

## **JUSTICE IS MERCY**

*“For the Lord disciplines and corrects those whom He loves,  
and He punishes every son  
whom He receives and welcomes [to His heart].”*

Hebrews 12:6

In our country and across the world, we are on the precipice of great changes on so many levels — culturally, politically, economically, spiritually. When Jesus began His ministry He exhorted: *“Repent!”* *“Metanoia!”* Which means to make a transformational change in thinking and action. To do a 180 and return to God.

God allows our free will to roam and reign... to an extent. And then He moves through spiritual law to bring judgement on our free will, in the form of justice. God’s justice is also mercy. It is mercy because the justice provides an opportunity to repent, metanoia, restore our relationship with the One True God and come in line with His Will. So justice is a form of mercy because it is an opportunity to receive God’s forgiveness and mercy, thereby preserving the fate of a soul.

Isaiah Chapter 1 speaks of the fate of nations who disregard the Lord God. It speaks to these current times and fates that will play out. We pray for those who have turned their back on God, have even disdained believers like Saul the Pharisee. We pray for their metanoia, transformational repentance as they experience justice and are offered the opportunity for mercy.

***WE PRAY.....***

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### Justice is the Manifestation of God's Will

- ◆ Dear Lord God, we know that it is spiritual law that as we sow, so shall we reap. Whole nations have sowed rejection of You, nations that were once Christian nations, that are now pagan, atheistic, apathetic to You. Justice brings a destruction of what is; in order for a new earth to be born. We pray for your hand of justice to be as surgically precise as possible, sparing the innocent. At least, spare them the suffering in the purification that comes with justice.
- ◆ We pray that You will convict hearts of the desire to course-correct, the desire to do what is required to enter Your heavenly abode. As Matthew 7:21-23 teaches: *“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?’ And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.’*
- ◆ We proclaim Psalm 89:14 as a purificatory blessing, that *“Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne; steadfast love and faithfulness go before You.”*

### Release Your Judgement On the Wickedness

- ◆ Dear Father God, we know it is your timing and will when, how and to whom You judge for wickedness. We come interceding for the victims of wickedness, cruelty in high and low places, those in positions that have been meting out unjust justice, and cruel and unusual punishment in violation of the 8th Amendment.
- ◆ *“Justice on the wicked is mercy for the righteousness.”* Please Lord God, release your justice on the wicked ones who have come against

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innocent men and women, have attacked your people because they are your people.

- ◆ We pray Psalm 9:16, *“The LORD is known by the judgment He executes; the wicked is snared in the work of his own hands. Selah.”*
- ◆ Lord God, the wicked ones have called good evil and evil good; they are masters of deception and the sons of the father of all lies. Your Word in Romans 1:18 declares: *“For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth.”* Reveal your wrath to reveal their lies.

### Justice Must Come!

- ◆ Heavenly Father, it is hard to see the suffering of people, of whole nations; especially ones that have held such glory. It is sorrowful to see the downfall of nations and peoples. But your word and law are infallible. We take comfort in knowing that justice comes from love and can lead to a re-birth of nations that reunite to your heart. We pray this for Europe. We pray this for America. We pray this for the world family.
- ◆ For Exodus 34:6-7 says: *“The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation.”*

### May They Embrace Your Justice

- ◆ Lord God, if You do not bring justice, there's no possibility for mercy, for redemption and salvation of souls. We pray that those who shall be receiving a hard serving of justice will receive it as a constructive rebuke

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and truly change their wicked ways, will truly return to You. We pray this for whole nations as well.

- ◆ For Proverbs 3:11-12 advises: *“My son, do not despise the Lord’s discipline, and do not resent his rebuke, because the Lord disciplines those he loves, as a father the son he delights in.”*
- ◆ We are consoled and also pray for the consolation of others, that You prune us and discipline us as part of justice to bring us closer to you; as John 15:2 says: *“Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit.”*
- ◆ Hosea 5:15 speaks to those coming into your justice: *“Until they have borne their guilt and seek my face— in their misery they will earnestly seek me.”* Lord God, let your *judgments go forth like the sun*, according to Hosea 6:5-6; especially to the warmongers, those filled with the antichrist spirit, those oppressing and killing your sons and daughters. Mercy Heavenly Father! Mercy on your martyrs!

### **A King That Settles Accounts**

- ◆ Lord God Adonai, YOU are the king that settles accounts. How people have made a mockery of You and your creations! How they have made a mockery of your lovingkindness and generosity! Oh Lord God, we are so sorry! For Galatians 6:7 warns: *“Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap.”*
- ◆ Matthew 18:32-35 brings a sober lesson in the settling of accounts: *“‘I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. Shouldn’t you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?’ In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed. This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”*

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### Mercy Begets Mercy

- ◆ Holy Father God, Matthew Chapter 18 teaches us that as You give us mercy, we are called to give mercy to others. We pray that for all those You shower mercy upon in these days of judgement and justice, that You will soften their hearts and convict them to give mercy to those who have hurt them. We pray that they will *be merciful, even as our Father is merciful*, according to Luke 6:36.
- ◆ James 2:13 admonishes us: *“For judgment is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.”* So Father God, *“Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting,”* according to Psalm 139:23-24.

### Justice On Nations

- ◆ Dear Heavenly Father, there are whole nations that have not only rejected You, but embraced your nemesis, embraced witchcraft, evil and unspeakable perversities that destroy your precious creations. We ask for your hand of justice on these nations, to bring mercy to their victims.
- ◆ For Revelations 19:15 declares: *“From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron. He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty.”*
- ◆ We proclaim Psalm 11:7, *“For the Lord is righteous, He loves justice; the upright will see his face.”*

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### Sealing Prayer:

*"Lift up your voice with a shout, lift it up, do not be afraid;*

*'Here is your God!'*

*See, the Sovereign Lord comes with power,  
and he rules with a mighty arm.*

*See, his reward is with him,  
and his recompense accompanies him.*

*He tends his flock like a shepherd:*

*He gathers the lambs in his arms  
and carries them close to his heart;  
he gently leads those that have young.*

*Who can fathom the Spirit of the Lord,  
or instruct the Lord as his counselor?*

*Surely the nations are like a drop in a bucket;  
they are regarded as dust on the scales;  
he weighs the islands as though they were fine dust.*

*'To whom will you compare me?*

*Or who is my equal?' says the Holy One.*

*The Lord is the everlasting God,  
the Creator of the ends of the earth.*

*He will not grow tired or weary,  
and his understanding no one can fathom.*

*He gives strength to the weary  
and increases the power of the weak.*

*Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength.*

*They will soar on wings like eagles;  
they will run and not grow weary,  
they will walk and not be faint."*

*Isaiah 40:9-11; 13; 15; 25; 28-29; 31*