

# GOD IS JUST AND RIGHTEOUS

## Lesson 17

**Just:** *fair and impartial; equal treatment under the law; care for ill-treated and oppressed people.*

**Righteous:** *upright, holy in principles and affections of the heart; right relationships, wherever they are. Root word: straight.*

*Note: Justice and Righteousness are often translated interchangeably in Scripture, but there are nuanced differences between the words.*

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<p><b>Gen. 18:25</b> Will not the Judge of all the earth do right?"</p>			
<p><b>Micah 6:6-8</b> With what shall I come before the LORD and bow down before the exalted God? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? <sup>7</sup> Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of olive oil? Shall I offer my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? <sup>8</sup> 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<sup>[a]</sup> with your God.  <i>a. Or "prudently"</i></p>			

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<p><b>Psalm 101:1-8</b></p> <p>I will sing of your love and justice; to you, LORD, I will sing praise.</p> <p><sup>2</sup> I will be careful to lead a blameless life— when will you come to me? I will conduct the affairs of my house with a blameless heart.</p> <p><sup>3</sup> I will not look with approval on anything that is vile. I hate what faithless people do; I will have no part in it.</p> <p><sup>4</sup> The perverse of heart shall be far from me; I will have nothing to do with what is evil.</p> <p><sup>5</sup> Whoever slanders their neighbor in secret, I will put to silence; whoever has haughty eyes and a proud heart, I will not tolerate.</p> <p><sup>6</sup> My eyes will be on the faithful in the land, that they may dwell with me; the one whose walk is blameless will minister to me.</p> <p><sup>7</sup> No one who practices deceit will dwell in my house; no one who speaks falsely will stand in my presence.</p> <p><sup>8</sup> Every morning I will put to silence all the wicked in the land; I will cut off every evildoer from the city of the LORD.</p>			

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<p><b>Matt. 16:21-28</b></p> <p>From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.</p> <p><sup>22</sup> Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. "Never, Lord!" he said. "This shall never happen to you!"</p> <p><sup>23</sup> Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns."</p> <p><sup>24</sup> Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>25</sup> For whoever wants to save their life<sup>a</sup> will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. <sup>26</sup> What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? <sup>27</sup> For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father's glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what they have done. <sup>28</sup> "Truly I tell you, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."</p> <p><i>a. The Greek word means either "life" or "soul"; also in verse 26.</i></p>			

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<p><b>Hebrews 10:30</b>                      For we know him who said, "It is mine to avenge; I will repay,"<sup>[a]</sup> and again, "The Lord will judge his people."<sup>[b]</sup>  <i>a. Deut. 32:35</i>  <i>b. Deut. 32:36; Psalm 135:14</i></p>			
<p><b>What other scriptures come to mind?</b></p>			

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### **Reflections**

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Isaiah 1:17

James 2:15-16

For a follower of Jesus, “justice” includes being concerned for what is happening to others. What are some practical ways that believers can “live justly”?

Tell of a time when your words were not just or righteous. What were the consequences? What would you do differently if that same situation were to arise now?

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### **Lecture Notes**

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### **Prayer Requests**

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