

## JUST/JUSTICE

Exodus 23:22-33 “Do not spread false reports. Do not help a guilty person by being a malicious witness.<sup>2</sup> “Do not follow the crowd in doing wrong. When you give testimony in a lawsuit, do not pervert justice by siding with the crowd,<sup>3</sup> and do not show favoritism to a poor person in a lawsuit.<sup>4</sup> “If you come across your enemy’s ox or donkey wandering off, be sure to return it.<sup>5</sup> If you see the donkey of someone who hates you fallen down under its load, do not leave it there; be sure you help them with it.<sup>6</sup> “Do not deny justice to your poor people in their lawsuits.<sup>7</sup> Have nothing to do with a false charge and do not put an innocent or honest person to death, for I will not acquit the guilty.<sup>8</sup> “Do not accept a bribe, for a bribe blinds those who see and twists the words of the innocent.<sup>9</sup> “Do not oppress a foreigner; you yourselves know how it feels to be foreigners, because you were foreigners in Egypt.

Deut 10:17 For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality nor takes a bribe. **18** He administers justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the stranger, giving him food and clothing. **19** Therefore love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt.

Deut 16:19: **18** Appoint judges and officials for each of your tribes in every town the LORD your God is giving you, and they shall judge the people fairly. **19** Do not pervert justice or show partiality. Do not accept a bribe, for a bribe blinds the eyes of the wise and twists the words of the innocent. **20** Follow justice and justice alone, so that you may live and possess the land the LORD your God is giving you.

Deut 24: **17** Do not deprive the foreigner or the fatherless of justice, or take the cloak of the widow as a pledge. **18** Remember that you were slaves in Egypt and the LORD your God redeemed you from there. That is why I command you to do this. **19** When you are harvesting in your field and you overlook a sheaf, do not go back to get it. Leave it for the foreigner, the fatherless and the widow, so that the LORD your God may bless you in all the work of your hands. **20** When you beat the olives from your trees, do not go over the branches a second time. Leave what remains for the foreigner, the fatherless and the widow. **21** When you harvest the grapes in your vineyard, do not go over the vines again. Leave what remains for the foreigner, the fatherless and the widow. **22** Remember that you were slaves in Egypt. That is why I command you to do this

Deut 32: **3** I will proclaim the name of the LORD. Oh, praise the greatness of our God! **4** He is the Rock, his works are perfect, and all his ways are just. A faithful God who does no wrong, upright and just is he.

2 Samuel 8:15 David reigned over all Israel, doing what was just and right for all his people.

1 Kings 3:11: **7** "Now, LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David. But I am only a little child and do not know how to carry out my duties. **8** Your servant is here among the people you have chosen, a great people, too numerous to count or number. **9** So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?" **10** The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for this. **11** So God said to him, "Since you have asked for this and not for long life or wealth for yourself, nor have asked for the death of your enemies but for discernment in administering justice, **12** I will do what you have asked. I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you, nor will there ever be.

2 Chronicles 12: **5** Then the prophet Shemaiah came to Rehoboam and to the leaders of Judah who had assembled in Jerusalem for fear of Shishak, and he said to them, "This is what the LORD says, 'You have abandoned me; therefore, I now abandon you to Shishak.'" **6** The leaders of Israel and the king humbled themselves and said, "The LORD is just."

Psalms 33:5 The LORD loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of his unfailing love.

Psalms 82:2 "How long will you[a] defend the unjust and show partiality to the wicked?[b] **3** Defend the weak and the fatherless; uphold the cause of the poor and the oppressed. **4** Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked.

Psalms 89: **14** Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne; love and faithfulness go before you.

Psalms 101: **1** I will sing of your love and justice; to you, Lord, I will sing praise.

Psalms 106: **3** Blessed are those who act justly, who always do what is right.

Psalms 140: **12** I know that the LORD secures justice for the poor and upholds the cause of the needy.

Proverbs 1:1 The proverbs of Solomon son of David, king of Israel:2 for gaining wisdom and instruction; for understanding words of insight;3 for receiving instruction in prudent behavior, doing what is right and just and fair;

Proverbs 2: 7 He holds success in store for the upright, he is a shield to those whose walk is blameless,8 for he guards the course of the just and protects the way of his faithful ones.9 Then you will understand what is right and just and fair—every good path.

Proverbs 18: 5 It is not good to be partial to the wicked and so deprive the innocent of justice.

Proverbs 21: 15 When justice is done, it brings joy to the righteous but terror to evildoers.

Proverbs 29: 7 The righteous care about justice for the poor, but the wicked have no such concern.

Proverbs 31:8 Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute.9 Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy.

Ecclesiastes 5: 8 If you see the poor oppressed in a district, and justice and rights denied, do not be surprised at such things; for one official is eyed by a higher one, and over them both are others higher still. 9 The increase from the land is taken by all; the king himself profits from the fields.

Isaiah 1:17 Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed.[a]Take up the cause of the fatherless;plead the case of the widow.

Isaiah 5: 7 The vineyard of the LORD Almighty is the nation of Israel, and the people of Judah are the vines he delighted in. And he looked for justice, but saw bloodshed; for righteousness, but heard cries of distress.

Isaiah 10: 10 Woe to those who make unjust laws, to those who issue oppressive decrees,2 to deprive the poor of their rights and withhold justice from the oppressed of my people, making widows their prey and robbing the fatherless.

Isaiah 28: 17 I will make justice the measuring line and righteousness the plumb line;

hail will sweep away your refuge, the lie, and water will overflow your hiding place.

Isaiah 30: **8** Yet the LORD longs to be gracious to you; therefore he will rise up to show you compassion. For the LORD is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for him!

Isaiah **42** "Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him, and he will bring justice to the nations.

Isaiah 59:9 So justice is far from us, and righteousness does not reach us. We look for light, but all is darkness; for brightness, but we walk in deep shadows.

Isaiah 61:**8** "For I, the LORD, love justice; I hate robbery and wrongdoing. In my faithfulness I will reward my people and make an everlasting covenant with them.

Jeremiah 22:**3** This is what the LORD says: Do what is just and right. Rescue from the hand of the oppressor, the one who has been robbed. Do no wrong or violence to the foreigner, the fatherless or the widow, and do not shed innocent blood in this place. **4** For if you are careful to carry out these commands, then kings who sit on David's throne will come through the gates of this palace, riding in chariots and on horses, accompanied by their officials and their people. **5** But if you do not obey these commands, declares the LORD, I swear by myself that this palace will become a ruin."

Jeremiah 30:**1** For I *am* with you,' says the LORD, 'to save you; Though I make a full end of all nations where I have scattered you, Yet I will not make a complete end of you. But I will correct you in justice, And will not let you go altogether unpunished.'

Ezekiel 22: **29** The people of the land practice extortion and commit robbery; they oppress the poor and needy and mistreat the foreigner, denying them justice.

Amos 5: **24** But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!

Micah 6:**8** He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly[a] with your God.

Zechariah 7: **8** And the word of the LORD came again to Zechariah: **9** "This is what the LORD Almighty said: 'Administer true justice; show mercy and compassion to one another. **10** Do not oppress the widow or the fatherless, the foreigner or the poor. Do not plot evil against each other.'

Matthew 23: **23** “Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You give a tenth of your spices—mint, dill and cumin. But you have neglected the more important matters of the law—justice, mercy and faithfulness. You should have practiced the latter, without neglecting the former. **24** You blind guides! You strain out a gnat but swallow a camel

Luke 18: Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. **2** He said: “In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared what people thought. **3** And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, ‘Grant me justice against my adversary.’**4** “For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, ‘Even though I don’t fear God or care what people think, **5** yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won’t eventually come and attack me!’”**6** And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. **7** And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? **8** I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?”

Luke 23:**40** But the other criminal rebuked him. “Don’t you fear God,” he said, “since you are under the same sentence? **41** We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.”

Romans 3: **21** But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. **22** This righteousness is given through faith in [\[h\]](#) Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, **23** for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, **24** and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. **25** God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, [\[i\]](#) through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished— **26** he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.

2 Thessalonians 1: **5** All this is evidence that God’s judgment is right, and as a result you will be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are suffering. **6** God is just: He will pay back trouble to those who trouble you **7** and give relief to you who are troubled, and to us as well. This will happen when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven in blazing fire with his powerful angels. **8** He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. **9** They will be punished with

everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might **10** on the day he comes to be glorified in his holy people and to be marveled at among all those who have believed. This includes you, because you believed our testimony to you.

1 Peter 2: For it is commendable if someone bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because they are conscious of God. **20** But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God. **21** To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps. **22** "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth."<sup>[e]</sup> **23** When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly.

1 John 1: **8** If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. **9** If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. **10** If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us

Revelation 15: **3** and sang the song of God's servant Moses and of the Lamb: "Great and marvelous are your deeds, Lord God Almighty. Just and true are your ways, King of the nations."<sup>[a]</sup>