# PPT Biblical Justice Series – Part 3 "God Loves Righteousness and Justice" Sunday, January 17, 2021 Senior Pastor, Dr. Janet Cook

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## **God Loves Righteousness and Justice**

Psalms 33:5 He loves righteousness and justice; The earth is full of the goodness of the LORD.

• The goodness of the Lord is His righteousness and justice.

Psalms 97:2 "Clouds and darkness surround Him; Righteousness and justice are the foundation of His throne."

• The Kingdom of God is established on Righteousness and Justice

Psalms 37:28 "For the LORD loves justice, And does not forsake His saints; They are preserved forever, But the descendants of the wicked shall be cut off."

- God will not forsake His people
- God renders justice for His saints

Psalm 103:6 "The LORD executes righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed."

- Execute H6213 a primitive root; to do or make
- Oppressed H6231 to press upon, that is to oppress, defraud, violate, to get deceitfully, deceive, do wrong.

#### God's Justice for the Thief

Exodus 22:1-4 "If a man steals an ox or a sheep, and slaughters it or sells it, he shall restore five oxen for an ox and four sheep for a sheep. If the thief is found breaking in, and he is struck so that he dies, there shall be no guilt for his bloodshed. If the sun has risen on him, there shall be guilt for his bloodshed. He should make full restitution; if he has nothing, then he shall be sold for his theft. If the theft is certainly found alive in his hand, whether it is an ox or donkey or sheep, he shall restore double."

Proverbs 6:30-31 "People do not despise a thief If he steals to satisfy himself when he is starving. **Yet when he is found, he must restore sevenfold**; He may have to give up all the substance of his house."

#### The Lord Waits

Isaiah 30:18 Therefore the LORD will wait, that He may be gracious to you; And therefore He will be exalted, that He may have mercy on you. For the LORD is a God of justice; Blessed are all those who wait for Him.

- The Lord longs to have mercy on you so he waits on you.
- The Lord waits for you to do something so that he can justifiably do something on your behalf.

#### The Lord will not be Mocked

Galatians 6:7-8 "Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life."

- If you are sowing something that is against the will of God He cannot bring justice.
- God is waiting... He waits for us to repent, to get in alignment with His will.

#### When...Your Obedience is Fulfilled

2 Corinthians 10:6-8 "For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ, and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled."

# What Are You Neglecting?

Matt 23:23 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faith. These you ought to have done, without leaving the others undone."

- Weightier matters of the law are to do justice and mercy and faith.
- But don't leave anything undone. Give your tithe

# Isaiah was watching the deterioration of a nation because justice was thrown out

What is justice? It is the legal process and procedures of upholding the law. If there is no justice, there is nothing to stop evil from growing

Isaiah 59:4 "No one calls for justice, Nor does any plead for truth.

They trust in empty words and speak lies; They conceive evil and bring forth iniquity."

• Barnes Notes: "The sense is, that they form plans to injure others, and that they expect to execute them by fraud and deceit."

Isaiah 59:13-16 "In transgressing and lying against the LORD,

And departing from our God, Speaking oppression and revolt,

Conceiving and uttering from the heart words of falsehood.

## Justice is turned back, And righteousness stands afar off;

For truth is fallen in the street, And equity cannot enter.

So truth fails, And he who departs from evil makes himself a prey."

Psalm 7:14-17 "Behold, the wicked brings forth iniquity; Yes, he conceives trouble and brings forth falsehood. He made a pit and dug it out and has fallen into the ditch which he made. His trouble shall return upon his own head, And his violent dealing shall come down on his own crown. I will praise the LORD according to His righteousness and will sing praise to the name of the LORD Most High.

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