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James 2:13

# Judgment is a Decision

- On its own, the words simply means to come to a conclusion (Acts 3:13; 25:25; 27:1; Rom. 14:5).
- It is the sort of reasoning that we do need to be using (Lk. 12:57; 1 Cor. 6:5).
- But it is very often used in the sense of condemnation (Jn. 3:17-18; Acts 13:27).



- Along with this, there is the idea of authoritative conclusion (1 Pet. 4:5; Jas. 4:12).



# What Do I Know?

- Sometimes, we do have enough information to draw a conclusion (1 Cor. 5:3; 6:5).
- There are things we CAN'T know (1 Cor. 4:4-5).
- We don't know enough to have all the answers (Jas. 4:11-12; Rom. 14:4; Matt. 12:1-2).
- We may be blind because of contempt (Rom. 14:3, 10).
- Honesty can make us more merciful (Matt. 7:1-5).



# Mercy in Judgment

- Mercy is an attitude (Lk. 10:33, 37; Matt. 12:7; Lk. 1:78).
- It can be shown even in judgment (Ezek. 18:32; Matt. 23:37; Rom. 9:1; Acts 7:51-53).
- We can give time (Joel 2:12-13; Rev. 2:5).
- We can be gentle and kind (1 Thess. 5:14; Jude 22-23).
- We can consider the abilities of the one we are judging (Matt. 25:14-30).

