

Justice, Race, and the Bible: Part IV

Confronting the Evil of Injustice and Oppression

1. Injustice and Oppression _____:

- a. God is passionately concerned about justice in human society:
 - i. Because He is entirely _____. –*Ex 34:6-7; Ps 89:14; 97:1-3; 95:1-5*
 - ii. He demands justice of His _____. –*Deut 16:18-20; Is 1:21-23*
 - iii. Injustice negates our _____. –*Is 1:11-17; Amos 5:6-24*
- b. God is particularly concerned with the weak and powerless:
 - i. Repeated care for the _____, the _____, and the _____ the _____. –*Deut 10:18-19; 24:17-18; 27:19; Ps 94:3-6; Jer 7:5-7*
 - ii. He rebukes injustice, not _____. –*Lev 19:15; Jam 5:1-6*

2. Justice to Poor and Needy _____:

- a. Biblically, the poor are those without _____ and _____:
–*Gen 28:20-21; Deut 21:10; Matt 6:25; Lk 11:3; 1 Tim 5:8; Jam 2:15-16*
 - i. And not through _____. –*Gen 3:19; 1 Thes 4:11; 2 Thes 3:10*
 - ii. And not through _____. –*1 Tim 5:6; Jam 5:6*
- b. Provisions for the Poor under the Law:
 - i. You must leave _____ in the field. –*Lev 19:9-10; Deut 19-22*
 - ii. You must gladly _____ to supply his need. –*Deut 15:7-11; 24:10-16*
 - iii. You must freely provide for him as your _____. –
Lev 25:35-43; Deut 15:12-18
- c. New Testament Commands. –*Lk 3:11; Tit 3:14; Jam 2:14-16; 1 John 3:17*

3. Grace and Mercy _____:

- a. Lavish _____ is encouraged, but not commanded.
–*Acts 2:46; 2 Cor 8:1-15; 1 Tim 6:17-19*
- b. Such generosity benefits the _____ most. –*Acts 20:35; 2 Cor 9:1-8*
- c. Such generosity is not _____ but _____. –*2 Cor 8:9; Rom 11:6*

Psalm 94

- O LORD, God of vengeance,
O God of vengeance, shine forth!
- ² Rise up, O judge of the earth;
repay to the proud what they deserve!
- ³ O LORD, how long shall the wicked,
how long shall the wicked exult?
- ⁴ They pour out their arrogant words;
all the evildoers boast.
- ⁵ They crush your people, O LORD,
and afflict your heritage.
- ⁶ They kill the widow and the sojourner,
and murder the fatherless;
- ⁷ and they say, “The LORD does not see;
the God of Jacob does not perceive.”
- ¹² Blessed is the man whom you discipline, O LORD,
and whom you teach out of your law,
¹³ to give him rest from days of trouble,
until a pit is dug for the wicked.
- ¹⁴ For the LORD will not forsake his people;
he will not abandon his heritage;
- ¹⁵ for justice will return to the righteous,
and all the upright in heart will follow it.
- ¹⁶ Who rises up for me against the wicked?
Who stands up for me against evildoers?
- ¹⁷ If the LORD had not been my help,
my soul would soon have lived in the land of silence.
- ¹⁸ When I thought, “My foot slips,”
your steadfast love, O LORD, held me up.
- ¹⁹ When the cares of my heart are many,
your consolations cheer my soul.
- ²⁰ Can wicked rulers be allied with you,
those who frame injustice by statute?
- ²¹ They band together against the life of the righteous
and condemn the innocent to death.
- ²² But the LORD has become my stronghold,
and my God the rock of my refuge.
- ²³ He will bring back on them their iniquity
and wipe them out for their wickedness;
the LORD our God will wipe them out.