

John 7:51~

Our Law does not judge a man, unless first it has heard from him and come to know what he is doing, does it?

- 1· **So Nicodemus reasoned with his fellow Pharisees, that their Law did not adversely judge a man, unless they had spoken to him, and got the facts about what he taught and did. This is the primary role of anyone called upon to judge others.**

[Question] How did Nicodemus then try to reason with his fellow Pharisees?

[Question] What course did Nicodemus try to set them upon, and is this the right course for any judge to take before coming to judgment?

- 2· **And I went on to command your judges at that particular time, saying; When having a hearing between your brothers, you must judge with righteousness between a man and his brother, or his alien resident. (Deuteronomy 1:16)**

[Question] How were the Israelites told to judge between one another?

- 3· **In case a matter for judicial decision should be too extraordinary for you, one in which blood has been shed, in which a legal claim has been raised, or a violent deed has been committed, matters of dispute inside your gates, you must also rise, and go up to the place that Yehowah your God will choose. (Deuteronomy 17:8)**

[Question] Where were the Israelites to take any serious matter for judgment?

- 4· **When anyone is replying to a matter before he hears it, that is foolishness on his part, and a humiliation. (Proverbs 18:13)**

[Question] What will it become to anyone replying to a matter, before he gets the facts of the matter?

[Question] What then, is the first role of any judge in any judgment he might make, and how did Nicodemus advocate and practice this?

- 5· **And it has been told you and you have heard it and have searched thoroughly, and, look! The thing is established as the truth, this detestable thing has been done in Israel! (Deuteronomy 17:4)**

[Question] What were judges within Israel to do, to get all the facts of any matter, coming before them in judgment?

- 6· **And the former exiles proceeded to do that way, and Ezra the priest, and the men that were the heads of the fathers for their paternal house, even all of them by their names, now separated themselves, and began sitting on the first day of the tenth month, to inquire into the matter. (Ezra 10:16)**

[Question] What did the judges of Israel do to get at the heart of a serious matter in Ezra's day?

- 7· **Who will rise up for me against the evildoers? Who will take his stand for me against the practicers of hurtfulness? (Psalms 94:16)**

[Question] What does Yehowah God expect anyone judging in his stead to protect?

- 8· **Then Paul said to him; God is going to strike you, you whitewashed wall. Do you, at one and the same time, sit to judge me in accord with the Law, and transgressing the Law, command me to be struck? (Acts of Apostles 23:3)**

[Question] What did Paul state to these same men, when he later came before their gathering in the Sanhedrin?