

Scripture References

Micah 6:8 He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

Job 29:12-17 “because I rescued the poor who cried for help, and the fatherless who had none to assist them. The one who was dying blessed me; I made the widow’s heart sing. I put on righteousness as my clothing; justice was my robe and my turban. I was eyes to the blind and feet to the lame. I was a father to the needy; I took up the case of the stranger. I broke the fangs of the wicked and snatched the victims from their teeth.”

Genesis 18:18-19 Abraham will surely become a great and powerful nation, and all nations on earth will be blessed through him. For I have chosen him, so that he will direct his children and his household after him to keep the way of the Lord by doing what is right and just, so that the Lord will bring about for Abraham what he has promised him.

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

Resource Books for Digging Deeper

1. Generous Justice, by Timothy Keller \$8.95
2. Justice, What’s The Right Thing To Do?, by Michael J. Sandel \$14.40
3. The Locust Effect, by Gary A. Haugen \$13.35

Justice Do It

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Fred Hennes, Sermon #646, “Understanding Justice” (Micah 6:8)

Three Approaches to Justice:

1. _____ welfare – justice is whatever will bring the greatest amount of good and reduce the greatest harm for the greatest number of people.
2. _____ freedom – justice is the right of everyone to live the way they want to.
3. _____ virtue – justice is what shapes a society so that people act as they ought to in accordance with moral virtue.

_____ justice is the act of righting a wrong.

_____ justice is when everyone is treated fairly, and their rights are protected through a created order by which we live.

Biblical justice combines _____ (tsedaqah – the standard of right relationship between all people) and _____ (mishpat – the actions you do to create the standard of tsedaqah).

Mishpat and tsedaqah involved advocating for the “quartet of the _____” (the widow, orphan, immigrant, and the poor) and creating social structures which provided justice.

The _____ person is the one willing to disadvantage themselves for the advantage of their community.

The justice God desires means a selfless way of life in which you do everything you can to ensure that others are treated _____ and injustices are _____.

Life Group Activity

1. In your group have each person update their personal profile on the Church Center App by adding your profile picture and verifying that all your contact information is correct. Help each other out!

Discussion Questions

2. Regarding this sermon, is there any truth that stands out as being particularly helpful, insightful or difficult to grasp?
3. Name something new that you learned about justice.
4. Which of the three approaches to justice do you agree with the most? Why?
5. Why do you think justice is so important to God? Why is it important to you?

6. What is the greatest injustice you have ever suffered, or have ever corrected in someone else's life?

Application Questions & Prayer

7. Imagine your life on a continuum of being extremely self-centered on one end and being extremely other centered on the other end. Where do you land on that spectrum? How well are you living a life which actively pursues justice?
8. Name a few ministries that seek after justice. Are you involved in any of them? In which ways could you best live out Micah 6:8?
9. Pray for one another so that you increase your sensitivity to justice and the actions you can take to ensure that others are treated well, and injustices are fixed.