

“He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To do justice, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God.”

-Micah 6:8

“But let him who boasts boast about this, that he understands and knows me, that I am the Lord, who exercises kindness, justice and righteousness on earth, for in these I delight, declares the Lord.”

-Jeremiah 9:24

God Finds Joy In Justice

“The Lord loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of his unfailing love.”

-Psalm 33:5

“Let the rivers clap their hands, let the mountains sing together for joy; let them sing before the Lord, for he comes to judge the earth.

“He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with equity.”

-Psalm 98:8-9

Our Response to Justice

“When justice is done, it brings joy to the righteous but terror to evildoers.”

-Proverbs 21:15

“Evil men do not understand justice, but those who seek the Lord understand it fully.”

-Proverbs 28:5

“The righteous care about justice for the poor, but the wicked have no such concern.”

-Proverbs 29:7

Justice Requires Us
To Learn From
And Follow God

JUSTICE:

- in conformity with what is morally upright or good
- what is merited

What is Right and Deserved

“The Lord reigns forever; he has established his throne for judgment. He will judge the world in righteousness; he will govern the peoples with justice.”

-Psalm 9:7-8

“The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble”

-Psalm 9:9

“The Lord is known by his justice; the wicked are ensnared by the work of their hands.”

-Psalm 9:16

JUSTICE:

- Judge and act fairly
- Protect the innocent
- Punish the guilty

How Do We “Do” Justice

-Understand/Support Role of Gov't

“...they held the king in awe, because they saw that he had wisdom from God to administer justice.”

-1 Kings 3:28

“For he is God’s servant to do you good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword for nothing”

“He is God’s servant, an agent of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer.”

-Romans 13:4

“By justice a king gives a country stability, but one who is greedy for bribes tears it down.”

-Proverbs 29:4

“When the sentence for a crime is not quickly carried out, the hearts of the people are filled with schemes to do wrong.”

-Ecclesiastes 8:11

- don't try to escape justice
- don't shield those around you
- vote wisely

How Do We "Do" Justice

- Understand Your Role
 - You can be instrument of justice

"May the praise of God be in their mouths and a double edged sword in their hands."

-Psalm 149:6

"Defend the cause of the weak and fatherless; maintain the rights of the poor and oppressed. Rescue the weak and needy."

-Psalm 82:3-4

- Justice is not revenge

"Do not take revenge, my friends, but leave room for God's wrath."

-Romans 12:19

- You can forgive; Gov't can't

"Jesus answered, 'I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.'"

-Matthew 18:22

- Know and understand God
- Walk humbly with God