



Real Justice

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Isa. 1:21-31

21 How the faithful city has become a harlot! It was full of justice; Righteousness lodged in it, but now murderers. 22 Your silver has become dross, your wine mixed with water. 23 Your princes are rebellious, and companions of thieves; Everyone loves bribes, and follows after rewards. They do not defend the fatherless, nor does the cause of the widow come before them.

24 Therefore the Lord says, The LORD of hosts, the Mighty One of Israel, "Ah, I will rid Myself of My adversaries, and take vengeance on My enemies. 25 I will turn My hand against you, and thoroughly purge away your dross, and take away all your alloy. 26 I will restore your judges as at the first, and your counselors as at the beginning. Afterward you shall be called the city of righteousness, the faithful city." 27 Zion shall be redeemed with justice, and her penitents with righteousness. 28 The destruction of transgressors and of sinners shall be together, and those who forsake the LORD shall be consumed.

29 For they shall be ashamed of the terebinth trees which you have desired; And you shall be embarrassed because of the gardens which you have chosen. 30 For you shall be as a terebinth whose leaf fades, and as a garden that has no water. 31 The strong shall be as tinder, and the work of it as a spark; Both will burn together, and no one shall quench them.

(Isaiah 1:21-31 NKJV)

I. How did Israel Fail at a Social Level?

- (vv21-23).

II. What Caused It?

- (vv29-31).

III. What are the Consequences?

- (vv24-28).

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IV. Comparison:

God's Justice:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Social Justice:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

V. Final Take Away:

VI. What Justice is God For?

1. God is for everyone being treated equally under the law.
2. God is for the truth being revealed.
3. God is for each person being judged by their actions, not by their skin color, gender, if they are rich or poor, or any other subjective reason.
4. God is for the outcome of justice to bring restoration to the injured.
5. God is for the outcome of justice to bring peace and healing.
6. God is for protecting vulnerable groups, like orphans, widows, foreigners and the poor, from being taken advantage of by other people in positions of power.

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