

# God Is Just

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Genesis 18:25 That be far from thee to do after this manner, to slay the righteous with the wicked: and that the righteous should be as the wicked, that be far from thee: Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?

Deuteronomy 32:4 He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he.

- I. That God is just is another of his most basic attributes upon which our faith relies.
  - A. God will never condemn the righteous and He will never pardon the wicked who will not turn from their wickedness.
  - B. God will call to account every person who ever lived for everything they did and every idle word they speak in this life.

Matthew 12:36 But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment.

Romans 14:12 So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.

- C. If the fact that God will always do right is not firmly fixed in your soul your faith will be unstable and unreliable.
  - D. God is the final judge and has the final say in all matters and He must be completely and consistently just.
  - E. God is far removed from men in this attribute because He is just 100% of the time.
    - 1. The best of men are not because they are lacking some of God's other attributes which make this possible.
    - 2. God knows all things so He is never guessing when He passes judgment.
    - 3. God does not have to rely on witnesses because He is omniscient, He sees all, so He is a witness himself to all things.
  - F. God is just because He is not a respecter of persons.
    - 1. God is not partial and will not sacrifice righteousness or do it damage in any way in order to spare someone who is especially dear to Him.
    - 2. Men are respecters of persons and they will do damage to justice if the affection of their heart is involved.
    - 3. This is why, by the law, an earthly judge must recuse himself if he has any personal interest in a case at hand.
- II. Although God is always just in what He does, men are not, and therefore the earth is full of injustice (or violence).
    - A. This is a fact that we must realize and reckon with in this life.
    - B. The world is not fair and will not treat you fairly.
    - C. Things do not always work out right in this world.
    - D. Justice cannot always be found even in the places where it should be among men.

Ecclesiastes 3:16-17 And moreover I saw under the sun the place of judgment, that wickedness was there; and the place of righteousness, that iniquity was there. I said in mine

heart, God shall judge the righteous and the wicked: for there is a time there for every purpose and for every work.

- E. So faith will teach us to leave matters to the Lord instead of despairing trying to find and ensure justice here on earth.
- F. It is futile to look for justice among men - we will always be disappointed.
- G. Most people turn on God when they suffer injustice from other people.
  - 1. This is very foolish since God is their only hope of ever seeing justice done.

Romans 12:19 Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.

- III. Those who believe and worship God must develop a habit of looking at things in a larger perspective than the confines of this earthly life.
  - A. We must keep eternity in view if we are going to understand God at all.
  - B. All that He does is with eternity in view.
  - C. "Everything will turn out right in the end - if it is not right it is because it is not the end yet."
  - D. There is a grand scheme of things that is continually unfolding in this world of time and space in which we live.
  - E. The things that happen to us may be unjust and hard to bear.
  - F. The things that happen to us may be unfair and wrong by any standards.
  - G. Some people just seem to get a bad lot in life while others seem to be born with a silver spoon in their mouth.
  - H. Most of us spend far too much time asking why and trying to figure out the reasons for these things.
  - I. If we realize that God is just we will be able to accept whatever happens and trust that the Judge of all the earth will do right in the end.

Ecclesiastes 6:12 For who knoweth what is good for man in this life, all the days of his vain life which he spendeth as a shadow? for who can tell a man what shall be after him under the sun?

1 Corinthians 15:19 If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable.

- IV. This is another basic attribute of God that is always on trial.
  - A. When things do not seem to work out according to what we think is just and right we immediately call God in question over the matter.
  - B. Does He not care? Does He not see? How can He allow this to happen to me if He loves me?
  - C. This is the accusation of the devil and he is quick to put it into our minds.
  - D. So it is not surprising that we are prone to think those thoughts when the sting of injustice and wrong is fresh upon us.
  - E. But the soul that believes and trusts in God will not tarry long in such dark territory because the Spirit of God will give comfort and reassurance and the view will be enlarged to realize that there will be another day when the righteous Judge of the Universe will make all things right.

Isaiah 22:25 In that day, saith the LORD of hosts, shall the nail that is fastened in the sure place be removed, and be cut down, and fall; and the burden that was upon it shall be cut off: for the LORD hath spoken it.