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You call
that *fair*?

Can You See Clearly?
Part 2



***Why does God allow bad things
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"Far be it from You to do such a thing as this, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous should be as the wicked; far be it from You! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?" Genesis 18:25



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"Why does the way of the wicked prosper? Why are those happy who deal so treacherously?"

Jeremiah 12:1



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**God doesn't have to meet
our idea of justice,
HE IS JUST**



God's Justice Through History





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"The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance" 2 Peter 3:9



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**In order to see justice,
I must wait till THE END!**



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"all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" Romans 3:23

"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Romans 6:23



How Does God's Justice Work?

"The LORD reigns; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of isles be glad! Clouds and darkness surround Him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of His throne." Psalm 97:1-2

How Does God's Justice Work?

"The scepter of the wicked will not remain over the land allotted to the righteous, for then the righteous might use their hands to do evil. Do good, O LORD, to those who are good, to those who are upright in heart. But those who turn to crooked ways the LORD will banish with the evildoers." Psalm 125:3-5

How Does God's Justice Work?

Justice requires **RETRIBUTION**

"But you are treasuring up for yourself wrath in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God, who "will render to each one according to his deeds"... For there is no partiality with God." Romans 2:5-6, 11



Where is love?



Where is love? AT THE CROSS

"[Jesus] whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed, to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus." Romans 3:25-26



Where is love? AT THE CROSS

"Mercy and truth have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed." Psalm 85:11

**God is the JUST
and the JUSTIFIER**



How to Respond to God's Justice

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1. **REPENT**

"Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy. For there is nothing covered that will not be revealed, nor hidden that will not be known." Luke 12:1-2

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"And whoever gives one of these little ones only a cup of cold water in the name of a disciple, assuredly, I say to you, he shall by no means lose his reward."

Matthew 10:42

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"And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment," Hebrews 9:27

How to Respond to God's Justice

2. Refuse to seek **REVENGE**

"There is one Lawgiver, who is able to save and to destroy. Who are you to judge another?" James 4:12

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2. Refuse to seek **REVENGE**

"Repay no one evil for evil... Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord...Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good." Romans 12:17-21

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"who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously;" 1 Peter 2:23

How to Respond to God's Justice

3. Relax in God's JUSTICE

See Psalm 73

Psalm 73

Truly God is good to Israel, to such as are pure in heart. But as for me, my feet had almost stumbled; my steps had nearly slipped. For I was envious of the boastful, when I saw the prosperity of the wicked...Behold, these are the ungodly, who are always at ease; they increase in riches. Surely I have cleansed my heart in vain, and washed my hands in innocence. For all day long I have been plagued, and chastened every morning...

Psalm 73

When I thought how to understand this, it was too painful for me — until I went into the sanctuary of God; then I understood their end.



Is God Ever Unfair?



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"But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8