

“I’m only Human.” Now there’s a statement you never hear (tongue-in-cheek). Who has not said that at one time or another? Usually, it is stated to excuse or at least lessen someone’s responsibility for having made some type of mistake, hoping to gain some gentler response than might otherwise be ‘dished out.’ This statement may help us and others to place things in a more realistic perspective or help avert an over-reaction to one’s mistakes or frailties.

I think this has frequently been a very useful statement if not wrongly used to justify misbehaviors. Wouldn’t we like everyone to take this reasonably into consideration when they examine our goof-ups? Do we want God to take this into consideration when he views our conduct? Did you know that God realizes that although we are rightly accountable for our behaviors and misbehaviors, he is yet still very aware that we are *only human* (Heb. 4:15; 2:18; 5:8). Again, this does not excuse misbehavior, but it does place it within a particular evaluation context.

God reveals a plan where all the human mistakes and sins, even those of the worse types, could be forgiven, yet without eliminating accountability. For eliminating accountability would not be a righteous act. That is why God beautifully does NOT overlook accountability. He examines it perfectly – as a perfect God should. He decided to remove the penalty *as if* we did not do the sin by paying in full, the just punishments due of all humanity by making up for (paying the price for) the damages himself.

The enormity of human accountability is exceedingly greater than humanity is honest enough to admit or capable of realizing even if it were willing to. Nevertheless, God has a heart more tender than is humanly comprehensible. Humans so frequently misperceive it.

I suppose that it is “only human” to misjudge the quality of an omniscient mind and a perfect heart of love, and a wisdom that perfectly knows what just penalty should be exacted for which offenses, and that is also righteous enough to both require it ... and pay it... himself.