

II. It is Biblical—The precedent was laid down when sin entered.

--Genesis 3: The Fall of Man

The Judicial Process of Law is determined through Judgment. Disputes can only be resolved equitably through an “investigative” process which determines the facts, in order to bring forth a verdict.

Because there is no rationale or reason for ‘sin’ when our first parents fell under the deceptions of Satan¹ (who used the serpent as medium), God laid out “The Plan” to deal with sin, immediately and which has proved very effective. This process became known as “Judgment.” The early chapters in Genesis give sufficient biblical evidence of how God’s judicial proceedings are conducted. This is by design, for God would have humanity realize that He deals with man in his fallen condition in mercy through Three Aspects of Judgment—*Investigative, Verdict, Executive*. We thus see God’s character of love in how he conducts Judgment-- “merciful and gracious, longsuffering and abundant in mercy and truth, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin” (Ex. 34:6,7).

There are at least five stories in the Genesis account, which can be viewed as case studies establishing precedence from the beginning on how God conducts judicial proceedings with sinful man. These three aspects of judgment appear in each of these accounts:

- The Temptation and Fall of Adam and Eve
- The Cain and Able Account
- Noah and the Flood
- The Tower of Babel
- Sodom and Gomorrah

These early accounts in Scripture provide solid evidence that an examination process into the dealings with man must precede a verdict and sentence—acquittal or condemnation. Our God saw the necessity of making this truth known to the human race at the onset of sin in our world, so there would be no question how God deals with man judicially. As we will see in a later point, He truly is a God “who loves judgment” (Isa.61.8).

1. GC 492.2 – “Sin is an intruder, for whose presence no reason can be given. It is mysterious, unaccountable; to excuse it is to defend it. Could excuse for it be found, or cause be shown for its existence, it would cease to be sin.”