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LEAVE SOMETHING FOR GOD TO DO

1. **Definition** Most of us readily understand the difference between sins of commission (ie: going too far – 1 Jn 3:4) and sins of omission (ie: not going far enough – Jas 4:17). A common problem in Christianity is that we want God to do more for us than he is willing to do. But this lesson is about us "ascending to the throne" and trying to "take over" God's responsibilities. Jesus was briefly Deity incarnate in (Jn 1:14) human flesh. Paul reminds us of our insurmountable limitations compared to God (1 Tim 6:16) *"who only hath _____, dwelling in ____ _____ which no man can _____ unto; whom ____ _____ hath _____, nor can see."*
2. **Wait – Don't Jump The Gun** Isaiah tells us (30:18) that *"the LORD is a ____ of_____: blessed are all they that _____ for _____."* Yes, God's justice is calculated daily but will be meted out at the end of physical life. We recommend careful study of TPBS Lesson #62, The Final Judgment. Our zeal is sometimes misplaced in trying to "hurry" God's judgment. We heard Foy E. Wallace, Jr. say many times, "Our preachers have ascended to the throne and aren't leaving anything for God to do." He spoke factually. Even when best of intentions are involved (Hos 8:7), *"they have _____ the _____, and they shall _____ the _____."*
3. **God's Judgment Is Irrefutable** Belshazzar, son of Nabonidus, who was Nebuchadnezzar's son, during (Dan 5) a drunken feast (538 or 539 BC), using the prized vessels taken from the Jerusalem temple, saw (V5-9) the *"fingers of a man's _____"* writing *"upon the _____ of the _____ of the king's palace."* The wise men could not decipher the handwriting. Daniel was summoned and pronounced (V26-28) that the Babylonian empire would fall to *"the _____ and _____."* Men who presume to ascend to God's judgment throne (V27) *"art weighed in the _____, and art found _____."* All said (Rom 13:1), *"There is no _____ but of _____."*
4. **Spiritual Overseers Are Local** The age of Holy Spirit inspired Apostles is long gone. The system of Christian faith has been (Jude 3) *"once _____ unto the saints"* and (Heb 2:1-4) was "_____ *unto us"* by those (Acts 1:8) "_____" of Jesus. We would ask the age old question (Ex 2:14; Acts 7:27, 35) from Moses' younger days: *"Who made thee a _____ and a _____ over us?"* Yes, godly elders (Acts 20:28) are Holy Spirit sanctioned _____, but that oversight (Heb 13:7, 17) applies only to the local church.
5. **God Doesn't Sanction Brotherhood Enforcers** The old saying that you can't shotgun religion into a man is true. We recommend TPBS Lesson #286, When Man Dethrones God. It is not up to us as preachers or elders to "pass judgment" on just who has or hasn't repented. (1 Sam 16:7) *"The _____ looketh on the _____."* Preachers aren't brotherhood policemen!
6. **Local Discipline** It is worth examining TPBS Lesson #264, Restoration of the Fallen, to affirm the Scripture's teaching on local disciplinary matters. Restoration (Gal 6:1-2) is commanded. So is withdrawal of fellowship (2 Thess 3:6) from the _____.

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