



## The Justice of God

*Why does God allow bad things to happen to good people?*

*"Far be it from You to do such a thing as this, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous should be as the wicked; far be it from You! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?" Genesis 18:25*

*"Why does the way of the wicked prosper? Why are those happy who deal so treacherously?" Jeremiah 12:1*

*Where is justice and fairness?*

*"And there is no other God besides Me, a just God and a Savior" Isaiah 45:21*

**GOD DOESN'T HAVE TO MEET JUSTICE, HE IS \_\_\_\_\_**

*"The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance" 2 Peter 3:9*

*"God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved" John 3:17*

**In order to see justice, I must \_\_\_\_\_**

*"all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" Romans 3:23*

*"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 6:23*

**HOW DOES GOD'S JUSTICE WORK?**

*"The LORD reigns; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of isles be glad! Clouds and darkness surround Him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of His throne." Psalm 97:1-2*

*"The scepter of the wicked will not remain over the land allotted to the righteous, for then the righteous might use their hands to do evil. Do good, O LORD, to*

*those who are good, to those who are upright in heart. But those who turn to crooked ways the LORD will banish with the evildoers.” Psalm 125:3-5*

## **JUSTICE REQUIRES \_\_\_\_\_**

*“But you are treasuring up for yourself wrath in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God, who “will render to each one according to his deeds”... For there is no partiality with God.” Romans 2:5-6, 11*

## **WHERE DOES LOVE AND MERCY FIT IN? \_\_\_\_\_**

*“[Jesus] whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed, to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.” Romans 3:25-26*

## **GOD IS THE \_\_\_\_\_ AND THE \_\_\_\_\_**

*“Mercy and truth have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed.” Psalm 85:11*

## **HOW TO RESPOND TO GOD’S JUSTICE**

1. \_\_\_\_\_

*“Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy. For there is nothing covered that will not be revealed, nor hidden that will not be known.” Luke 12:1-2*

*“And whoever gives one of these little ones only a cup of cold water in the name of a disciple, assuredly, I say to you, he shall by no means lose his reward.” Matthew 10:42*

*“And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment,” Hebrews 9:27*

2. **REFUSE TO SEEK \_\_\_\_\_**

*“There is one Lawgiver, who is able to save and to destroy. Who are you to judge another?” James 4:12*

*“Repay no one evil for evil... Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, “Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,” says the*

*Lord...Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good."* Rom 12:17-21

*"who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously;"* 1 Peter 2:23

**3. RELAX IN \_\_\_\_\_**

See Psalm 73

***IS GOD EVER UNFAIR?***

*"But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."* Romans 5:8