

God Is Just **Deuteronomy 32:1-4**

Main Point:

As you live in a world full of sin, never forget that God is just.

1. God's justice

2. God's justice in the gospel

3. God's justice in the Christian life

George Swinnoek "God's justice is that attribute whereby He disposes all things according to the rule of equity and renders to all people according to their works ..."

1 Peter 1:17 17 ... the Father ... without partiality judges according to each one's work ... (NKJV)

Psalms 33:5 5 He loves righteousness and justice ... (NKJV)

Psalms 89:14 14 Righteousness and justice *are* the foundation of Your throne; Mercy and truth go before Your face. (NKJV)

Psalms 7:11-13 11 God *is* a just judge, And God is angry *with the wicked* every day. 12 If he does not turn back, He will sharpen His sword; He bends His bow and makes it ready. 13 He also prepares for Himself instruments of death; He makes His arrows into fiery shafts. (NKJV)

Steven Lawson "God cannot make a law and establish a penalty, but fail to execute the punishment when that law is violated. When the divine commandment is broken, His solemn punishment must be meted out."

1 Corinthians 3:12-15 12 Now if anyone builds on this foundation *with* gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, 13 each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. 14 If anyone's work which he has built on *it* endures, he will receive a reward. 15 If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire. (NKJV)

Steven Lawson "When the divine gavel comes down, every crime of cosmic treason will be condemned and punished to the fullest extent of the law. Moreover, every good deed done in His name will be fairly and fully rewarded."

Canons of Dort 2.1 God is not only supremely merciful, but also supremely just. His justice requires (as he has revealed himself in the Word) that the sins we have committed against his infinite majesty be punished with both temporal and eternal punishments, of soul as well as body. We cannot escape these punishments unless satisfaction is given to God's justice.

Romans 3:25-26 25 ... God set forth [Jesus] 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, 26 to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. (NKJV)

Acts 17:30-31 30 Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent, 31 because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead." (NKJV)

Mark Jones "God's justice should be a source of great comfort to his people. There are many things we do not understand in this life because we are not God, yet in those times, God's justice reassures us."

James 2:1 1 My brethren, do not hold the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, *the Lord* of glory, with partiality. (NKJV)

Steven Lawson "This awareness of God's impartial judgments should stimulate the fear of God in every believer, leading to a desire to serve Him in a manner that pleases Him."