

PPT Biblical Justice Series
“The LORD is a God of *Mishpat*”
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Note: Unless otherwise indicated all scriptures are taken from the NKJV

Justice and righteousness emanate from the nature and character of God.

Throughout the Bible it is presented that the people of God are called to abide in the character of justice and righteousness.

The word Justice = *Misphat* and is most often used to refer to restorative justice.

Genesis 18:19 “For I have known him, in order that he may command his children and his household after him, that they keep the way of the LORD, to do righteousness and justice, that the LORD may bring to Abraham what He has spoken to him.”

- In the Bible, righteousness refers to a state of moral good in which you treat those around you with decency and fairness, recognizing that all of them are made in the image of God just like you.
- Restorative justice, in which those who are unrightfully hurt or wronged are restored and given back what was taken from them.

Isaiah 1:17 “Learn to do good; seek justice, reprove the ruthless; defend the orphan, plead for the widow”

Isaiah 1:17 Learn to do good. Work for justice.
Help the down-and-out. Stand up for the homeless.
Go to bat for the defenseless. (MSG)

What will you bring to the Lord?

Micah 6:6

“With what shall I come before the LORD,
And bow myself before the High God?
Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings,
With calves a year old?”

- When a man comes before the Lord and bows down before Him, there is an expectation from God.

What will please the Lord?

Micah 6:7

“Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,
Ten thousand rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
The fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”

What does the Lord require?

Micah 6:8

“He has shown you, O man, what is good;
And what does the LORD require of you
But to do justly,
To love mercy,
And to walk humbly with your God?”

Pure and undefiled Religion

James 1:27 “Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world.”

The Foundation of God’s Throne

Psalms 89:14-15 “Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne;
Mercy and truth go before Your face. Blessed are the people who know the joyful sound! They walk, O LORD, in the light of Your countenance.”