

**1 Peter - Living For Christ In Difficult Times**  
**My Father the Judge**  
*1 Peter 1:17-21*

**Because Your Heavenly Father Is Also Your Judge, Live with Appropriate Fear**

What is “reverent fear? Exodus 20:20 Genesis 20:11

**1. Reverently Fear Your Loving Heavenly Father Because He Is An Impartial Judge – Accountability - Vs 17**

- a. We are accountable to a Judge who is impartial  
Comforting – *Acts 10:34*  
Convicting - *each man's work.....Romans 2:9-11*
- b. My reverent fear must show up as...  
*2 Corinthians 5:9-10*

**2. Your Loving Heavenly Father Is a Just Judge – Culpability**

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- a. We are not guilty before a judge who is just - *Exodus 34:6-7a*  
*Exodus 34:7b*
- b. My reverent fear must show up in a forgiving and grateful attitude  
Forgiving - *Matthew 18:32 Colossians 3:13*  
Grateful - *Colossians 3:15-17*

**3. Your Loving Heavenly Father Is an Activist Judge - Inability**

What is an Activist Judge... Vs. 20

- a. God, before the trial, set a plan of redemption in motion to provide....  
*Ephesians 1:1-6*
- b. My reverent fear must show up in a an attitude of deep humility –  
*Ephesians 2:8-9*

**4. Your Judge Has Been Vetted and Confirmed By Christ - Vs. 21**

Perhaps we can get a change of venue and a new judge.....

The God of the Bible is the one true God and Judge and Christ has....  
*1 John 5:19-20*  
*1 Corinthians 8:5-6*  
*1 Timothy 2:5-6*