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Viewpoints

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How does a NFL rule have bigger consequences than federal law?

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What's wrong with this picture: a famous NFL quarterback is punished for violating a league rule, but government officials are not punished for violating federal law?

In February, Tom Brady guided the New England Patriots to a Super Bowl victory, earning the Super Bowl's Most Valuable Player award for the third time. But in the process, he was accused of knowingly using under-inflated footballs, which violates league regulations. With this accusation considered substantiated by the league, he will become "the highest-profile player ever suspended in the 96-year history of the NFL."

And then there is the Department for Homeland Security (DHS). A federal judge had earlier issued an order to the DHS to stop implementing the president's deportation amnesty policy. And in reaction to this federal injunction, DHS officials had "repeatedly assured Congress they had fully halted the program and were complying with the order."

How ironic that on the same day that the NFL announced its verdict against Tom Brady, the DHS made the stunning admission that it had violated the court's injunction by "issuing thousands of work permits even after Judge Andrew S. Hanen had ordered the program stopped."

"Oh well" and "What does it matter?" seem to be the reactions to this violation of an injunction issued by a federal court that's trusted with protecting of our nation's well-being. I could make a list of government officials who have been caught violating federal law, but justice goes missing, replaced with favoritism. Partiality. Inequity. Nepotism. Preferential treatment.

What does it say when the NFL has a better grasp of integrity and justice than our nation's leading bureaucrats? But guess who has the best grasp of integrity and justice, and flawlessly upholds fairness and equity under the law? *You're pretty good!* Yes, it's the Lord God of the Bible.

- Does he play favorites? Nope. [Romans 2:6-12](#)
- Does he show partiality? Nada. [Acts 10:34-35](#)
- Does he ever bend the law with preferential treatment? Never, ever. [James 2:8-10](#)

The NFL may have higher standards than our nation's leading bureaucrats, but the Lord God has higher standards than the NFL. No one escapes his justice. "Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction" (Galatians 6:7).

But it doesn't take a deep thinker to realize that God, who will eventually give all wrongdoers the punishment they've earned, will also deal in the same way with each one of us. With total impartiality he compares the fibers of our lives to his unbending and politically incorrect, perfectly right law. With complete equity, when he sees a variation between our thoughts, words and deeds in comparison to his law, he identifies it as sin, and deals with it according to the full force of his justice. And the mouth that tries to offer excuses or blame-shifting defenses will be silenced ([Romans 3:23](#)).

For all people- from the three-time Super Bowl MVP to the top-ranking officials of government- there's no escaping the justice of God. Unless, of course, you are shielded by God's one and only Son, Jesus Christ. He became mankind's substitute and suffered the punishment our sins deserve, so that all who trust that He is true, have peace with God ([Romans 5:1-2](#)). And where there is peace with God through Jesus, there is a grateful soul that earnestly seeks to obey God and to obey the governing laws, whether issued by the NFL or a federal judge.

What a different world this would be if more people rejoiced in the peace of Jesus. Then we would not be stunned how it is that a football player who breaks a league rule reaps bigger consequences than a government official who breaks federal law.

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