



Pursue Justice that you may live

Deut. 16:20

That which is altogether just shalt thou follow, that thou mayest live, and inherit the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

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Forward

Gods believers are those who turn many to righteousness, who turn sinners from the errors of their ways, and help to save their souls from death, Jas 5:20, will share in the glory of those they have helped to heaven, which will add to their own glory.

Isaiah 61:8

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God desires truth, and therefore hates all injustice. Nor will it justify any man's robbery to say, it was for burnt-offerings; and that robbery is most hateful which is under this pretence.

In this study concerning justice, you will see how the word of God deals with justice and injustice. This is a warning all people should consider.

There is much injustice in the world. True believers will not become a part of such actions and activities.

Prepare your heart to receive God's word.

Chapter 1

The happiness of God's people

Psalm 106:3

How blessed are those who keep justice, who practice righteousness at all times!

None of our sins or sufferings should prevent our ascribing glory and praise to the Lord. The more unworthy we are, the more is his kindness to be admired. And those who depend on the Redeemer's righteousness will endeavor to copy his example, and by word and deed to show forth his praise. Those who keep justice will be blessed.

Use no injustice in Judgment

Leviticus 19:15

'You shall do no injustice in judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor nor defer to the great, but you are to judge your neighbor fairly.

Do no hurt to any, because they are unwilling or unable to avenge themselves. We ought to take heed of doing anything which may occasion our weak brother to fall. The fear of God should keep us from doing wrong things, though they will not expose us to men's anger. Judges, and all in authority, are commanded to give judgment without partiality.

You have executed justice and righteousness.

Psalm 99:4

The strength of the King loves justice; you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

The inhabitants of the earth have cause to tremble, but the Redeemer still waits to be gracious. Let all who hear, take warning, and seek his mercy. The more we humble ourselves before God, the more we exalt him; and let us be thus reverent, for he is holy.

God will make an everlasting covenant

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God desires truth, and therefore hates all injustice. Nor will it justify any man's robbery to say, it was for burnt-offerings; and that robbery is most hateful which is under this pretense. Let the children of godly parents be such, that all may see the fruits of a good education; an answer to the prayers for them, in the fruit of God's blessing.

Chapter 2

The justice of God

Psalm 82:2

How long will you judge unjustly and show partiality to the wicked? Selah.

Magistrates are the ministers of God's providence, for keeping up order and peace, and particularly in punishing evil-doers, and protecting those that do well

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Justice in Believers lives

Romans 2:14-15

For when Gentiles who do not have the Law do instinctively the things of the Law, these, not having the Law, are a law to themselves.

A great evil of the sins professors is, the dishonour done to God and religion, by their not living according to their profession.

Social Justice

Isaiah 1:17

Learn to do good; seek justice, Reprove the ruthless, and defend the orphan, Plead for the widow.

We must be doing the good the Lord our God requires. It is plain that the sacrifices of the law could not atone, even for outward national crimes. But, blessed be God, there is a Fountain opened, in which sinners of every age and rank may be cleansed.

God will bring justice to his elect.

Luke 18:7

Now, will not God bring about justice for His elect who cry to Him day and night, and will He delay long over them?

The widow's earnestness prevailed even with the unjust judge: she might fear lest it should set him more against her; but our earnest prayer is pleasing to our God.

The world will be judged in righteousness.

Acts 17:31

Because He has fixed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness through a Man whom He has appointed, having furnished proof to all men by raising Him from the dead."

Each sect of the learned men would feel themselves powerfully affected by the apostle's discourse, which tended to show the emptiness or falsity of their doctrines.

A man should be gracious and lend.

Psalm 112:5

It is well with the man who is gracious and lends; He will maintain his cause in judgment.

We have to praise the Lord that there are a people in the world, who fear him and serve him, and that they are a happy people; which is owing entirely to his grace.

Chapter 3

The judgment of peace has no end.

Isaiah 9:7

There will be no end to the increase of His government or of peace, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness From then on and forevermore the zeal of the LORD of hosts will accomplish this.

To what earthly king or kingdom can these words apply? Give then, O Lord, to thy people to know thee by every endearing name, and in every glorious character. Give increase of grace in every heart of thy redeemed upon earth.

God will judge the wages of war.

Revelation 19:11

And I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse, and He who sat on it is called Faithful and true, and in righteousness He judges and wages war.

Christ, the glorious Head of the church, is described as on a white horse, the emblem of justice and holiness. He has many crowns, for he is King of kings, and Lord of lords.

The king gives stability to justice.

Proverbs 29:4

The king gives stability to the land by justice, but a man who takes bribes overthrows it.

The Lord Jesus is the King who will minister true judgment to the people.

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Only justice shall you pursue.

Deuteronomy 16:20

"Justice, and only justice, you shall pursue, that you may live and possess the land which the LORD your God is giving you.

Nothing concerns God more, or tends more to corrupt the minds of men, than representing and worshipping, by an image, that God, who is an almighty and eternal Spirit, present everywhere.

Cursed is he who distorts justice.

Deuteronomy 27:19

'Cursed is he who distorts the justice due an alien, orphan, and widow.' And all the people shall say, 'Amen.'

Yet, unless the Spirit of God prosper such labours with Divine power, we shall not, even by these means, be made wise unto salvation: for this blessing we should therefore daily and earnestly pray.

The Lord will not do violence to justice.

Job 37:23

"The Almighty--we cannot find Him; He is exalted in power and He will not do violence to justice and abundant righteousness.

From all these clouds the Holy Spirit of God frees us in the work of regeneration. And from all the clouds which trouble our consciences, the Holy Spirit sets us free in the work of consolation. Now that God is about to speak, Elihu delivers a few words, as the sum of all his discourse. With God is terrible majesty. Sooner or later all men shall fear him.

The Lord loves righteousness and justice.

Psalm 33:5

He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the lovingkindness of the LORD.

Every endowment we possess, should be employed with all our skill and earnestness in God's service. His promises are all wise and good.

The Lord will give justice to the poor

Psalm 140:12

I know that the LORD will maintain the cause of the afflicted and justice for the poor.

Those who, though evil spoken of and ill-used by men, are righteous in the sight of God, being justified by the righteousness of Christ, which is imputed to them, and received by faith, as the effect of which, they live soberly and righteously; these give thanks to the Lord, for the righteousness whereby they are made righteous, and for every blessing of grace, and mercy of life.

Chapter 4

Evil men do not understand justice.

Proverbs 28:5

Evil men do not understand justice, but those who seek the LORD understand all things.

If a man seeks the Lord, it is a good sign that he understands much, and it is a good means of understanding more.

The God of justice blesses those who long for him.

Isaiah 30:18

Therefore the LORD longs to be gracious to you, and therefore He waits on high to have compassion on you For the LORD is a God of justice; How blessed are all those who long for Him.

Those who make God alone their confidence, will have comfort. God ever waits to be gracious to all that come to him by faith in Christ, and happy are those who wait for him

After death comes the judgment.

Hebrews 9:27

And inasmuch as it is appointed for men to die once and after this comes judgment.

The believer knows that his Redeemer liveth, and that he shall see him. Here is the faith and patience of the church, of all sincere believers. Hence is their continual prayer as the fruit and expression of their faith, even so come, Lord Jesus.

All of God's ways are just.

Deuteronomy 32:4

"The Rock! His work is perfect, for all His ways are just; A God of faithfulness and without injustice, righteous and upright is he.

"He is a Rock." This is the first time God is called so 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; as the rocks in those countries sheltered from the burning rays of the sun, and from tempests, or were fortresses from the enemy.

Justice, In Believers' Lives

Romans 2:14-15

For when Gentiles who do not have the Law do instinctively the things of the Law, these, not having the Law, are a law to themselves, in that they show the work of the Law written in their hearts, their conscience bearing witness and their thoughts alternately accusing or else defending them,

Conscience is a witness, and first or last will bear witness. As they kept or broke these natural laws and dictates, their consciences either acquitted or condemned them. Nothing speaks more terror to sinners, and more comfort to saints, than that Christ shall be the Judge. Secret services shall be rewarded, secret sins shall be then punished, and brought to light.

The spirit of man is the lamp of the Lord.

Proverbs 20:27

The spirit of man is the lamp of the LORD, Searching all the innermost parts of his being.

The rational soul and conscience are as a lamp within us, which should be used in examining our dispositions and motives with the revealed will of God.

Do not fear the injustice of man.

Isaiah 51:7

"Listen to me, you who know righteousness, a people in whose heart is my law; do not fear the reproach of man, nor be dismayed at their revilings.

The soul shall, as to this world, vanish like smoke, and the body be thrown by like a worn-out garment. But those whose happiness is in Christ's righteousness and salvation, will have the comfort of it when time and days shall be no more. Clouds darken the sun, but do not stop its course. The believer will enjoy his portion, while revilers of Christ are in darkness

You shall have no other God's before me.

Exodus 20:1-3

Then God spoke all these words, saying, "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. "You shall have no other gods before me.

The law is spiritual, and takes knowledge of the secret thoughts, desires, and dispositions of the heart. Its grand demand is love, without which outward obedience is mere hypocrisy. It requires perfect, unfailing, constant obedience; no law in the world admits disobedience to itself.

Blessed are those whose ways are blameless.

Psalms 119:1

How blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the LORD.

The general scope and design of this psalm is to magnify the Divine law, and make it honourable. There are ten words by which Divine revelation is called in this

psalm, and each expresses what God expects from us, and what we may expect from him.

Jesus came to fulfill the laws of the prophets.

Matthew 5:17

"Do not think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish but to fulfill.

Let none suppose that Christ allows his people to trifle with any commands of God's holy law. No sinner partakes of Christ's justifying righteousness, till he repents of his evil deeds.

You shall not covet.

Romans 7:7

What shall we say then? Is the Law sin? May it never be! On the contrary, I would not have come to know sin except through the Law; for I would not have known about coveting if the Law had not said, "You shall not covet.

There is no way of coming to that knowledge of sin, which is necessary to repentance, and therefore to peace and pardon, but by trying our hearts and lives by the law

Love fulfills the law.

Romans 13:10

Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

Christians must avoid useless expense, and be careful not to contract any debts they have not the power to discharge. They are also to stand aloof from all venturesome speculations and rash engagements, and whatever may expose them to the danger of not rendering to all their due. Do not keep in any one's debt. Give

everyone his own. Do not spend that on yourselves, which you owe to others.

The just shall live by faith.

Romans 1:17

For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, but the just shall live by faith.

In these verses the apostle opens the design of the whole epistle, in which he brings forward a charge of sinfulness against all flesh; declares the only method of deliverance from condemnation, by faith in the mercy of God, through Jesus Christ; and then builds upon it purity of heart, grateful obedience, and earnest desires to improve in all those Christian graces and tempers, which nothing but a lively faith in Christ can bring forth

The righteous will live by faith.

Habakkuk 2:4

"Behold, as for the proud one, His soul is not right within him; but the righteous will live by his faith.

The just shall live by faith in these precious promises, while the performance of them is deferred. Only those made just by faith, shall live, and shall be happy here and forever.

Faith is reckoned to the Lord as righteousness.

Genesis 15:6

Then he believed in the LORD; and He reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Through faith in his blood they obtain forgiveness of sins.

Chapter 5

Christ is raised because of our justification.

Romans 4:24-25

But for our sake also, to whom it will be credited, as those who believe in Him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, He who was delivered over because of our transgressions, and was raised because of our justification.

By his death he paid our debt, in his resurrection he received our acquittance, Isa 53:8.

When he was discharged, we, in Him and together with Him, received the discharge from the guilt and punishment of all our sins. This last verse is an abridgement or summary of the whole gospel.

We are justified by faith.

Romans 5:1

Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

A blessed change takes place in the sinner's state, when he becomes a true believer, whatever he has been. Being justified by faith he has peace with God. The holy, righteous God, cannot be at peace with a sinner, while under the guilt of sin. Justification takes away the guilt, and so makes way for peace.

Righteousness is by Faith.

Romans 9:30

What shall we say then? That Gentiles, who did not pursue righteousness, attained righteousness, even the righteousness which is by faith.

The Gentiles knew not their guilt and misery, therefore were not careful to procure a remedy. Yet they attained to righteousness by faith. Not by becoming proselytes to the Jewish religion, and submitting to the ceremonial law; but by embracing Christ, and believing in him, and submitting to the gospel.

Faith in God was accounted as righteousness

Galatians 3:6

Even as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness. The apostle proves the doctrine he had blamed the Galatians for rejecting; namely, that of justification by faith without the works of the law.

Righteousness from God is the basis of faith.

Philippians 3:9

And may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from the Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which comes from God on the basis of faith.

We are made conformable to Christ's death, when we die to sin, as he died for sin; and the world is crucified to us, and we to the world, by the cross of Christ. The apostle was willing to do or to suffer any thing, to attain the glorious resurrection of saints. This hope and prospect carried him through all difficulties in his work. He did not hope to attain it through his own merit and righteousness, but through the merit and righteousness of Jesus Christ.

Faith without works is dead.

James 2:17

Even so faith, if it has no works, is dead, being by itself.

true faith alone, whereby men have part in Christ's righteousness, atonement, and grace, saves their souls; but it produces holy fruits, and is shown to be real by its effect on their works; while mere assent to any form of doctrine, or mere historical belief of any facts, wholly differs from this saving faith.

Giving to others is giving to the Lord.

Matthew 25:34-36

"Then the King will say to those on His right, 'Come, you who are blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. 'For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave me something to drink;

I was a stranger, and you invited me in; naked, and you clothed me; I was sick, and you visited me; I was in prison, and you came to me.'

Christ shall come, not only in the glory of his Father, but in his own glory, as Mediator. The wicked and godly here dwell together, in the same cities, churches, families, and are not always to be known the one from the other; such are the weaknesses of saints, such the hypocrisies of sinners; and death takes both: but in that day they will be parted forever.

Believers are God's workmanship.

Ephesians 2:10

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.

None can from Scripture abuse this doctrine, or accuse it of any tendency to evil. All who do so, are without excuse.

Be not deceived by unrighteousness.

1 John 3:7

Little children, make sure no one deceives you; the one who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous;

The children of God and the children of the devil have their distinct characters. The seed of the serpent are known by neglect of religion, and by their hating real Christians. He only is righteous before God, as a justified believer, who is taught and disposed to righteousness by the Holy Spirit.

The righteous mediate in God's law.

Psalm 1:2

But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and in His law he meditates day and night.

To meditate in God's word, is to discourse with ourselves concerning the great things contained in it, with close application of mind and fixedness of thought. We must have constant regard to the word of God, as the rule of our actions, and the spring of our comforts; and have it in our thoughts night and day. For this purpose no time is amiss.

Chapter 6

Believers must demonstrate godly conduct.

Psalm 24:4

He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who has not lifted up his soul to falsehood and has not sworn deceitfully.

A soul that knows and considers its own nature, and that it must live forever, when it has viewed the earth and the fullness thereof, will sit down unsatisfied. It will think of ascending toward God, and will ask, what shall I do, that I may abide in that happy, holy place, where he makes his people holy and happy? We make nothing of religion, if we do not make heart-work of it.

Law of Lord must be within the heart.

Psalm 40:8

I delight to do your will, O my God; Your Law is within my heart."

Now the purchase of our salvation is made, the proclamation is sent forth, calling us to come and accept it. It was preached freely and openly. Whoever undertook to preach the gospel of Christ, would be under great temptation to conceal it; but Christ, and those he calls to that work, are carried on in it.

Perform the Lord's statutes.

Psalm 119:111-112

I have inherited your testimonies forever, for they are the joy of my heart. I have inclined my heart to perform your statutes forever, even to the end.

To doubt of our own wisdom and strength, and to depend upon God, proves the purpose of holiness is sincere. God's word is treasure worth laying up, and there is no laying it up safe but in our hearts, that we may oppose God's precepts to the dominion of sin, his promises to its allurements, and his threatenings to its violence

The pure in heart shall see God.

Matthew 5:8

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

Those that mourn are happy. That godly sorrow which worketh true repentance, watchfulness, a humble mind, and continual dependence for acceptance on the mercy of God in Christ Jesus, with constant seeking the Holy Spirit, to cleanse away the remaining evil, seems here to be intended. Heaven is the joy of our Lord; a mountain of joy, to which our way is through a vale of tears. Such mourners shall be comforted by their God.

Think on the things worthy of praise.

Philippians 4:8

Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things.

The way to have the God of peace with us, is to keep close to our duty. All our privileges and salvation arise in the free mercy of God; yet the enjoyment of them depends on our sincere and holy conduct. These are works of God, pertaining to God, and to him only are they to be ascribed, and to no other, neither men, words, nor deeds.

Keep watch over the door of your lips.

Psalm 141:3

Set a guard, O LORD, over my mouth; Keep watch over the door of my lips.

Sinners pretend to find dainties in sin; but those that consider how soon sin will turn into bitterness, will dread such dainties, and pray to God to take them out of their sight, and by his grace to turn their hearts against them. Good men pray against the sweets of sin.

Let deceitful speech be far from you.

Proverbs 4:24

Put away from you a deceitful mouth and put devious speech far from you.

Above all, we should seek from the Lord Jesus that living water, the sanctifying Spirit, issuing forth unto everlasting life. Thus we shall be enabled to put away a froward mouth and perverse lips; our eyes will be turned from beholding vanity, looking straight forward, and walking by the rule of God's word, treading in the steps of our Lord and Master. Lord, forgive the past, and enable us to follow thee more closely for the time to come.

Speak truth to everyone.

Ephesians 4:25

Therefore, laying aside falsehood, speak truth to each one of you, to his neighbor, we are members of one another.

Take heed of everything contrary to truth. No longer flatter or deceive others. God's people are children who will not lie, who dare not lie, who hate and abhor lying.

For long life, refrain your tongue from evil.

1 Peter 3:10

For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile:

If any man desires to live comfortably on earth, or to possess eternal life in heaven, he must bridle his tongue from wicked, abusive, or deceitful words. He must forsake and keep far from evil actions, do all the good he can, and seek peace with all men. For God, all-wise and everywhere present, watches over the righteous, and takes care of them.

The Lord requires justice and kindness.

Micah 6:8

He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, to love kindness, And to walk humbly with your God?

Every thought within us must be brought down, to be brought into obedience to God, if we would walk comfortably with him. We must do this as penitent sinners, in dependence on the Redeemer and his atonement. Blessed be the Lord that he is ever ready to give his grace to the humble, waiting penitent.

Chapter 7

The Lord is just as he commanded us.

Deuteronomy 6:25

"It will be righteousness for us if we are careful to observe all this commandment before the LORD our God, just as He commanded us.

The gospel honours the law, not only in the perfect obedience of the Son of God, the Lord Jesus Christ; but in that it is a plan for bringing back apostate rebels and enemies, by repentance, faith, forgiveness, and renewing grace, to love God above all things, even in this world; and in the world above, to love him perfectly, even as angels love him.

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The Lord desires justice.

Proverbs 21:3

To do righteousness and justice is desired by the LORD more than sacrifice.

Many deceive themselves with a conceit that outward devotions will excuse unrighteousness

The refuge of the just shall be impermeable rock.

Isaiah 33:15-16

He who walks righteously and speaks with sincerity, he who rejects unjust gain and shakes his hands so that they hold no bribe;

He who stops his ears from hearing about bloodshed and shuts his eyes from looking upon evil; He will dwell on the heights, His refuge will be the impregnable rock; His bread will be given him, His water will be sure.

The true believer watches against all occasions of sin. The Divine power will keep him safe, and his faith in that power will keep him easy. He shall want nothing needful for him.

Every blessing of salvation is freely bestowed on all that ask with humble, believing prayer; and the believer is safe in time and forever

Always maintain a blameless conscience.

Acts 24:16

"In view of this, I also do my best to maintain always a blameless conscience both before God and before men.

Prophets and their doctrines were to be tried by their fruits. Paul's aim was to have a conscience void of offence. His care and endeavour was to abstain from many things, and to abound in the exercises of religion at all times; both towards God.

Job was blameless and upright.

Job 1:8

The LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job? For there is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, fearing God and turning away from evil."

How far his influence may extend, we cannot say; but probably much unsteadiness and unhappiness in Christians may be ascribed to him. While we are on this earth we are within his reach. Hence it concerns us to be sober and vigilant.

David administered justice to all the people.

2 Samuel 8:15

So David reigned over all Israel; and David administered justice and righteousness for all his people.

David neither did wrong, nor denied or delayed right to any. This speaks his close application to business; also his readiness to admit all addresses and appeals made to him. He had no respect of persons in judgment. Herein he was a type of Christ.

There is laid up a crown of righteousness.

2 Timothy 4:8

In the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing.

The believer, amidst poverty, pain, sickness, and the agonies of death, may rejoice; but if the duties of a man's place and station are neglected, his evidence of interest in Christ will be darkened, and uncertainty and distress may be expected to cloud and harass his last hours.

The upright shall shine as the stars.

Daniel 12:3

"Those who have insight will shine brightly like the brightness of the expanse of heaven, and those who lead the many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.

Michael signifies, "Who is like God," and his name, with the title of "the great Prince," points out the Divine Saviour. Christ stood for the children of our people in their stead as a sacrifice, bore the curse for them, to bear it from them. He stands for them in pleading for them at the throne of grace. And after the destruction of antichrist, the Lord Jesus shall stand at the latter day upon the earth; and He shall appear for the complete redemption of all his people.

When God works deliverance from persecution for them, it is as life from the dead. When his gospel is preached, many who sleep in the dust, both Jews and Gentiles, shall be awakened by it out of their heathenism of Judaism. And in the end the multitude that sleep in the dust shall awake; many shall arise to life, and many to shame. There is glory reserved for all the saints in the future state, for all that are wise, wise for their souls and eternity.

Those who turn many to righteousness, who turn sinners from the errors of their ways, and help to save their souls from death, Jas 5:20, will share in the glory of those they have helped to heaven, which will add to their own glory.

To ask Jesus to come into your heart please pray this Prayer:

Dear Lord Jesus, I believe you are the Christ, the Son of the Living God. I ask you to forgive me of my sins and coming into my heart. I accept you as savior and will follow you as Lord. Amen.

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