

A Biblical View of Justice

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If you were ask a hundred different people what *justice* means to them, you might get a hundred different answers. There is a lot of talk about justice in the public sphere, and sadly much injustice in our world. However, if we wish to know what true justice is, we must turn to God's Word. If we were to summarize what we find in the Bible about *justice*, it might look like this: **Justice** (Latin: *iustitia*) **is the same as righteousness** (Hebrew: *tsedek*; Greek: *dikaios*) **and speaks of being and doing what is right. Since God Himself is righteous and is the Creator and is the Judge of all the earth (Genesis 18:25), He is the perfect and final standard of all that is just (justice) and right (righteousness).**

DISCUSS

Read **Deuteronomy 32:1-4** and discuss with the group a statement or concept that stood out to you or impacted you in the sermon on **"A Biblical View of Justice."**

DIG IN

1. **Justice is an Attribute of God:** It is *who* He is.

Read Psalm 11:7: In what ways does God demonstrate that He is Just/Righteous?

Qualities of God's Justice:

A. **Objectivity:** Describe what is meant by "objectivity." In what ways is biblical justice objective (see Isaiah 55:8-9)?

Qualities of God's Justice:

B. **Impartiality:**

Read Romans 2:11 and **Acts 10:34-35:** In what ways does God demonstrate impartiality? Why is it important that Justice should be impartial?

C. **Godliness:** God's Justice is always in accordance with all his other attributes (Holiness, Love, Goodness, Truth, etc.).

Why is it important that God's justice is consistent with all his other attributes? Can you describe what it might look like if this were not the case?

D. **Unchangeability:**

Read Psalm 119:142: In what ways do we see this being denied or contradicted in our world today?

2. **Justice is an Act of God:** It is *what* He does.

Read Micah 6:8: In what ways does God command his people to act Justly? What might that look like in our world?

Read Romans 3:21-26: In what ways does the gospel demonstrate the greatest Injustice *and* the greatest Justice (being and doing what is right)?

DO

In what ways will you personally put *Justice* into practice this week?