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God is Perfect Justice and Mercy

Various Passages

Divisions

I. God is Just

II. God is Merciful

III. God is Our All in All

The same God exercises judgment and extends mercy to undeserving sinners.

Justice

“In the Hebrew and Greek Scriptures, the term for justice is uniformly translated by the same words, righteous or righteousness. Hence, justice has to do with right conduct; it has deep ethical and moral connotations.

God is the standard and expression of justice (right, righteousness). He alone understands right and equity beyond the grasp of mortals because that is what He is.

Because God is righteous, ...and because God is sovereign, He is the defender of Justice. With absolute unchangeableness of character, He establishes [Justice] and defends [Justice] against all those who would seek to pervert [Justice].”

Passages to consider - Justice

- Genesis 18:25 "Will not the judge of all the earth do right?"
- Psalm 103:6 "The Lord works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed."
- Job 37:23 "The Almighty is beyond our reach and exalted in power. In His justice and great righteousness, He does not oppress."
- Romans 12:19 "Do not take revenge, my dear friend, but leave room for God's wrath for it is written, 'It is mine to avenge. I will repay,' says the Lord."
- II Timothy 4:8, "Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for His appearing."

PRINCIPLE

God displays His righteous justice in His judgment of sinners.

IN WHAT UNJUST SITUATION WILL YOU TRUST GOD TO BRING JUSTICE?

APPLICATIONS

WILL YOU SUBMIT TO HIS TIME AND HIS WAY TO MAKE IT “RIGHT”?

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Mercy

“That benevolence, mildness, or tenderness of heart that disposes a person to overlook injuries, to temper justice, to forgive or forebear punishment.

Mercy is not only a disposition in light of an offense; it is an action of favor and regard in spite of offense. Therefore, it might be said that mercy is an attitude, expressed in action, that to the perpetration of wrong with forgiveness, gentleness and kindness.

Mercy is a Biblical obligation that grows out of a debt that we owed that another paid. Mercy is not a native disposition in us since the fall of Adam; it must be implanted as a gift; because it is a gift, we have a duty.

Mercy is integral to the very being of God because His nature is perfect. Mercy does not have an external cause with God simply because all of God’s actions arise from within His being.”

Passages to consider - Mercy

- Daniel 9:9 The Lord our God is merciful and forgiving even though we have rebelled against Him.
- I Peter 5:5 For God is opposed to the proud but gives grace to the humble. The eyes of the Lord search everywhere to see the hearts that are inclined to Him.
- Romans 9:15-16 I will have mercy on whom I have mercy and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion. It does not therefore depend on human desire or effort but on God's mercy.
- Isaiah 65:1-2 I revealed myself to those who did not ask for me; I was found by those who did not seek me. To a nation that did not call on my name, I said, 'Here am I, here am I.' All day long I have held out my hands to an obstinate people who walk in ways not good, pursuing their own imaginations.
- Luke 18:13 But the tax collector, standing some distance away, was even unwilling to lift up his eyes to heaven, but was beating his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, the sinner!'
- Ephesians 2:4 But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us,...
- Psalm 28:6-7 Praise be to the Lord for He has heard my cry for mercy. The Lord is my strength and my shield. My heart trusts in Him and He helps me. My heart leaps for joy and with my song, I praise Him.
- Lamentations 3:22-23 The steadfast love of the Lord never changes. His mercies never come to an end. They are new every morning. Great is your faithfulness.

PRINCIPLE

God displays His mercy in His compassion toward sinners.

APPLICATIONS

WHAT DOES GOD'S MERCY LOOK LIKE IN YOUR LIFE TODAY?

FOR WHAT PERSONAL BROKENNESS WILL YOU TRUST GOD'S MERCY TOWARD HIS CHILDREN?

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Passages to consider – God is ALL in ALL

- II Corinthians 5:21 God made him who had no sin to be sin for us so that in him, we might become the righteousness of God.
- Jeremiah 9:24 “But let him who boasts boast in this: that he understands and knows me, that I am the Lord, who practices steadfast love, justice and righteousness on the earth, for in these things I delight,” declares the Lord.

PRINCIPLE

God's justice and mercy meet at the cross of Christ.

APPLICATIONS

**HOW ARE YOU COMFORTED THAT
GOD'S WRATH TOWARD YOUR SIN IS
SATISFIED IN CHRIST?**

**HOW WILL YOU LIVE IN LIGHT OF
CHRIST'S GREAT SALVATION?**

SUMMARY

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God displays His mercy in His compassion toward sinners.

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**Next Meeting – Revelation 17
The Woman and the Beast**