

**Freedom and Justice through the Church**  
PT 7053  
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# **Biblical Foundations: Old Testament**

Introduction

**God is the \_\_\_\_\_ of justice**

**But we learn that we must \_\_\_\_\_**

***Deuteronomy 16:20 ESV Justice, and only justice, you shall follow, that you may live and inherit the land that the LORD your God is giving you.***

**There are 2 Key Sides to Justice in the Bible:**

- 1.
- 2.

# The Exodus

## Exodus 1:8-14 ESV

[8] Now there arose a new king over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. [9] And he said to his people, “Behold, the people of Israel are too many and too mighty for us. [10] Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, lest they multiply, and, if war breaks out, they join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land.” [11] Therefore they set taskmasters over them to afflict them with heavy burdens. They built for Pharaoh store cities, Pithom and Raamses. [12] But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and the more they spread abroad. And the Egyptians were in dread of the people of Israel. [13] So they ruthlessly made the people of Israel work as slaves [14] and made their lives bitter with hard service, in mortar and brick, and in all kinds of work in the field. In all their work they ruthlessly made them work as slaves.

## Exodus 2:23-25 ESV

[23] During those many days the king of Egypt died, and the people of Israel groaned because of their slavery and cried out for help. Their cry for rescue from slavery came up to God. [24] And God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob. [25] God saw the people of Israel—and God knew.

## Luke 18:7-8 ESV

[7] And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? [8] I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”

# The Psalms

## Psalm 72:4 ESV

[4] May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,  
give deliverance to the children of the needy,  
and crush the oppressor!

## Psalm 82:3-4 ESV

[3] Give justice to the weak and the fatherless;  
maintain the right of the afflicted and the destitute.  
[4] Rescue the weak and the needy;  
deliver them from the hand of the wicked.”

## Psalm 146:5-9 ESV

[5] Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,  
whose hope is in the LORD his God,  
[6] who made heaven and earth,  
the sea, and all that is in them,  
who keeps faith forever;  
[7] who executes justice for the oppressed,  
who gives food to the hungry.  
The LORD sets the prisoners free;  
[8] the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.  
The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;  
the LORD loves the righteous.  
[9] The LORD watches over the sojourners;  
he upholds the widow and the fatherless,  
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

## Psalm 89:14 ESV

[14] Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne;  
steadfast love and faithfulness go before you.

# The Prophets

## Isaiah 59

[14] Justice is turned back,  
and righteousness stands far away;  
for truth has stumbled in the public squares,  
and uprightness cannot enter.

[15] Truth is lacking,  
and he who departs from evil makes himself a prey.  
The LORD saw it, and it displeased him  
that there was no justice.

[16] He saw that there was no man,  
and wondered that there was no one to intercede;  
then his own arm brought him salvation,  
and his righteousness upheld him.

[17] He put on righteousness as a breastplate,  
and a helmet of salvation on his head;  
he put on garments of vengeance for clothing,  
and wrapped himself in zeal as a cloak.

## Isaiah 42

[42:1] Behold my servant, whom I uphold,  
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;  
I have put my Spirit upon him;  
he will bring forth justice to the nations.

[2] He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice,  
or make it heard in the street;

[3] a bruised reed he will not break,  
and a faintly burning wick he will not quench;  
he will faithfully bring forth justice.

[4] He will not grow faint or be discouraged  
till he has established justice in the earth;  
and the coastlands wait for his law.

## **Habakkuk 1**

[2] O LORD, how long shall I cry for help,  
and you will not hear?  
Or cry to you “Violence!”  
and you will not save?

[3] Why do you make me see iniquity,  
and why do you idly look at wrong?  
Destruction and violence are before me;  
strife and contention arise.

[4] So the law is paralyzed,  
and justice never goes forth.  
For the wicked surround the righteous;  
so justice goes forth perverted.

[5] “Look among the nations, and see;  
wonder and be astounded.  
For I am doing a work in your days  
that you would not believe if told.

[6] For behold, I am raising up the Chaldeans,  
that bitter and hasty nation,  
who march through the breadth of the earth,  
to seize dwellings not their own.

### **Habakkuk 2:2-3 ESV**

[2] And the LORD answered me:  
“Write the vision;  
make it plain on tablets,  
so he may run who reads it.  
[3] For still the vision awaits its appointed time;  
it hastens to the end—it will not lie.  
If it seems slow, wait for it;  
it will surely come; it will not delay.

### **Habakkuk 2:4 ESV**

[4] “Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him,  
but the righteous shall live by his faith.