



Proverbs
Justice and Judgment
(Generous Justice)



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The Big Questions?

Justice and Judgment deal with many questions:

- * Do you fear God?
- * Do you care for people?
- * Are you a protector or Exploiter?





Justice, Judgment and the Gospel

Justice - Is conformity to truth, fact, or fairness. Having the right thing done.

Righteousness - Doing the right thing

“Biblical justice concerns distribution in order to make sure that all members of the community have access to resources and good for the sake of a viable life of dignity”.
Walter Brueggemann

Biblical justice is taking care of each other.





Justice, Judgment and the Gospel

Judgment is a formal decision given by a court (unguilty, guilty) legal language.

God's Justice is the motivating factor behind is judgement.

Understanding Biblical Judgement

Biblical judgment is:

1. The hope that what is now ambiguous will resolve itself in the end, and the advance of good over evil will decisively win out.
2. That moment of God asserting – “I am God and this is my way” – it is when good triumphs over evil.
3. A belief in a righteous God and he will make all things right.

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Judgment and the Gospel

PRO 19:29 Condemnation is ready for scoffers, and beating for the backs of fools.

PRO 21:7 The violence of the wicked will sweep them away, because they refuse to do what is just.





Justice, Judgment and the Gospel

Who Determines what is right?

- God Alone determines what is right
- It is defined and Measured by Jesus

Jn 3:18 18 Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

PRO 17:23 The wicked accepts a bribe in secret to pervert the ways of justice.

PRO 17:26 To impose a fine on a righteous man is not good, nor to strike the noble for their uprightness.

PRO 18:5 It is not good to be partial to the wicked or to deprive the righteous of justice.

PRO 18:13 If one gives an answer before he hears, it is his folly and shame.





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PRO 18:17 The one who states his case first seems right, until the other comes and examines him.

PRO 19:28 A worthless witness mocks at justice, and the mouth of the wicked devours iniquity.

PRO 13:23 The fallow ground of the poor would yield much food, but it is swept away through injustice.

PRO 24:23 These also are sayings of the wise. Partiality in judging is not good.

PRO 28:21 To show partiality is not good, but for a piece of bread a man will do wrong.





Justice and the Gospel

-God does not overlook sin; He takes it seriously, so He kills His Son

-God's justice protects and advances His Holiness





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PRO 11:1 A false balance is an abomination to the Lord, but a just weight is his delight.

PRO 20:7 The righteous who walks in his integrity— blessed are his children after him!

PRO 21:3 To do righteousness and justice is more acceptable to the Lord than sacrifice.





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PRO 21:15 When justice is done, it is a joy to the righteous but terror to evildoers.

PRO 29:14 If a king faithfully judges the poor, his throne will be established forever.

PRO 31:8 Open your mouth for the mute, for the rights of all who are destitute.





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Justification and Justice

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Justification - Being made right by faith

The Danger:

- High sense "justification" but Low sense of God's Justice
- Justice is a major sign of Justification: Communal Justice (Both external and eternal)
 - The Immigrant, Widow, Orphan and Poor





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Justification and Justice

PRO 20:10 Unequal weights and unequal measures are both alike an abomination to the Lord.

PRO 21:13 Whoever closes his ear to the cry of the poor will himself call out and not be answered.

PRO 22:28 Do not move the ancient landmark that your fathers have set.

PRO 23:10 Do not move an ancient landmark or enter the fields of the fatherless





Justice, Judgment and the Gospel

What are the displays of works celebrated in the Bible?

How you treat people!

Worldly treatment of people says you don't get the Gospel





Justice, Judgment and the Gospel

Internal Justice we can lack because of external fervor

- God is serious about Holiness

Balance: Communal Justice

High regard for God's Standards, and not self righteous while upholding those standards.



How do we work on this?

Trusting God's Sovereignty

James 1:19-10

9 Let the lowly brother boast in his exaltation, 10 and the rich in his humiliation, because like a flower of the grass he will pass away.



How do we work on this?

PRO 16:33 The lot is cast into the lap, but it's every decision is from the LORD

PRO 16:11 A just balance and scales are the LORD's; all the weights in the bag are his work.

PRO 29:26 Many seek the face of a ruler, but it is from the LORD that a man gets justice

