

Scripture References

Nehemiah 9:13 You came down on Mount Sinai; you spoke to them from heaven. You gave them regulations and laws that are just and right, and decrees and commands that are good.

Proverbs 1:1-3 The proverbs of Solomon son of David, king of Israel: for gaining wisdom and instruction; for understanding words of insight; for receiving instruction in prudent behavior, doing what is right and just and fair;

Deuteronomy 15:4-5 However, there need be no poor people among you, for in the land the Lord your God is giving you to possess as your inheritance, he will richly bless you, if only you fully obey the Lord your God and are careful to follow all these commands I am giving you today.

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.

1 Chronicles 18:14 David reigned over all Israel, doing what was just and right for all his people.

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.

Leviticus 19:9-10 When you reap the harvest of your land, do not reap to the very edges of your field or gather the gleanings of your harvest. 10 Do not go over your vineyard a second time or pick up the grapes that have fallen. Leave them for the poor and the foreigner. I am the Lord your God.

Deuteronomy 14:28-29 At the end of every three years, bring all the tithes of that year's produce and store it in your towns, so that the Levites - the foreigners, the fatherless and the widows - may come and eat and be satisfied

Deut 15:1-2 At the end of every seven years you must cancel debts. This is how it is to be done: Every creditor shall cancel any loan they have made to a fellow Israelite. They shall not require payment from anyone among their own people, because the Lord's time for canceling debts has been proclaimed.

Leviticus 25:10 Consecrate the fiftieth year and proclaim liberty throughout the land to all its inhabitants. It shall be a jubilee for you; each of you is to return to your family property and to your own clan.

Justice Do It

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Fred Hennes, Sermon #648, "A Nation Built for Justice" (Dt 15:4-5)

God provided a foundation of laws that are _____ and _____.

God's Word provided instruction for doing what is _____ and _____ and fair.

God's standard was for a nation where _____ people were cared for.

Abraham's mission was to do what is _____ and _____.

King David's mission was to do what is _____ and _____.

King Solomon's greatest desire was to administer _____.

Provisions for God's nation of justice

1. The concept of _____ to voluntarily limit profit taking.
2. Third year _____ put into public storehouses.
3. The canceling of _____ every seven years.
4. The year of _____ for returning land and releasing servants.

Life Group Activity

1. Who is one of the best neighbors you have ever had? What made this neighbor so special?

Discussion Questions

2. Regarding this sermon, is there any truth that stands out as being particularly helpful, insightful or difficult to grasp?
3. Globally, and locally, who do you think are the most vulnerable members of society? Why?
4. Explain your reasons as to why God established the nation of Israel to be concerned about justice? Is this same concern true for His Church?
5. Would the list of provisions for God's nation of justice work in the United States today? Why or why not?

6. As a group read aloud Leviticus 25:8-55 (it's all about God's year of Jubilee). Have each person share at least one thing that stood out to them.

Application Questions & Prayer

7. Are you inclined to expose injustices through social media? Why or why not? If you do expose them, what is the last thing you posted about?
8. Name an injustice that you are most troubled about. What can you do to bring about justice in this area? What will you do?
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.