
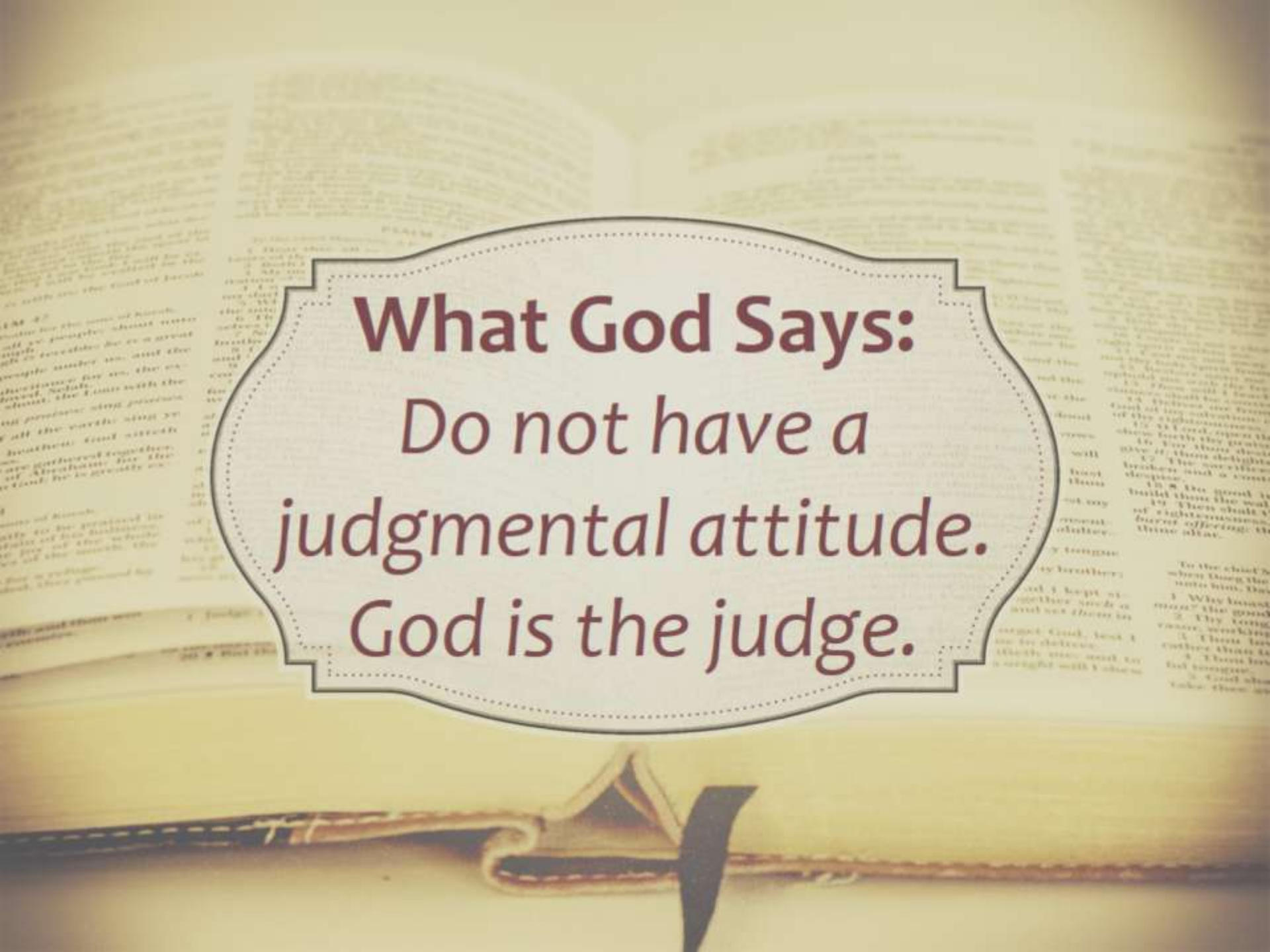
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Does the Bible Really Say That?

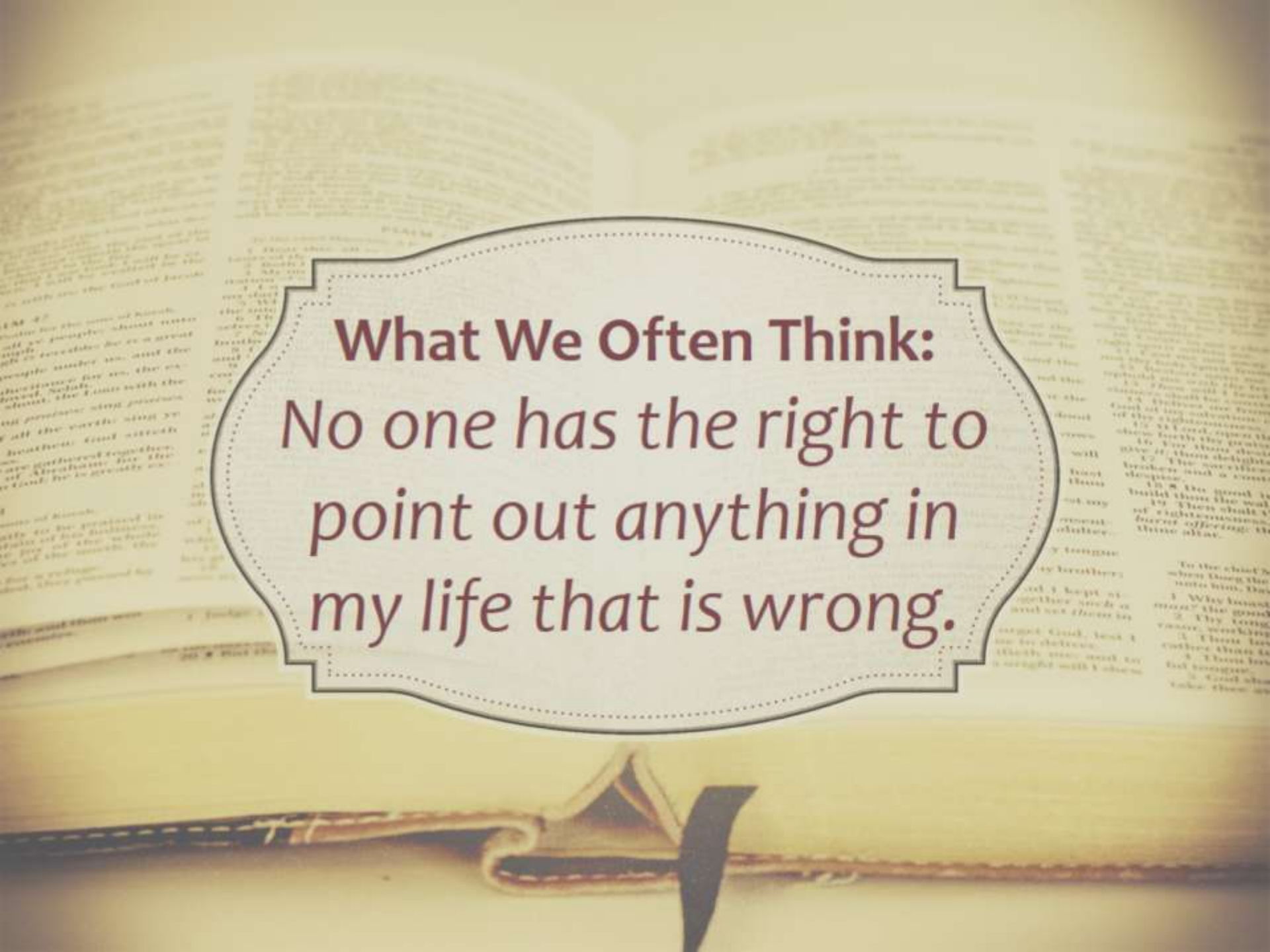
Week 4 - Don't Judge Me!

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What We Say:
*Who are you to
judge me?*

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What God Says:
*Do not have a
judgmental attitude.
God is the judge.*

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What We Often Think:
*No one has the right to
point out anything in
my life that is wrong.*

Matthew 7:1-5

1 “Do not judge so that you will not be judged. 2 For in the way you judge, you will be judged; and by your standard of measure, it will be measured to you. 3 Why do you look at the speck that is in your brother’s eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye?

Matthew 7:1-5

4 Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' and behold, the log is in your own eye?

5 You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye.

What Does Scripture Say?

1. We do not have the authority to pass judgment.

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Romans 2:1-2

Therefore you have no excuse, every one of you who passes judgment, for in that which you judge another, you condemn yourself; for you who judge practice the same things. And we know that the judgment of God rightly falls upon those who practice such things.

Romans 14:10, 13

10 But you, why do you judge your brother? Or you again, why do you regard your brother with such contempt? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of Christ... 13

Therefore let us not judge one another anymore, but rather determine this – not to put an obstacle or a stumbling block in a brother's way.

James 4:11-12

Do not speak against one another, brethren. He who speaks against a brother or judges his brother, speaks against the law and judges the law; but if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge of it. There is only one Lawgiver and Judge, the One who is able to save and to destroy; but who are you who judge your neighbor?

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Galatians 6:1 –

Brethren, even if anyone is caught in any trespass, you who are spiritual, restore such a one in the spirit of gentleness; each one looking to yourself, so that you too will not be tempted.

Hebrews 3:13 –

But encourage one another day after day, as long as it is still called, “Today,” so that none of you will be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.

1 John 4:1 –

Beloved, so not believe every spirit,
but test the spirits to see whether
they are from God, because many
false prophets have come into the
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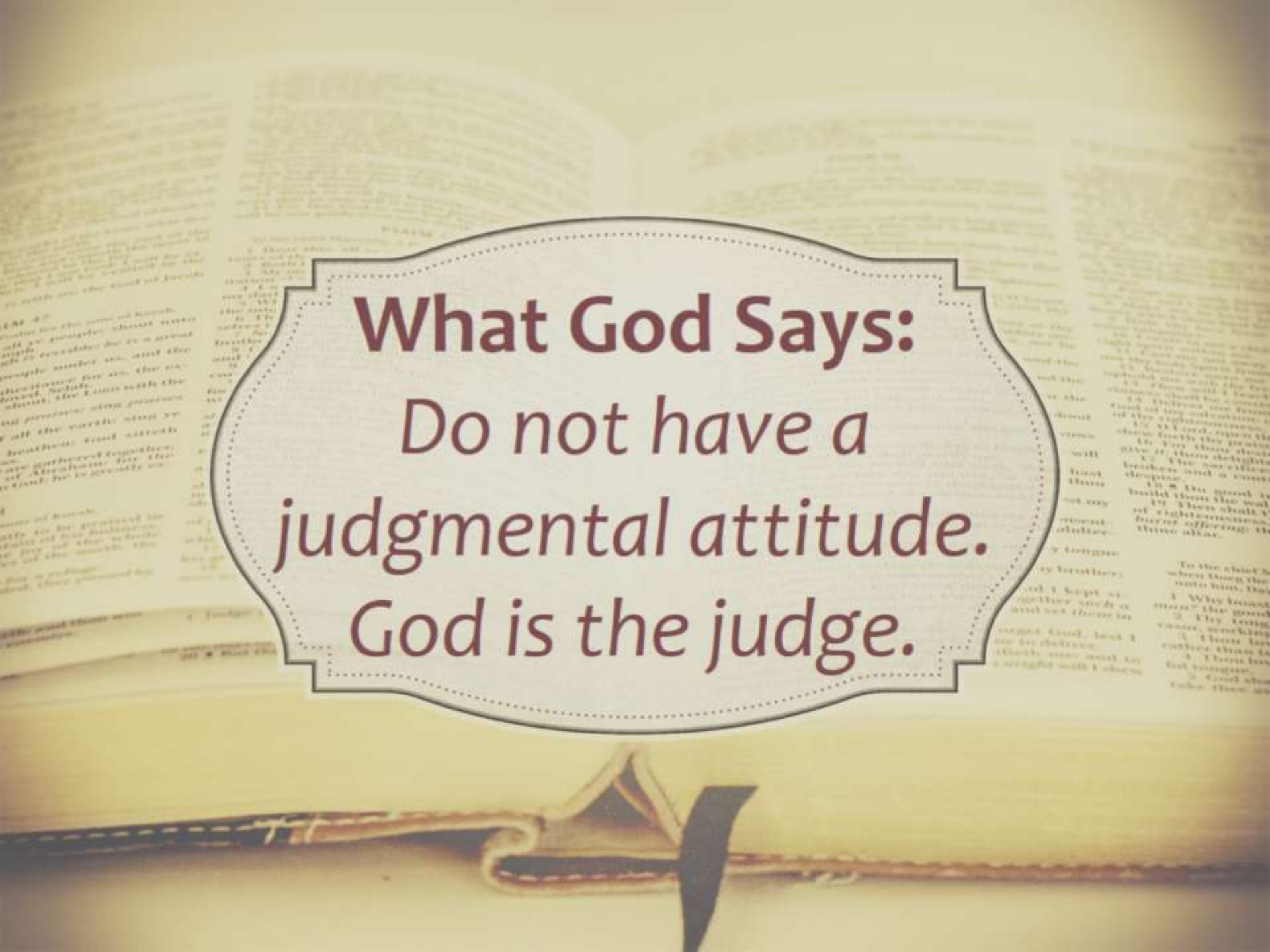
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