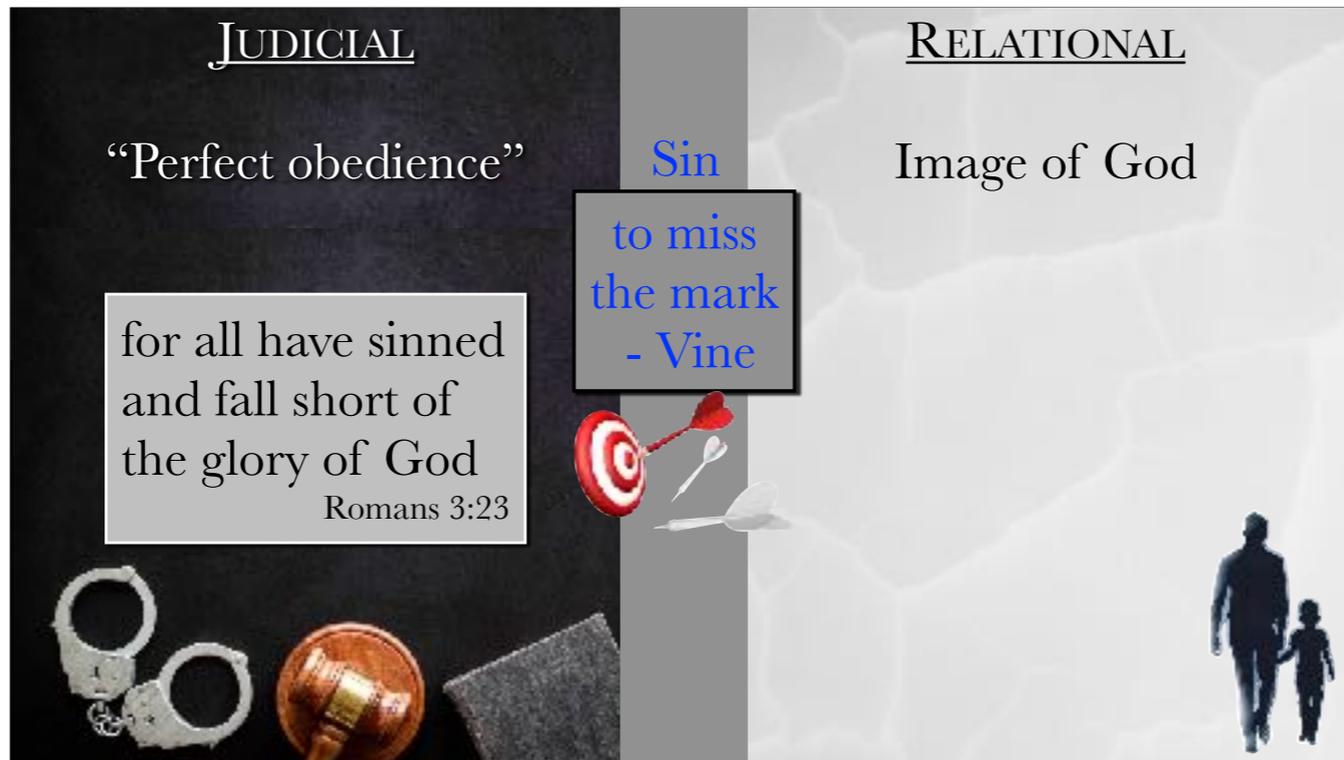
- Sin: “to miss the mark” (Vine)
- What is the mark we’re supposed to be hitting?



- Perfect obedience?
- Romans 4:4: Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due.



- Romans 3:23: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,



- But if our goal is to be like God
- (not in deity, but in character)



- Colossians 3:10: and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator.
- Romans 8:29: For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.
- 2 Corinthians 3:18: And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

JUDICIAL

“Perfect obedience”

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and fall short of
the glory of God
Romans 3:23

RELATIONAL

Image of God

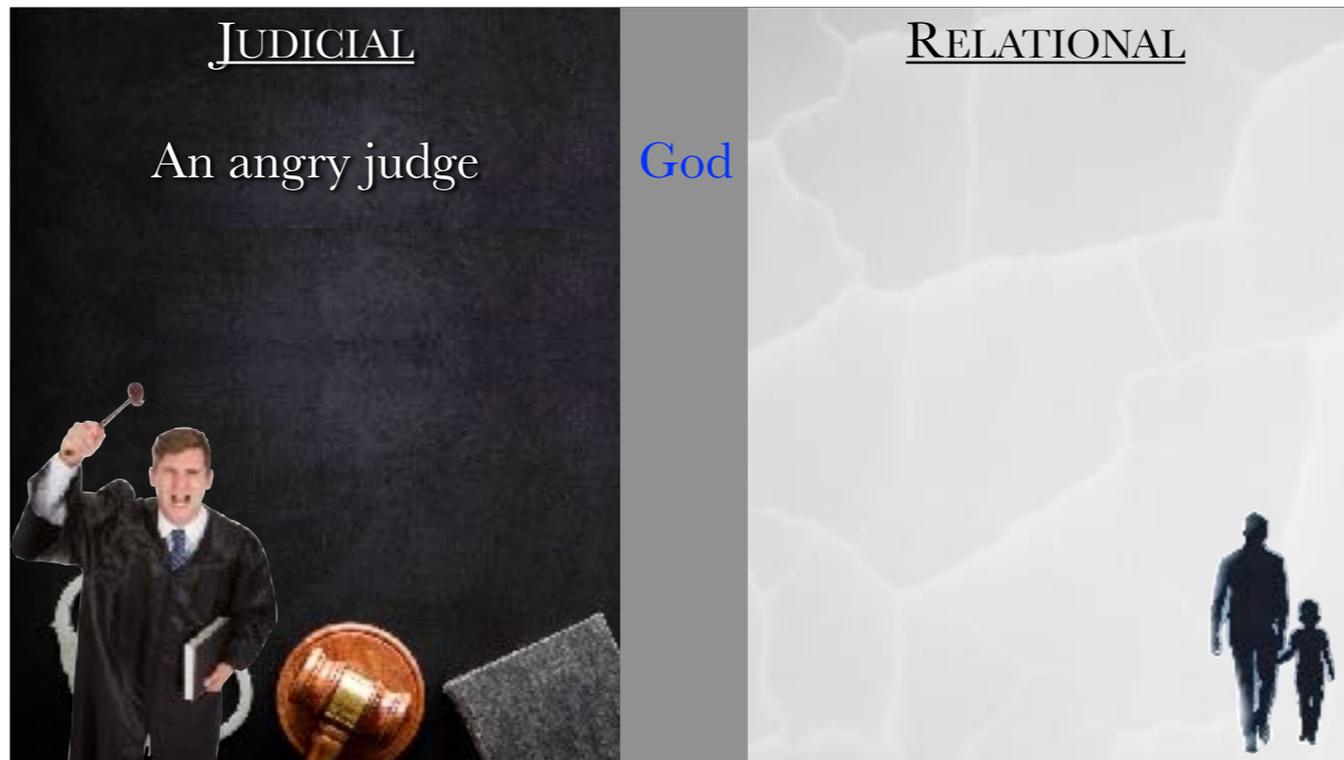
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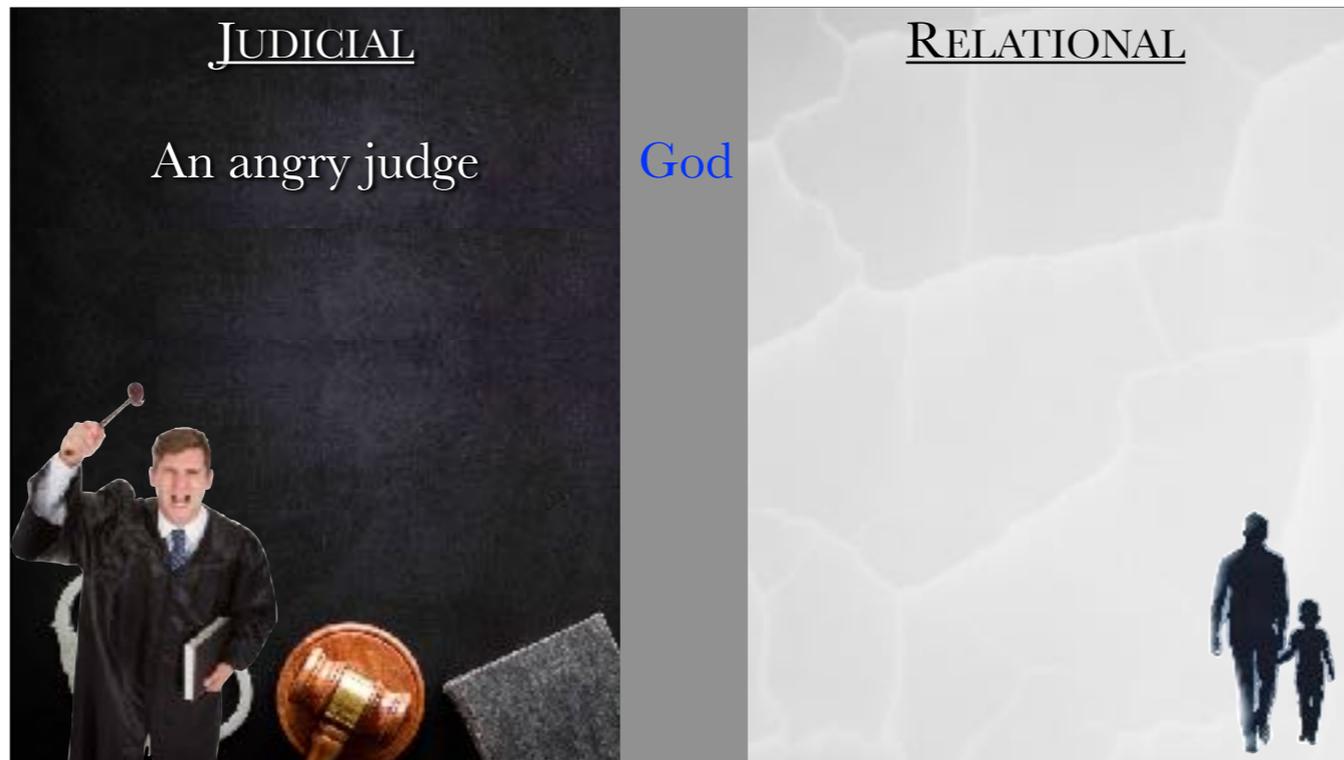
- When we rebel against our Father we are leaving home.
- Not just failing to follow a code of laws.
- Sin is being unfaithful in a relationship.



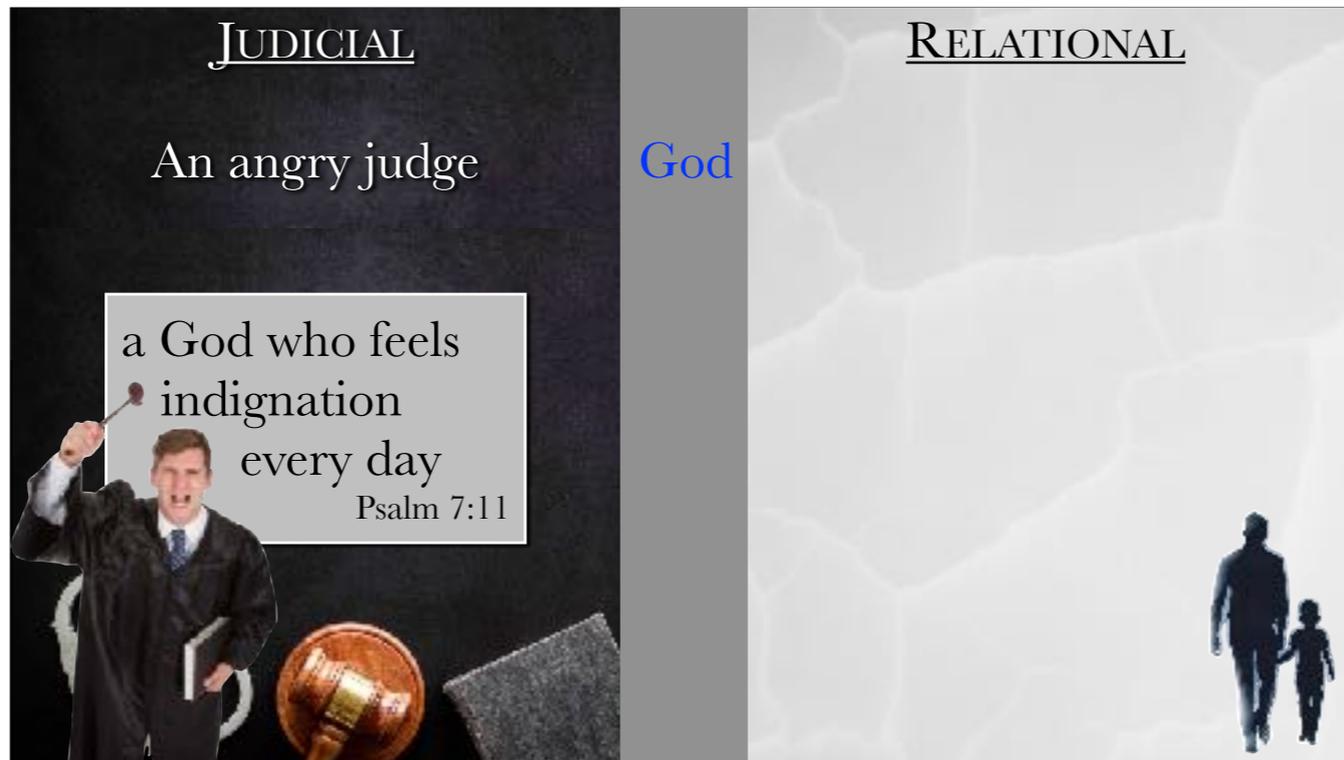
- Judgment based on how we think about God



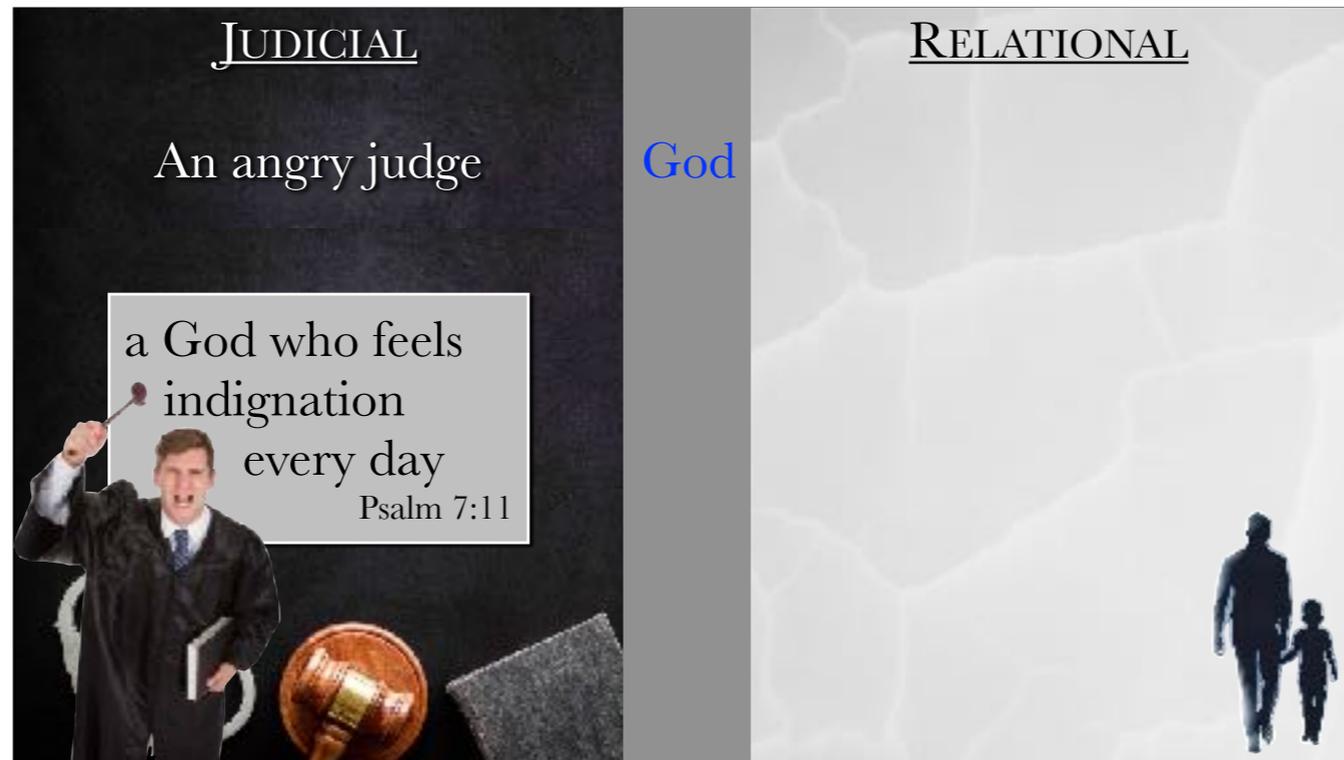
- God as an angry judge



- God seen as an angry judge
 - looking for errors
 - waiting for mistakes
 - harsh, quick



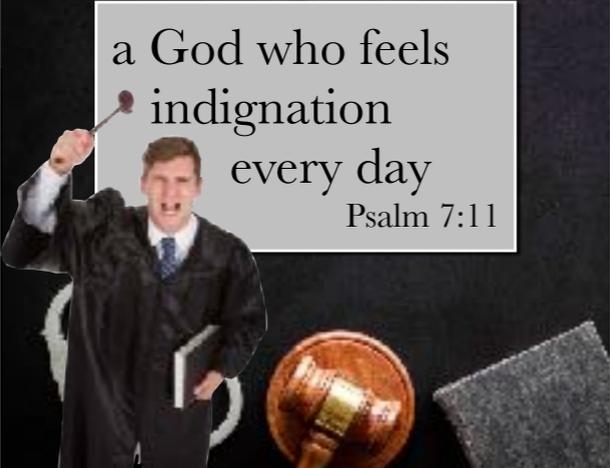
- Psalm 7:11: God is a righteous judge, and a God who feels indignation every day.
- Why is God ready to throw the book at us?



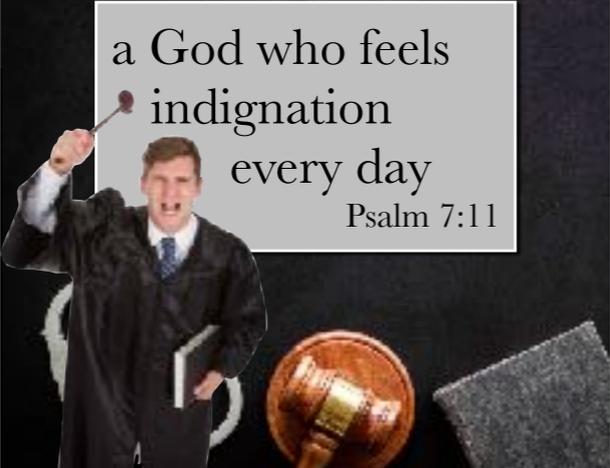
- Punishment
- 2 Thessalonians 1:7-10: and to grant relief to you who are afflicted as well as to us, when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his mighty angels [8] in flaming fire, inflicting vengeance on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. [9] They will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might, [10] when he comes on that day to be glorified in his saints, and to be marveled at among all who have believed, because our testimony to you was believed.



- A disappointed father, to a wayward child

<u>JUDICIAL</u>	<u>RELATIONAL</u>
<p>An angry judge</p> <p>a God who feels indignation every day Psalm 7:11</p> 	<p>God</p> <p>A disappointed father</p> <p>When Israel was a child I loved him ...</p> <p>The more they were called, the more they went away</p> <p>Hosea 11:1-2</p> 

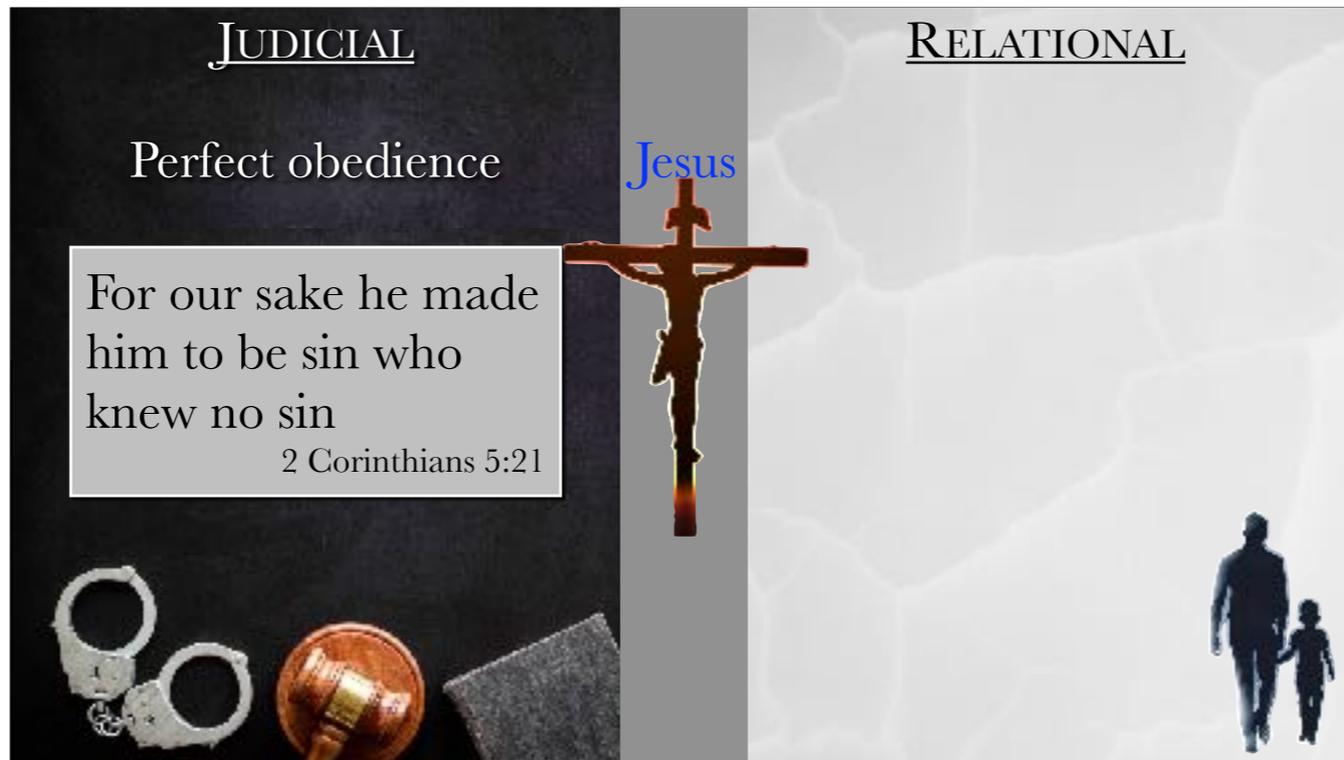
- Hosea 11:1-2: When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son. [2] The more they were called, the more they went away;
- Hosea 11:7: My people are bent on turning away from me, and though they call out to the Most High, he shall not raise them up at all.
- Hosea 11:9: I will not execute my burning anger; I will not again destroy Ephraim; for I am God and not a man, the Holy One in your midst, and I will not come in wrath.

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- Hebrews 12:5-8: And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons? “My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him.
- [6] For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives.”
- [7] It is for discipline that you have to endure.
- God is treating you as sons.
 - For what son is there whom his father does not discipline?
- [8] If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons.



- Jesus demonstrates both of these aspects



- Was Jesus perfectly obedient?
- Yes!
- 2 Corinthians 5:21: For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.



- Jesus is the Son
- Yes!
- Matthew 17:5: He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.”



- Judicial contrasted with Relational
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- God the judge (c.f. Rom. 3:6; Heb. 12:23; 13:4)
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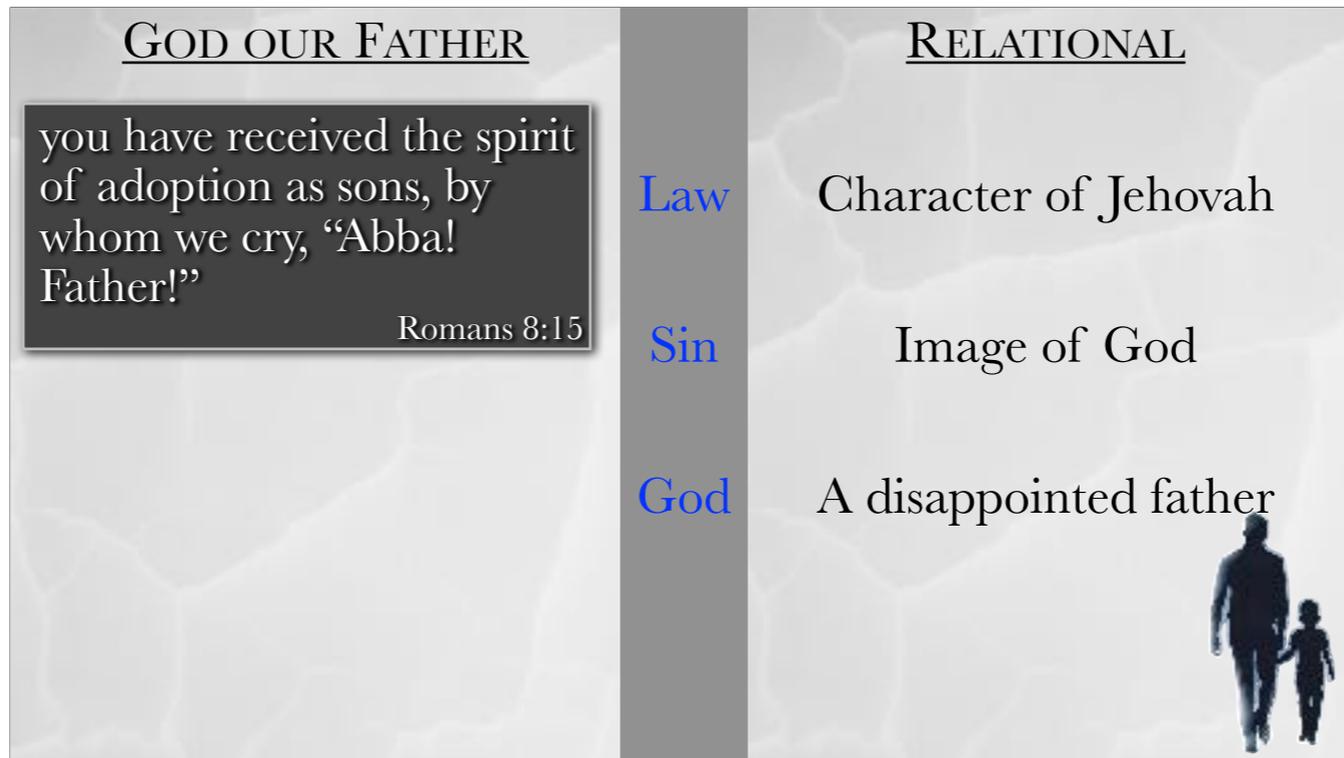


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<u>GOD OUR FATHER</u>		<u>RELATIONAL</u>
	Law	Character of Jehovah
	Sin	Image of God
	God	A disappointed father



- Judicial contrasted with Relational
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- Father, adopted Children
- Romans 8:15-17: For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” [16] The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, [17] and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

GOD OUR FATHER

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Romans 8:15

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Romans 8:29

RELATIONAL

Character of Jehovah

Image of God

A disappointed father



- Jesus, brother
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1 John 3:1

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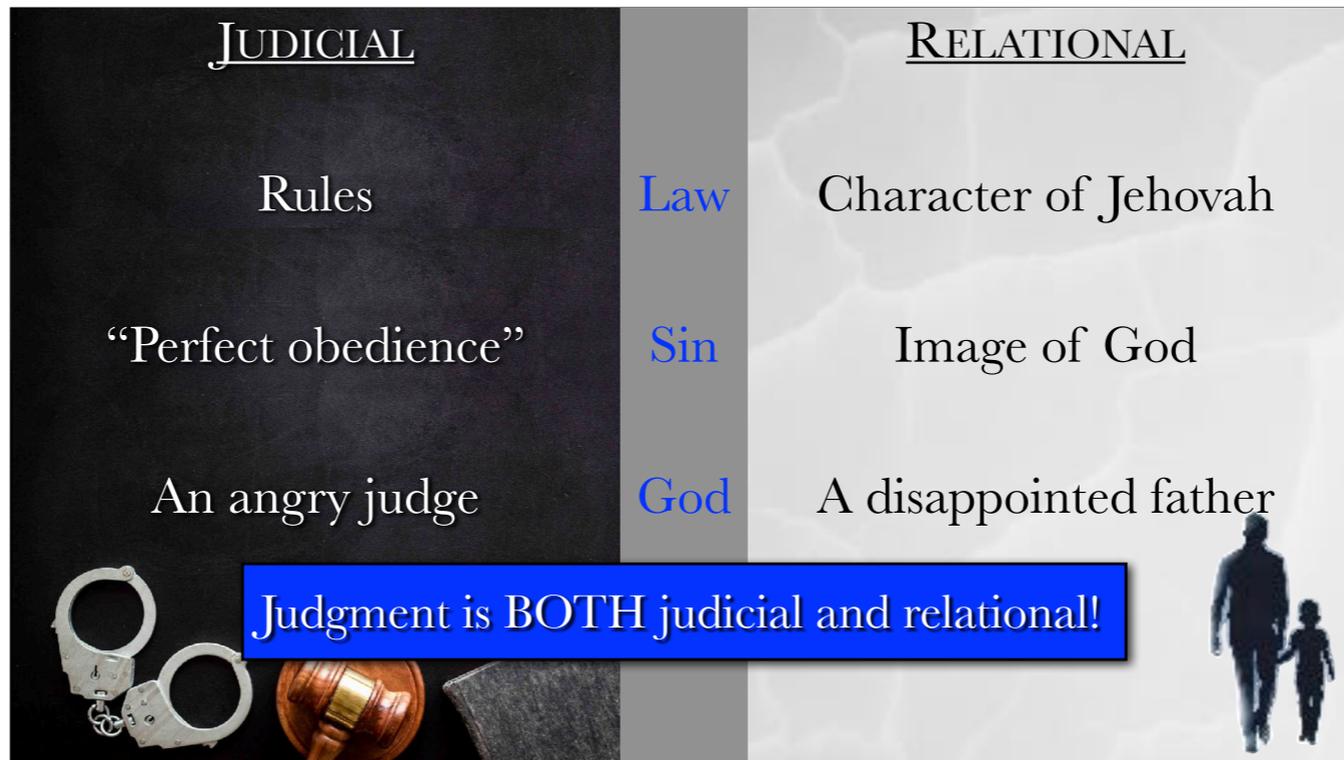
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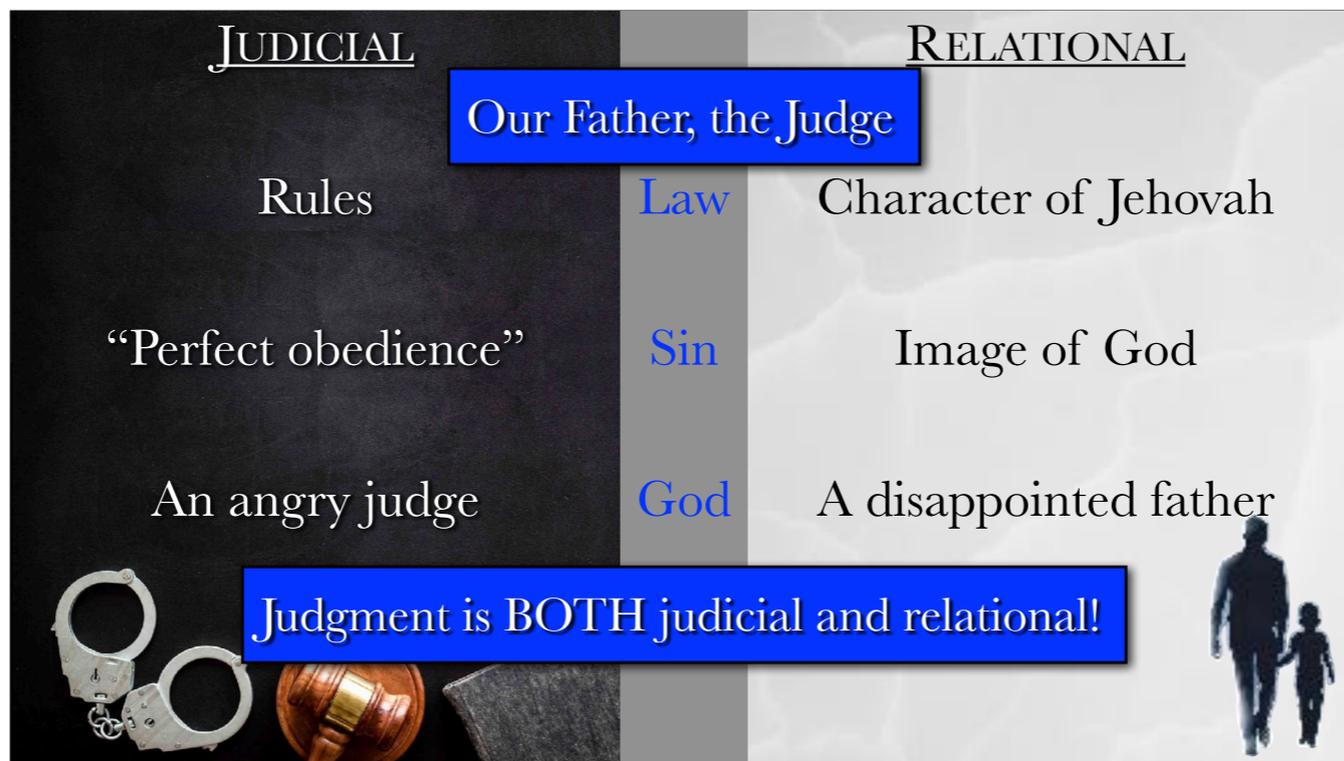
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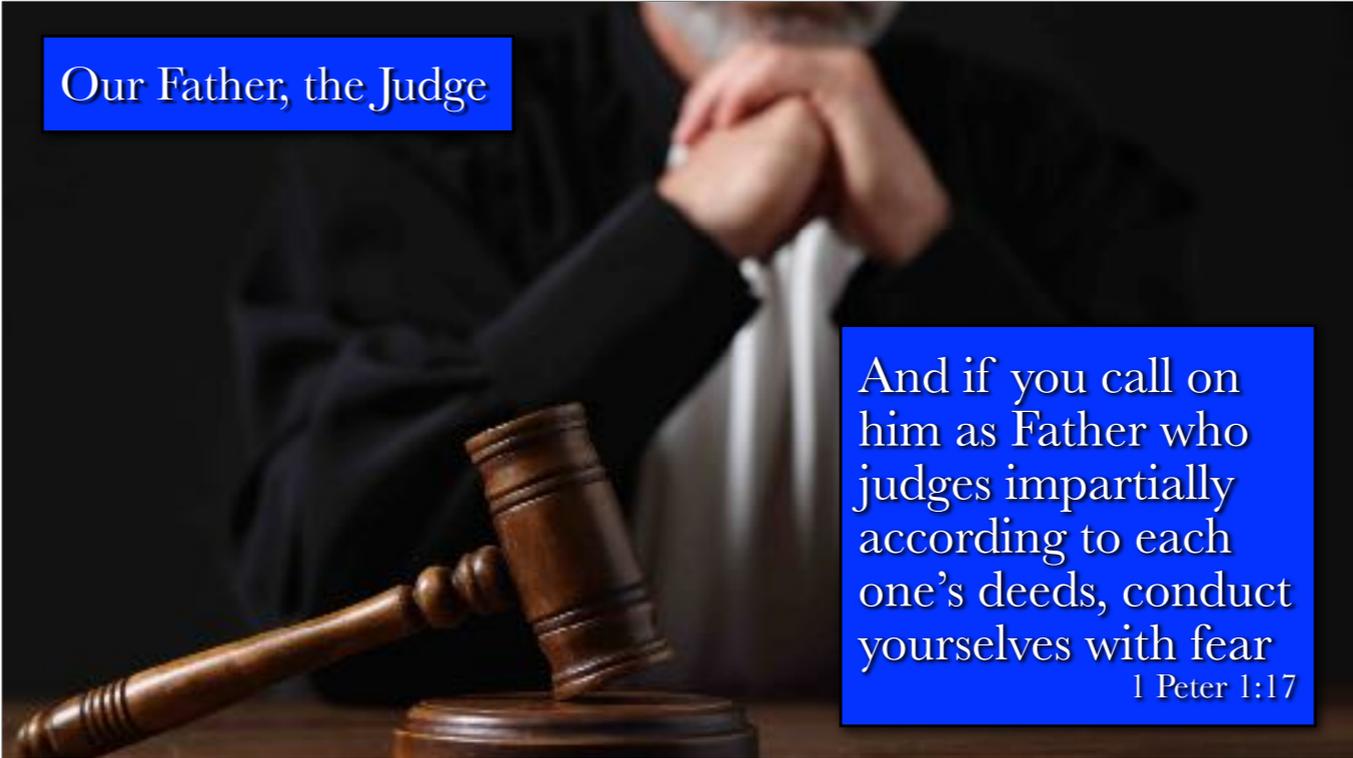
- 1 John 3:1-2: See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. [2] Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.



- It's not one or the other, it's both!
- Thinking only in terms of judicial is myopic.



- Our Father the Judge
- Kingdom: King, Laws, Judge
- Family: Father, Relationship, Reconciliation



Our Father, the Judge

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- Salvation is about our Father being our Judge (he never stops being our Father!)

We implore you
on behalf of Christ,
be reconciled to God.

2 Corinthians 5:20

Call to Action

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Our Father the Judge

1 Peter 1:17

Synopsis: Most tend to think of our salvation (sin, salvation, atonement and judgment) as being primarily judicial. In this lesson we will see that it is vital to also see our salvation as relational.

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