PPT Biblical Justice Series – Part 4 Do Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly Sunday, January 24, 2021 Senior Pastor, Dr. Janet Cook

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## What does the Lord require of you?

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?"

In prayer this week the Lord said to me, "I will not ask you to do anything that I do not give you the strength, ability and resources to do. I will teach you and show you the way." (JKC)

## The Spirit of Truth

John 16:12-13 "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear *them* now. However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own *authority*, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. (NIV)

### God is faithful in all things and faithful at all times.

Duet 7:9 Know therefore, the Lord they God, He is God, the faithful God.

- 2 Timothy 2:13 "If we are faithless, He remains faithful; He cannot deny Himself."
  - God cannot be unfaithful. He is faithful, it is His nature.

Psalm 89:8 Who is like you, Lord God Almighty?

You, Lord, are mighty, and your faithfulness surrounds you.

"Nothing can be compared to the faithfulness of God. He never forgets, never fails, never falters, never forfeits His word. God not only keeps his promises, but he is also faithful to keep his threats." (JKC)

# **The Lord Loves Justice**

Psalm 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

#### Joshua took a definite stand for God.

Joshua 24:14-16 "Now fear the Lord and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your ancestors worshiped beyond the Euphrates River and in Egypt and serve the Lord. But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." Then the people answered, "Far be it from us to forsake the Lord to serve other gods! (NIV)

• We need to take a stand also and commit to do it God's way.

### **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.

# All His Ways Are Justice

Deuteronomy 32:4 "He is the Rock, His work is perfect; For all His ways are justice, A God of truth and without injustice; Righteous and upright is He."

• This is the first time God is called "the Rock" in Scripture.

"The expression denotes that the Divine power, faithfulness, and love, as revealed in Christ and the gospel, form a foundation which cannot be changed or moved, on which we may build our hopes of happiness. And under His protection we may find refuge from all our enemies, and in all our troubles." *Matthew Henry Commentary* 

"God is true. He is faithful in His relationship to his people. We can safely rely upon God. Faithfulness is an essential part of God's divine character. We can say we accept this divine truth, but His people need to act upon it. We can expect God to do all that he has promised He would do." (JK)

Heb 10:23 says He is faithful that promised.

"There are seasons in our lives that are not easy. Still God is faithful. In the good times praise his name and in the bad times do the same. In everything give the king of king all the praise." (JKC)

#### Romans 8:24-28 from The Passion Translation

<sup>24</sup> For this is the hope of our salvation. But hope means that we must trust and wait for what is still unseen. For why would we need to hope for something we already have? <sup>25</sup> So because our hope is set on what is yet to be seen, we patiently keep on waiting for its fulfillment.

<sup>26</sup> And in a similar way, the Holy Spirit takes hold of us in our human frailty to empower us in our weakness. For example, at times we don't even know how to pray, or know the best things to ask for. But the Holy Spirit rises up within us to super-intercede<sup>[a]</sup> on our behalf, pleading to God with emotional sighs<sup>[b]</sup> too deep for words.

<sup>27</sup> God, the searcher of the heart, knows fully our longings, [c] yet he also understands the desires of the Spirit, because the Holy Spirit passionately pleads before God for us, his holy ones, in perfect harmony with God's plan and our destiny.

<sup>28</sup> So we are convinced that every detail of our lives is continually woven together to fit into God's perfect plan of bringing good into our lives, for we are his lovers who have been called to fulfill his designed purpose.