

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