

# NEW COVENANT CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES

SERMON NOTES  
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## **Get to Rahab's House** **Joshua 2:19**

God's Dual Role: Judge and Savior

God's job is to judge as King of the Universe, but His desire is to save!

- As Sovereign Ruler, God **MUST** judge sin—justice demands it
- Yet His heart's deepest desire is redemption, not destruction
- He is both Righteous Judge **AND** Merciful Savior

God's ultimate desire is not judgment but salvation. He delays judgment to maximize mercy, provides rescue in conquest, and transforms unlikely places into sanctuaries—not just within religious walls, but wherever His people bear witness to His saving power.

**THE PATIENT JUDGE** (Genesis 15:13-16)  
God Delays Judgment to Provide Opportunity

God promises Abraham that his descendants will inherit Canaan—but not for 400 years

God waits until:

Sin has ripened

Maximum opportunity for repentance is given

Mercy is fully extended

- Four centuries of patience before judgment
- Joshua's conquest is the fulfillment—but even now, God's heart is to save

This patient delay reveals God's true character—Peter explains it centuries later.

## **THE PASSIONATE SAVIOR (2 Peter 3:8-9)**

God's Heart Is Salvation, Not Destruction

- Scoffers mock Christ's delayed return—Peter corrects their misunderstanding
- What looks like slowness is longsuffering; delay is actually mercy (v9)
- Same pattern: Genesis (400 years), 2 Peter (2,000+ years)—judgment necessary, salvation desired
- By Joshua's time, centuries of opportunity given, yet God's passion for salvation still burns

When judgment finally comes, watch where God places His sanctuary