

GOD'S INDITEMENT AGAINST MANKIND

To understand the inditement that God has brought against mankind, we must understand that God looks upon the heart of man and sees what's there -not what man does but what man has the potential to do. Now if you can imagine what it would be like in the world today if all restraints were removed from man -there was no hell, there was no police force, there was no authority in civil government, there were no jails, no prisons -what evil would come forth out of the heart of man? What kind of society would we live in, if every restraints were removed from man and he was not afraid of judgment or punishment what would he do? That's the way God sees man.

We can never understand the remedy that God has provided until we understand the disease or the inditement that God has brought against mankind. Now, God has provided the remedy but we can never understand or appreciate the remedy until we appreciate and understand and accept the inditement that God has brought against man.

Have you bowed beneath the inditement of God and said "yes Lord, it's true." Have you ever been brought to that place in your life where you've actually confessed to God that what He has said about you is true? If you have, then there's a response that you will make and I think the proper response to make -first we look at [Ho 14:1](#) . If you have accepted the inditement against yourself then there is a response that man will make towards God and in [Ho 14:1](#) it says "O Israel, return unto the LORD thy God; for thou hast fallen by thine iniquity" -not by what somebody else did, but what you did. Return to God and confess unto Him exactly what you have done. Then He says in [Ho 14:2](#) "Take with you words, and turn to the LORD: say unto him, Take away all iniquity, and receive us graciously: so will we render the calves of our lips." In [Lu 18](#) we have the scene where there were two men who came to the temple to pray, one was a Pharisee and the other one was a publican -they both bought words to God -well the one brought words to himself, because the bible says "..he prayed thus with himself" but his words were "..Lord, I thank Thee that I am not as other men are" and he throws out all the good things that he had done. But the other one brought words to God and he smote upon his breast and said "God be merciful to me the sinner." You see, a person who has accepted the inditement of God against himself will come to God for mercy and not for justice. He'll come to God with nothing and plead with God to take away his sins.

But, what will a man do after he realizes that through the Lord Jesus Christ he has been delivered from sin and from death and the wrath to come. He has accepted the inditement of God, he's thrown himself upon the mercy of God and he realizes that he has been pardoned and he's been delivered from sin, he's been delivered from death and he's been delivered from the wrath to come. What response will he make? Let's look at [Ps 116:3-8](#) -now this is the response [Ps 116:9](#) "I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living." My sin not in part but the whole is nailed to the cross and I remember them no more, praise the Lord, praise the Lord oh my soul. That which will flow forth from the heart of one who realizes that he has been delivered

from sin and from death and the wrath to come, his heart will break forth in praise to God. One of the things that is missing in the house of God today is the absence of praise for such great deliverance.

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