

Promise of Justice

Ps 33:4-5 *For the word of the Lord is upright, and all his work is done in faithfulness.*

⁵ *He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.*

***mispat*: to treat people equitably, to give people their rights, and to judge wrongdoing.**

sedeq =straightness, in a physical sense. But usually rendered righteousness.

“Rightness” things can be “*Tsedeqah*” if they are being used in their intended purpose

If people lived with more ***sedeq***, then we wouldn’t need as much ***mispat***

1. God is Just

a. *Ps 89:14 Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne; love and faithfulness go before you.*

b. God’s nature is just and righteous

2. Humans should be just

a. *Gen 1:27 So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.*

b. *Gen 18:18-19 Abraham will surely become a great and powerful nation, and all nations on earth will be blessed through him. 19 For I have chosen him, so that he will direct his children and his household after him to keep the way of the Lord by doing what is right and just, so that the Lord will bring about for Abraham what he has promised him.”*

c. **God has imprinted justice and righteousness on our hearts.**

3. Humans cannot be just (Isaiah 1:1-18)

a. So, what does it mean to practice justice in your daily life?

i. Practicing justice is “loving our neighbor as ourselves.”

1. Living justly is “doing what is right because it is right.”

b. We should **NOT** criticize and attack one another about the things that we feel convicted about.

c. We should **NOT** politicize the Bible’s view on Justice.

d. Humans cannot justify themselves

4. God is Just and the justifier

a. The only answer to injustice in the world is the Gospel.