

## God Is Just And Fair

JEREMIAH 9:24 KJV

24 But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the LORD which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these things I delight, saith the LORD.

PSALM 97:2 KJV

2 Clouds and darkness are round about him: righteousness and judgment are the habitation of his throne.

Most recent translations render the word "judgment" in the verses above as "justice." So if you know and understand God, you will realize that God delights in justice. The very foundation of God's rule is righteousness and justice.

PSALM 89:14 KJV

14 Justice and judgment are the habitation of thy throne: mercy and truth shall go before thy face.

God is the author of justice. It all stems from Him. God is the source from which we got the very idea of justice.

The reason why all humans -- even little children -- naturally feel that fairness and justice are right is because we were created this way -- in the image of God.

The idea that God would ever commit any act of injustice is unthinkable.

Fairness, justice, righteousness. They all have a similar meaning. They mean doing what is right.

JOB 37:23 KJV

23 Touching the Almighty, we cannot find him out: he is excellent in power, and in judgment, and in plenty of justice: he will not afflict.

PROVERBS 21:3 KJV

3 To do justice and judgment is more acceptable to the LORD than sacrifice.

DEUTERONOMY 32:4 KJV

4 He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he.

ROMANS 2:6 KJV

6 Who will render to every man according to his deeds:

ISAIAH 45:21-23 KJV

21 Tell ye, and bring them near; yea, let them take counsel together: who hath declared this from ancient time? who hath told it from that time? have not I the LORD? and there is no God else beside me; a just God and a Saviour; there is none beside me.

22 Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else.

23 I have sworn by myself, the word is gone out of my mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, That unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear.

In Isaiah 45:21 God specifically says He is a just God. And yet, if all we got was justice, we would all be in big trouble, for as the Bible declares, we have all fallen short of God's perfect standard. How wonderful it is to know that not only is God just, but He is also a Savior!

God also is merciful, so His justice is affected by His mercy, without being diminished by it.

MICAH 7:18 KJV

18 Who is a God like unto thee, that pardoneth iniquity, and passeth by the transgression of the remnant of his heritage? he retaineth not his anger for ever, because he delighteth in mercy.

LAMENTATIONS 3:31-33 KJV

31 For the Lord will not cast off for ever:

32 But though he cause grief, yet will he have compassion according to the multitude of his mercies.

33 For he doth not afflict willingly nor grieve the children of men.

## **God's Laws**

God's desire for justice and fairness for all people is demonstrated in the laws God gave to the Israelites. Here are a few examples.

LEVITICUS 19:35-37 KJV

35 Ye shall do no unrighteousness in judgment, in meteyard, in weight, or in measure.

36 Just balances, just weights, a just ephah, and a just hin, shall ye have: I am the LORD your God, which brought you out of the land of Egypt.

37 Therefore shall ye observe all my statutes, and all my judgments, and do them: I am the LORD.

LEVITICUS 24:19-20 KJV

19 And if a man cause a blemish in his neighbour; as he hath done, so shall it be done to him;

20 Breach for breach, eye for eye, tooth for tooth: as he hath caused a blemish in a man, so shall it be done to him again.

DEUTERONOMY 16:20 KJV

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

## **In Righteousness Jesus Judges**

REVELATION 19:11 KJV

11 And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.

Oh, what a wonderful verse! Jesus is faithful! Jesus never lies! And "in righteousness he doth judge"!

Jesus can be trusted to judge in fairness, justice, and righteousness.

ACTS 17:31 KJV

31 Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead.

ISAIAH 9:7 KJV

7 Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

JEREMIAH 23:5-6 KJV

5 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth.

6 In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this is his name whereby he shall be called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.

HEBREWS 1:8 KJV

8 But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom.

There are those who claim Jesus will sentence untold millions to a fiery pit of torment for eternity simply because they never heard the Gospel message before their death. But any child knows that is not just. And now that you have been shown the Bible does not teach that, I trust you will quit believing it. The proper response to this knowledge is to love Jesus and desire to obey Him -- and to share the Good News about Him with everyone.

## **Not Like God**

JEREMIAH 7:31 KJV

31 And they have built the high places of Tophet, which is in the valley of the son of Hinnom, to burn their sons and their daughters in the fire; which I commanded them not, neither came it into my heart.

In Jeremiah 7:31 God seems to indicate that such a horrible thing as burning sons and daughters never even entered His mind. If God thought it was horrible for the people to burn their sons and daughters in fire, would God think it was acceptable for Him to do the same?

No one truly believes eternal suffering in hell is a just and fair punishment for someone who had no chance in this life to even hear about Jesus. So at its heart, the traditional teaching about hell being a place of never-ending torment is an attack on God's character.