

**3ABN SABBATH SCHOOL PANEL**

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**THE VINDICATION OF GOD'S NAME**

Proof that someone or something is right, reasonable, or **justified**. The results were interpreted as vindication of the company's policy"

"God, You are accused of being unjust , unkind, and condemning—how do plea?"

John 3.16-17 NKJV **"(3.16)** For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

"God, You are accused of being double-minded and inconsistent, how do you plea?

Hebrews 13.8 NKJV **"(13.8)** Jesus Christ *is* the same yesterday, today, and forever."

"God, You are accused of being anxious to punish the guilty, how do you plea?

Psalms 86.15 NKJV **"(86.15)** But You, O Lord, *are* a God full of compassion, and gracious, Longsuffering and abundant in mercy and truth."

**(3.17)** For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved."

Psalms 103.10 NKJV "He has not dealt with us according to our sins,  
Nor punished us according to our iniquities."

How do we know how God is?

John 14.8-9 NKJV **"(14.8)** Philip said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us." **(14.9)** Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, 'Show us the Father'?"

Romans 5:6-8 NKJV “(5.6) For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. (5.7) For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. (5.8) But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

Ultimately, God’s name is vindicated in every way. Through the work of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit in the plan of redemption, the perfect righteousness and love of God is manifested beyond any reasonable doubt.

### **THE DEMONSTRATION OF GOD’S RIGHTEOUSNESS:**

**Romans 3:25-26 (NKJV) “Whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed, (26) to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.”**

**THE DEMONSTRATION OF GOD’S LOVE: Romans 5:8 (NKJV) “But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”**

**Read Romans 3:1–4 in light of Isaiah 5:3, 4. What does this teach about God Himself being vindicated in the cosmic conflict?**

**Romans 3:1-4 (NKJV) “What advantage then has the Jew, or what is the profit of circumcision? (2) Much in every way! Chiefly because to them were committed the oracles of God. (3) For what if some did not believe? Will their unbelief make the faithfulness of God without effect? (4) Certainly not! Indeed, let God be true but every man a liar. As it is written: “That You may be justified in Your words, and may overcome when You are judged.”**

**Isaiah 5:3-4 (NKJV) “And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, Judge, please, between Me and My vineyard. (4) What more could have been done to My vineyard That I have not done in it? Why then, when I expected it to bring forth good grapes, did it bring forth wild grapes?”**

**Our unbelief does not remove the faithfulness of God.**

In Romans 3 and Isaiah 5, we see that God (in some limited sense) invites mere creatures to judge His character, even though we have no right or standing to do so. In the end, when all the “books” are opened, we will see the evidence that God is perfectly just and righteous. God will vindicate Himself before all intelligent creation.

**Revelation 15:3 (NKJV) “They sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying: “Great and marvelous are Your works, Lord God Almighty! Just and true are Your ways, O King of the saints!”**

**Revelation 19:5-6 (NKJV) “(5) Then a voice came from the throne, saying, “Praise our God, all you His servants and those who fear Him, both small and great!” (6) And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thunderings, saying, “Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns!”**

**What do these passages teach about the vindication of God’s name in the end?**

God’s Attributes:

1. God ways are Just and True:
2. God’s Judgments are True and Righteous:

Where are the disparaging views of God coming from: **Ezekiel 18:29 (NKJV)** “Yet the house of Israel says, “The way of the Lord is not fair.’ O house of Israel, is it not My ways which are fair, and your ways which are not fair?”

1. God’s Protection is assured to the faithful: **Isaiah 54:17 (NKJV)** “No weapon formed against you shall prosper, And every tongue which rises against you in judgment You shall condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, And their righteousness is from Me,” Says the LORD.”
2. God will stand on behalf of His people: **Psalm 135:14 (NKJV)** “For the LORD will judge His people, And He will have compassion on His servants.”
3. The Lord will not abandon His Children: **Psalm 37:32-33 (NKJV)** “(32) The wicked watches the righteous, And seeks to slay him. (33) The LORD will not leave him in his hand, Nor condemn him when he is judged.”
4. God will save His people: **Isaiah 35:4 (NKJV)** “Say to those who are fearful-hearted, “Be strong, do not fear! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, With the recompense of God; He will come and save you.””
5. God’s judgment on earth is just: **Psalm 58:11 (NKJV)** “So that men will say, “Surely there is a reward for the righteous; Surely He is God who judges in the earth.”
6. When God is our refuge, we have assurance: **Psalm 34:21-22 (NKJV)** “Evil shall slay the wicked, And those who hate the righteous shall be condemned. (22) The LORD redeems the

**soul of His servants, And none of those who trust in Him shall be condemned.”**