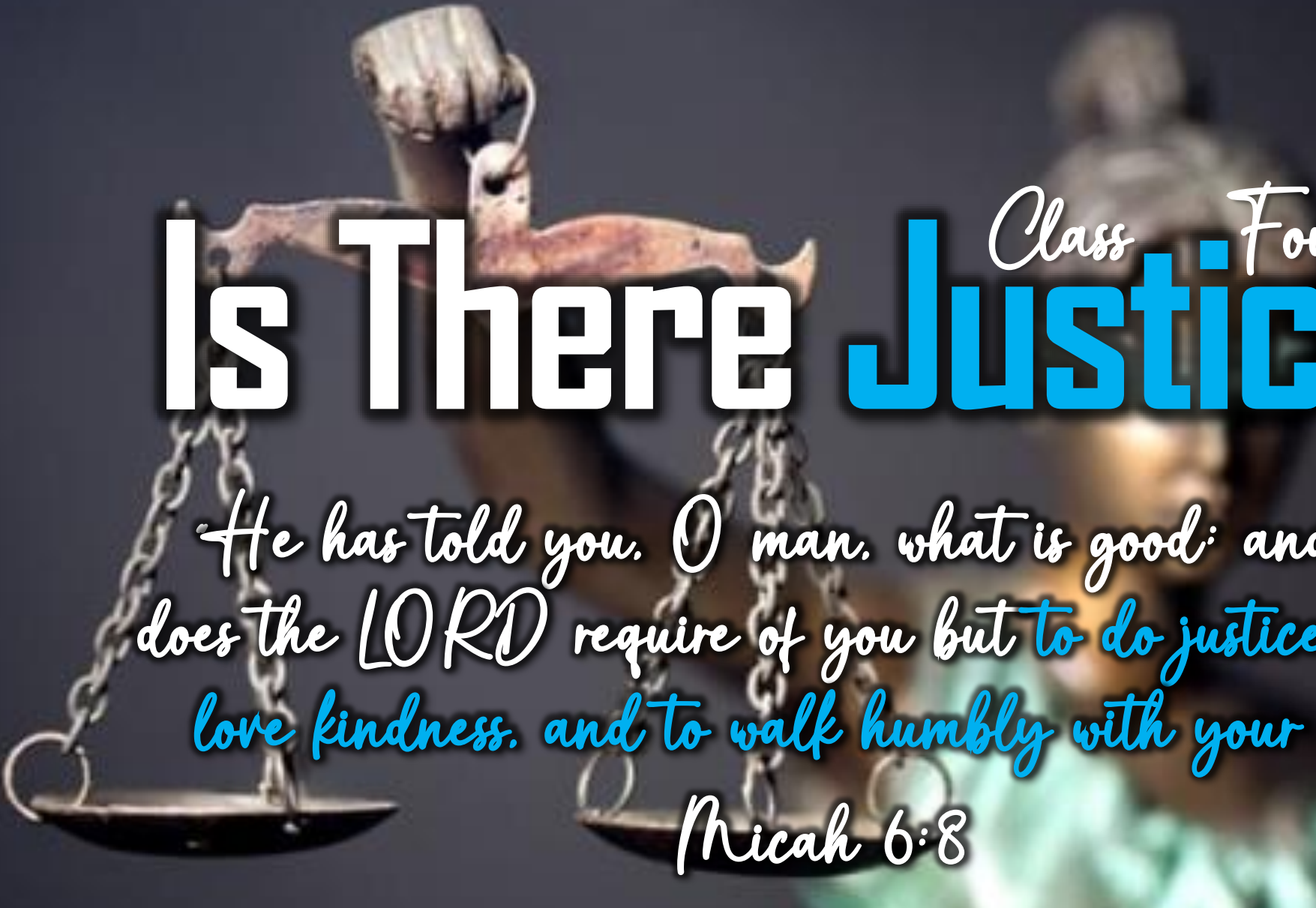




Is There ^{Class Four} Justice?

He has told you, O man, what is good: and what
does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to
love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Micah 6:8

Social Justice in the Law

- **Social Welfare:** Care for the Poor and Disadvantaged
 - Deut 15:8 “and shalt surely lend him sufficient for his need”
 - Lev 19:10 “thou shalt leave them for the poor and stranger”
- **Redistribution of Wealth:** Year of Release and Sabbatical
 - Lev 25:13 ye shall return every man unto his possession
- **Legal Justice System:** Fair wages, fair judgement
 - Deu 24:15 You shall give him his wages on the same day
 - Deu 24:17 “You shall not pervert the justice due to the sojourner
 - Deu 16:19 You shall not pervert justice. You shall not show partiality

Social Justice in The Bible

- The OT Prophets of Gods word spoke about justice
 - Micah 6:8 He (God) has told you, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God? (circa 700 BC)
- Mercy was a hallmark of Gods principles
 - Isaiah 1:17 also emphasizes this expectation: "Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed. Take up the cause of the fatherless; plead the case of the widow."
- Fairness and Equity was promoted in the nation
 - A just balance and scales are the Lord's; all the weights in the bag are his work. Proverbs 16:11

Did Jesus Preach Social Justice?

- Christ preached just principles in the Gospel
 - Matthew 5:3 “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.”
 - Mat 5:44 But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,
- Christ proclaimed judgement on the abusers
 - Mat 25:42 For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink,

What **Changed** with Social Justice?

- Social Ideology Changed...co-opted by Humanism...radical Post Modernism
- Once fringe, anti-social, anti-government, anti-corporate movements have gone mainstream
- Now the Modern social justice movement has clout. 4 kinds of clout.
 - Money. They have financial backing...
 - Many have Political Backing
 - Increasingly Social and Cultural backing
 - They have created Fear to motivate change...

Be not
Ashamed!

Social Justice vs Biblical Justice

- Social Justice and Modern DEI:
 - Instead of celebrating differences DEI emphasizes external characteristics like race, gender, and sexual orientation and excludes other forms of diversity - which promote conflict.
- Biblical view of diversity and inclusion in mankind
 - And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, Act 17:26-27)
 - Jas 2:1 My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory.

Justifying Tolerance and Acceptance

- What does it mean to show tolerance – really?
 - The word "tolerance" refers to the willingness to accept or endure someone else's beliefs, behaviors, or practices that may differ from one's own, without interference or judgment.
- Tolerance often leads to acceptance of the sin
 - Romans 1:32: "Though they know God's righteous decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, they not only do them but give approval to those who practice them."

Social Justice is **Victim Driven**

Why Victim Mentality is Unbiblical:

- Personal Responsibility and Accountability:
 - Galatians 6:5: "For each one should carry their own load."
- Forgiveness and Letting Go:
 - Matthew 6:14-15: "For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you."
- Reconciliation not Retribution:
 - Romans 12:17-21: "Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone"

Social Justice is Cultural & Political

- We cannot contribute to social injustice in any way
 - Romans 12:18-19 reminds us, "If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: 'It is mine to avenge; I will repay,' says the Lord."
- But we cannot be part of any cultural or political movement
 - John 18:36 Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world."

Social Justice and Free Palestine

- Conflicts with historical realities and Gods divine plan
 - Example: The Free Palestine Movement has revised history or ignored it completely to support their narrative
- We can fall prey to the false narrative
 - "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: 'May those who love you be secure. May there be peace within your walls and security within your citadels.'" (Psalm 122:6-7, NIV)

The Issues with Free Gaza Movement

- 1) Supporters of this cause, by extension support Hamas a terrorist organization with intent of wiping Israel off the map.
- 2) From the River to the Sea = they want all of Israel – so Jews have to go/die = Genocide
- 3) The protestors deny or intentionally revise historical facts.
 - 1) This involves denying the historical presence and rights of the Jewish people in Israel
 - 2) Their legal claim on the land supported by the UN in 1948
 - 3) This denial contradicts historical reality
- 4) Claims that Israel is a colonial power forcing Palestinians into isolation are almost laughable.
 - 1) Israel, historically has been ruled and colonized by no less than 6 major global empires –
 - 2) Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Persia, Greece, Romans to name a few and was literally forced from their land in AD70.
- 5) Israel is the only liberal democracy that has even allowed the Palestinian people a form of autonomy
 - 1) Egypt wont open their borders, Jordan doesn't want them.
 - 2) History proves that Palestinians have declined statehood multiple times
- 6) Gaza was given over to the Palestinians in 2005 after Israel removed the remaining settlers (by force)
 - 1) Gazans trashed several industries that Israel left them (farming assets, agriculture, greenhouses etc)
- 7) 2007 Palestinians living in Gaza voted Hamas as their governors
 - 1) Rockets started coming over.
 - 2) Hamas has redirected Billions in aid (from US, UN, Israel) into weapons, and tunnels pockets of the leaders (who live in exile in Qatar)

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Righteousness is Gods Justice

- Biblical Definition: Justice by Gods Righteousness
 - The Lord reigns, let the earth be glad; let the distant shores rejoice. Clouds and thick darkness surround him; **righteousness and justice** are the foundation of his throne. (Psalm 97:1–2,
 - Matthew 6:33: "But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness (**δικαιοσύνη**), and all these things will be given to you as well."

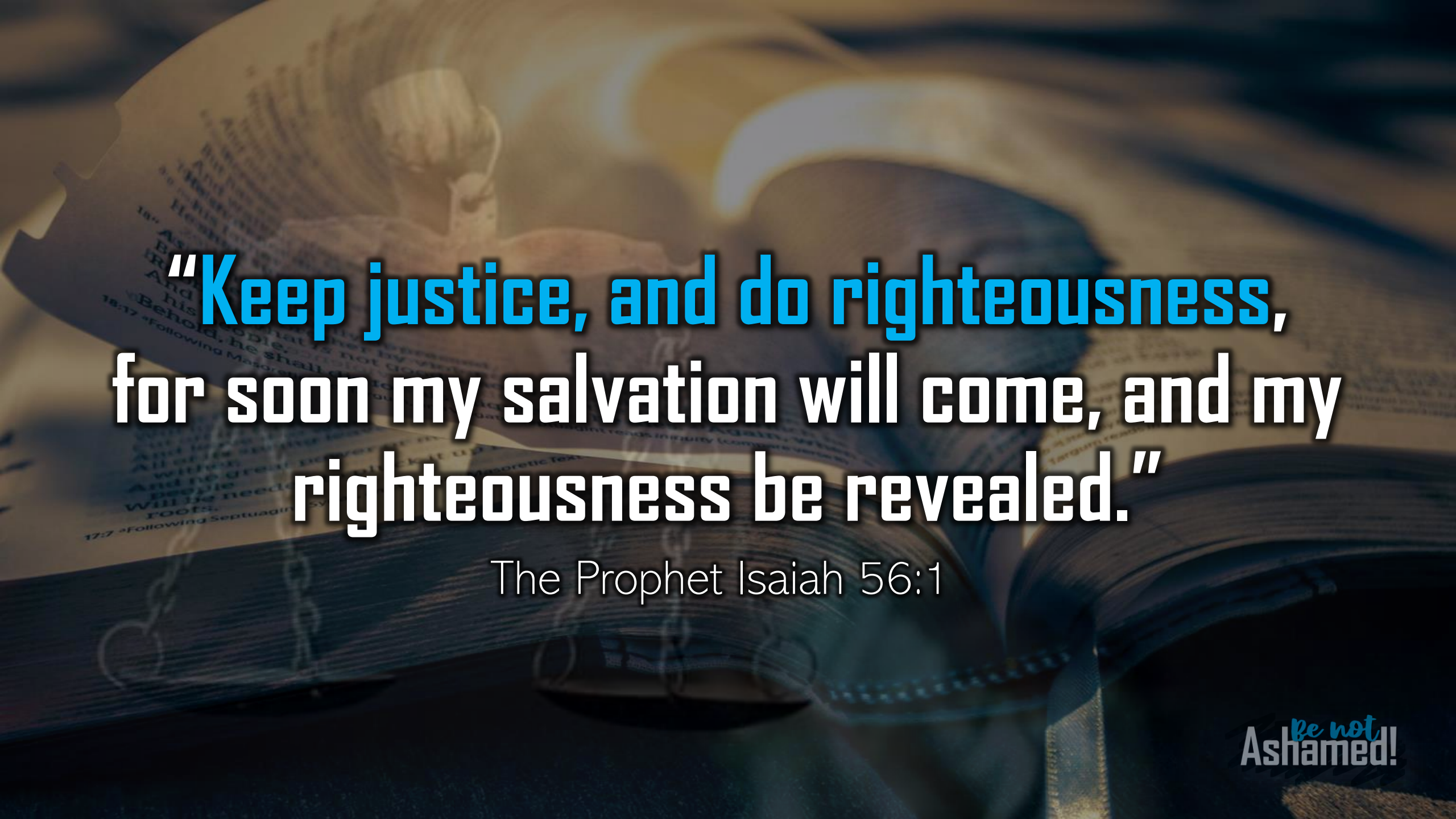
It is Divine Justice that will Save

- Our Mission is to preach the God of divine justice
 - For I will proclaim the name of the LORD; ascribe greatness to our God! "The Rock, his work is perfect, for all his ways are justice. A God of faithfulness and without iniquity, just and upright is he. (Deu 32:3-4)
- To present and live the outcome of Gods Justice
 - Ephesians 2:10 (NIV) "For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

Be Not Ashamed of Gods Justice

1. "Biblical justice is rooted in the character of God and focuses on righteousness and fairness according to God's standards and calls for personal responsibility, mercy, and love. Micah 6:8
2. The Bible teaches that justice must be impartial and that it flows from a relationship with God, not just from human efforts to achieve equality." Lev 19:15

Q: "How do you defend Biblical justice, and stand apart from Modern Social Justice and its unchanging moral standard?"



**"Keep justice, and do righteousness,
for soon my salvation will come, and my
righteousness be revealed."**

The Prophet Isaiah 56:1

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