

## Scripture References

**Genesis 1:26-27** Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness ... So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

**Deut 10:18-19** He defends the cause of the fatherless and the widow, and loves the foreigner residing among you, giving them food and clothing. And you are to love those who are foreigners, for you yourselves were foreigners in Egypt.

**Deut 32:4** He is the Rock, his works are perfect, and all his ways are just. A faithful God who does no wrong, upright and just is he.

**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.

**Proverbs 31:8-9** Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy.

**Matthew 25:40** The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

**James 1:27** Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

**Matthew 6:1** Be careful not to do your 'acts of righteousness' before men, to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven.

**James 5:1-5** Now listen, you rich people, weep and wail because of the misery that is coming on you. Your wealth has rotted, and moths have eaten your clothes. Your gold and silver are corroded. Their corrosion will testify against you and eat your flesh like fire. You have hoarded wealth in the last days. Look! The wages you failed to pay the workers who mowed your fields are crying out against you. The cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord Almighty. You have lived on earth in luxury and self-indulgence. You have fattened yourselves in the day of slaughter.

## Justice Do It

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### Fred Hennes, Sermon #651, "Think About Others" (Isaiah 1:17)

\_\_\_\_\_ justice is the act of righting a wrong.

\_\_\_\_\_ justice is when everyone is treated fairly, and not judged on innate characteristics they can't control.

\_\_\_\_\_ justice is the equal access to wealth, opportunities, and privileges within a society.

Three sources of mistreatment between people are \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ justice is a moral obligation to care for people less fortunate than us.

One of the fundamental characteristics that set human beings apart from other creatures that God created is their need for \_\_\_\_\_.

The Bible \_\_\_\_\_ us to make the problems of the less fortunate our problems.

In scripture, gifts to the poor are called "acts of \_\_\_\_\_."

God likens our money to \_\_\_\_\_.

Will I take up the cause of biblical justice by caring for \_\_\_\_\_ who are less fortunate than me?

## Life Group Activity

1. Name a non-Biblical historical person that you greatly admire and explain why you feel the way you do?

## Discussion Questions

2. Regarding this sermon, is there any truth that stands out as being particularly helpful, insightful or difficult to grasp?
3. Explain the difference between retributive justice and restorative justice?
4. How does Biblical justice differ from social justice?
5. Read 2 Corinthians 8:1-15. Explain how this passage illustrates the value of Biblical justice that the early church embraced.

6. James 1:27 informs us that the pure religion God our Father accepts, involves keeping oneself from being polluted by the world. How does the world's "pollution" impact justice in the world?

## Application Questions & Prayer

7. Reflecting on this entire series, what impact or change has happened in both your thinking and actions concerning Biblical justice?
8. Who do you see as being "less fortunate" than yourself? What can you do, or are you doing, to care them?
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.