

Welcome to a presentation on Biblical Justice.

These are speaking notes from one of three presentations on Biblical Justice and do not address the topic comprehensively. In addition, due to time constraints in preparing the presentation I did not have time to review it with others or vet the contents. Consult your bible to test that the materials or concepts we present are accurate.

Prayer -- Lord, as we begin this study, open our hearts to your word, and not the words of the speakers, send the Holy Spirit to guide us.

Mark Twain said It ain't those parts of the Bible that I can't understand that bother me, it is the parts that I do understand.

Today's presentation will include:

- What does the bible have to say about justice
- Exploring our role as God's people and In-Justice in our communities, nation and the world?

Warning -- Subject matter regarding biblical justice is challenging and messy and is capable of leading to uncomfortable moments.

We have tried to employ the use of questions to avoid sermonizing, raising fears or instilling guilt. We want to stimulate thought and conversation.

We will leave you with more questions than answers.

In developing this presentation, we reviewed over 47 sources. (Hold up bible and notebook) Scripture, biblical commentaries (from Logos bible software), articles written by people of faith.

Our sincere hope is that this forum will empower and move us all towards a fuller understanding of biblical justice. As in the case of Jesus Disciple Peter, we no doubt have and will make errors.

Understanding and seeking justice is a lifelong transformation journey led by a deeper understanding of the scriptures, led by the Holy Spirit and by all Christians seeking a greater understanding of our role as God's people.

The hallmarks of which are humility and a deeper hunger for Christ.

We will never get through the materials if we stop for questions or engage in discussions.

We request that you write down any questions or points and hold them to the end.

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Timothy Keller a well-known pastor and author of *Generous Justice* on the topic of justice -- it is

- Connected to a host of thorny questions about the nature of the gospel, good deeds, church and state, and more.
- Is difficult emotionally and spiritually.
- our hearts are small and reluctant to make sacrifices for others, and our hearts are also susceptible to legalistic and misplaced guilt.

He said many have tried to navigate these treacherous waters only to crash their vessels into one of the rocks. Troy Faith and I have struggled mightily in how to present this material. Both of us have said if we knew what we were getting into – we might have declined. Please be gentle with us.

No one biblical story tells the whole story of justice; it is extensively presented throughout the scriptures.

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For a person who is not aware that he is doing anything wrong has no desire to be put right. You have to catch yourself doing it before you can reform. —

Sit with us as we explore this broad topic.

Now our own Troy Faith Ward –