

# **Justice upright, prejudice, and fairness**

## **God of Justice**

Psalm 50:6 And the heavens proclaim his righteousness, for he is a God of justice.

Psalm 9:16 The Lord is known by his acts of justice; the wicked are ensnared by the work of their hands.

Isaiah 30:18 Yet the Lord longs to be gracious to you; therefore he will rise up to show you compassion. For the Lord is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for him!

Hebrews 1:8 But about the Son he says, “Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever; a scepter of justice will be the scepter of your kingdom.

Job 34:12 It is unthinkable that God would do wrong, that the Almighty would pervert justice.

Deuteronomy 10:17 For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality nor takes a bribe.

Isaiah 28:17 I will make justice the measuring line and righteousness the plumb line; hail will sweep away your refuge, the lie, and water will overflow your hiding place.

Isaiah 61:8 “For I, the Lord, love justice; I hate robbery and wrongdoing. In my faithfulness I will reward my people and make an everlasting covenant with them.

Zephaniah 3:5 The Lord within her is righteous; he does no wrong. Morning by morning he dispenses his justice, and every new day he does not fail, yet the unrighteous know no shame.

Matthew 12:18 "Here is my servant whom I have chosen, the one I love, in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him, and he will proclaim justice to the nations.

Acts 17:31 For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead."

Hebrews 11:33 who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and gained what was promised; who shut the mouths of lions,

Job 37:23 The Almighty is beyond our reach and exalted in power; in his justice and great righteousness, he does not oppress.

Psalm 7:6 Arise, Lord, in your anger; rise up against the rage of my enemies. Awake, my God; decree justice.

Psalm 11:7 For the Lord is righteous, he loves justice; the upright will see his face.

Psalm 33:5 The Lord loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of his unfailing love.

Psalm 45:6 Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever; a scepter of justice will be the scepter of your kingdom.

Psalm 72:2 May he judge your people in righteousness, your afflicted ones with justice.

Psalm 103:6 The Lord works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed.

Psalm 140:12 I know that the Lord secures justice for the poor and upholds the cause of the needy.

Proverbs 29:26 Many seek an audience with a ruler, but it is from the Lord that one gets justice.

## **Follow or siding with crowds**

Exodus 23:2 “Do not follow the crowd in doing wrong. When you give testimony in a lawsuit, do not pervert justice by siding with the crowd,

1 Samuel 8:3 But his sons did not follow his ways. They turned aside after dishonest gain and accepted bribes and perverted justice.

## **Partiality & Favoritism**

Job 32:21 Let me not, I pray, show partiality to anyone; Nor let me flatter any man.

Leviticus 19:15 “Do not pervert justice; do not show partiality to the poor or favoritism to the great, but judge your neighbor fairly.

Exodus 23:3 and do not show favoritism to a poor person in a lawsuit.

Job 34:19 who shows no partiality to princes and does not favor the rich over the poor, for they are all the work of his hands?

Luke 20:21 Then they asked Him, saying, “Teacher, we know that You say and teach rightly, and You do not show personal favoritism, but teach the way of God in truth:

Galatians 2:6 But from those who seemed to be something—whatever they were, it makes no difference to me; God shows personal favoritism to no man—for those who seemed to be something added nothing to me.

James 2:1 [ Beware of Personal Favoritism ] My brethren, do not hold the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, with partiality.

2 Chronicles 19:7 Now therefore, let the fear of the Lord be upon you; take care and do it, for there is no iniquity with the Lord our God, no partiality, nor taking of bribes.”

Job 13:10 He will surely rebuke you If you secretly show partiality.

Job 37:24 Therefore men fear Him; He shows no partiality to any who are wise of heart.”

Psalm 82:2 How long will you judge unjustly, And show partiality to the wicked? Selah

Proverbs 18:5 It is not good to show partiality to the wicked, Or to overthrow the righteous in judgment.

Proverbs 24:23 [ Further Sayings of the Wise ] These things also belong to the wise: It is not good to show partiality in judgment.

Proverbs 28:21 To show partiality is not good, Because for a piece of bread a man will transgress.

Malachi 2:9 "Therefore I also have made you contemptible and base Before all the people, Because you have not kept My ways But have shown partiality in the law."

Acts 10:34 [ Preaching to Cornelius' Household ] Then Peter opened his mouth and said: "In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality.

Romans 2:11 For there is no partiality with God.

Ephesians 6:9 And you, masters, do the same things to them, giving up threatening, knowing that your own Master also is in heaven, and there is no partiality with Him.

Colossians 3:25 But he who does wrong will be repaid for what he has done, and there is no partiality.

1 Timothy 5:21 I charge you before God and the Lord Jesus Christ and the elect angels that you observe these things without prejudice, doing nothing with partiality.

James 2:1 [ Beware of Personal Favoritism ] My brethren, do not hold the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, with partiality.

James 2:4 have you not shown partiality among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts?

James 2:9 but if you show partiality, you commit sin, and are convicted by the law as transgressors.

James 3:17 But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy.

1 Peter 1:17 And if you call on the Father, who without partiality judges according to each one's work, conduct yourselves throughout the time of your stay here in fear;

## **Describing Justice**

Zechariah 7:9 "This is what the Lord Almighty said: 'Administer true justice; show mercy and compassion to one another.'

Psalm 89:14 Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne; love and faithfulness go before you.

Psalm 97:2 Clouds and thick darkness surround him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.

Deuteronomy 16:19 You shall not pervert justice; you shall not show partiality, nor take a bribe, for a bribe blinds the eyes of the wise and twists the words of the righteous.

Proverbs 21:15 When justice is done, it brings joy to the righteous but terror to evildoers.

Proverbs 29:4 By justice a king gives a country stability, but those who are greedy for bribes tear it down.

Hosea 2:19 I will betroth you to me forever; I will betroth you in righteousness and justice, in love and compassion.

Amos 5:10 There are those who hate the one who upholds justice in court and detest the one who tells the truth.

## **God intends for us to be just**

Amos 5:24 But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!

Psalm 112:5 Good will come to those who are generous and lend freely, who conduct their affairs with justice.

Proverbs 8:20 I walk in the way of righteousness, along the paths of justice,

Exodus 23:6 “Do not deny justice to your poor people in their lawsuits.

Job 40:8 “Would you discredit my justice? Would you condemn me to justify yourself?

Psalm 45:4 In your majesty ride forth victoriously in the cause of truth, humility and justice; let your right hand achieve awesome deeds.

Proverbs 17:23 The wicked accept bribes in secret to pervert the course of justice.

Proverbs 18:5 It is not good to be partial to the wicked and so deprive the innocent of justice.

Proverbs 29:7 The righteous care about justice for the poor, but the wicked have no such concern.

Isaiah 1:17 Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed. Take up the cause of the fatherless; plead the case of the widow.

Isaiah 28:6 He will be a spirit of justice to the one who sits in judgment, a source of strength to those who turn back the battle at the gate.

Amos 5:15 Hate evil, love good; maintain justice in the courts. Perhaps the Lord God Almighty will have mercy on the remnant of Joseph.

Matthew 23:23 “Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You give a tenth of your spices—mint, dill and cumin. But you have neglected the more important matters of the law—justice, mercy and

faithfulness. You should have practiced the latter, without neglecting the former.

Luke 11:42 “Woe to you Pharisees, because you give God a tenth of your mint, rue and all other kinds of garden herbs, but you neglect justice and the love of God. You should have practiced the latter without leaving the former undone.

Revelation 19:11 [ The Heavenly Warrior Defeats the Beast ] I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and wages war.

Deuteronomy 16:20 Follow justice and justice alone, so that you may live and possess the land the Lord your God is giving you.

Deuteronomy 27:19 “Cursed is anyone who withholds justice from the foreigner, the fatherless or the widow.” Then all the people shall say, “Amen!”

1 Kings 3:28 When all Israel heard the verdict the king had given, they held the king in awe, because they saw that he had wisdom from God to administer justice.

1 Kings 10:9 Praise be to the Lord your God, who has delighted in you and placed you on the throne of Israel. Because of the Lord’s eternal love for Israel, he has made you king to maintain justice and righteousness.”

2 Chronicles 9:8 Praise be to the Lord your God, who has delighted in you and placed you on his throne as king to rule for the Lord your God. Because of the love of your God for Israel and his desire to uphold them forever, he has made you king over them, to maintain justice and righteousness.”

Ezra 7:25 And you, Ezra, in accordance with the wisdom of your God, which you possess, appoint magistrates and judges to administer justice to all the people of Trans-Euphrates—all who know the laws of your God. And you are to teach any who do not know them.

Job 29:14 I put on righteousness as my clothing; justice was my robe and my turban.

Job 34:17 Can someone who hates justice govern? Will you condemn the just and mighty One?

Isaiah 1:27 Zion will be delivered with justice, her penitent ones with righteousness.

Isaiah 5:16 But the Lord Almighty will be exalted by his justice, and the holy God will be proved holy by his righteous acts.

Isaiah 11:4 but with righteousness he will judge the needy, with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth. He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth; with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked.

Isaiah 33:5 The Lord is exalted, for he dwells on high; he will fill Zion with his justice and righteousness.

Isaiah 42:3 A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out. In faithfulness he will bring forth justice;

Isaiah 56:1 [ Salvation for Others ] This is what the Lord says: "Maintain justice and do what is right, for my salvation is close at hand and my righteousness will soon be revealed.

Jeremiah 9:24 but let the one who boasts boast about this: that they have the understanding to know me, that I am the Lord, who exercises kindness, justice and righteousness on earth, for in these I delight," declares the Lord.

Hosea 12:6 But you must return to your God; maintain love and justice, and wait for your God always.

Micah 3:1 [ Leaders and Prophets Rebuked ] Then I said, "Listen, you leaders of Jacob, you rulers of Israel. Should you not embrace justice,

Micah 3:8 But as for me, I am filled with power, with the Spirit of the Lord, and with justice and might, to declare to Jacob his transgression, to Israel his sin.

Matthew 12:20 A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out, till he has brought justice through to victory.

Luke 18:7 And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off?

## **Not following justice**

Proverbs 19:28 A corrupt witness mocks at justice, and the mouth of the wicked gulps down evil.

Isaiah 59:4 No one calls for justice; no one pleads a case with integrity. They rely on empty arguments, they utter lies; they conceive trouble and give birth to evil.

Isaiah 59:8 The way of peace they do not know; there is no justice in their paths. They have turned them into crooked roads; no one who walks along them will know peace.

Jeremiah 5:28 and have grown fat and sleek. Their evil deeds have no limit; they do not seek justice. They do not promote the case of the fatherless; they do not defend the just cause of the poor.

Ezekiel 22:29 The people of the land practice extortion and commit robbery; they oppress the poor and needy and mistreat the foreigner, denying them justice.

Micah 3:9 Hear this, you leaders of Jacob, you rulers of Israel, who despise justice and distort all that is right;

Habakkuk 1:4 Therefore the law is paralyzed, and justice never prevails. The wicked hem in the righteous, so that justice is perverted.

Isaiah 1:21 See how the faithful city has become a prostitute! She once was full of justice; righteousness used to dwell in her—but now murderers!

Isaiah 5:23 who acquit the guilty for a bribe, but deny justice to the innocent.

Isaiah 10:2 to deprive the poor of their rights and withhold justice from the oppressed of my people, making widows their prey and robbing the fatherless.

Amos 2:7 They trample on the heads of the poor as on the dust of the ground and deny justice to the oppressed. Father and son use the same girl and so profane my holy name.

Amos 5:7 There are those who turn justice into bitterness and cast righteousness to the ground.

Amos 5:12 For I know how many are your offenses and how great your sins. There are those who oppress the innocent and take bribes and deprive the poor of justice in the courts.

Amos 6:12 Do horses run on the rocky crags? Does one plow the sea with oxen? But you have turned justice into poison and the fruit of righteousness into bitterness—