

# **HOW THE JEW (RELIGIOUS MAN) ARGUES ROMANS 3:1-8**

## **I. THE FIRST QUESTION AND ANSWER (3:1-2)**

- A. Question: "What Real Advantage Does The Jew (Religious Man) Have?" (3:1)
- B. Answer: "They (He) Were Entrusted With The Very Utterances Of God" (3:2)

## **II. THE SECOND QUESTION AND ANSWER (3:3-4)**

- A. Question: "Unbelief Does Not Nullify God's Faithfulness, Does It?" ("If God Is A God Of Love, Isn't He Obligated To Act Positively On My Behalf?") (3:3)
- B. Answer: "Reject Monstrous Conclusions About God And Square Up With What Scripture Says About Him." (3:4)

## **III. THE THIRD QUESTION AND ANSWER (3:5-8)**

- A. Question: "Since Man's Sin Magnifies God's Righteousness, How Can He Be Just (Fair) In Judging Us?" (Aren't We Making Him Look Good?) (3:5)
- B. Answer: "If God Were Really Unjust He Could Not Legitimately Judge The World. Since This Is Impossible, You Can Count On The Fact That You Will Be Judged For God Is Apriori Just" (3:6-8)

## **CONCLUSIONS REGARDING THE ARGUMENTS OF THE JEW (RELIGIOUS MAN)**

- I. BEWARE OF THE DANGER OF "LOGICAL" CONCLUSIONS EXTENDED BEYOND THE TEACHING OF SCRIPTURE.**
- II. WHEN A BELIEVER ENCOUNTERS THE IRRATIONAL THINKING OF THE RELIGIONIST HE MUST BE CAREFUL NOT TO WATER DOWN THE MESSAGE. OUR ANSWERS SHOULD BE THE SAME AS PAUL'S, "GOD FORBID! YOU ARE WRONG AND YOU ARE IRREVERENT!"**
- III. TRUTH MAY BE MANIPULATED INTO BECOMING A BASIS FOR ERROR.**
- IV. THE HEATHEN SINS AGAINST ONE FORM OF LIGHT. THE MORALIST SINS AGAINST TWO FORMS OF LIGHT. THE RELIGIONIST SINS AGAINST THOUSANDS OF FORMS OF LIGHT.**
- V. GOD IS NOT SOME DIVINE CANDY MAN WHO IS OBLIGATED TO DOLE OUT FAVORS BASED ON HIS PRESUMED GOODNESS.**
- VI. PAUL TAUGHT GRACE SO CLEARLY THAT HE WAS ACCUSED OF PROMOTING SIN.**
- VII. GOD IS GLORIFIED BY MAN'S SIN PROVIDENTIALLY, NOT INTENTIONALLY.**