

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

James 2:1-9

“You shall do no **injustice** in judgment. You shall not be partial to the poor, nor honor the person of the mighty. In righteousness you shall judge your neighbor.”

(Leviticus 19:15)

“You shall follow what is
altogether **just**, that you may
live and inherit the land
which the Lord your God is
giving you.”

(Deuteronomy 16:20)

“Cursed is the one who
perverts the **justice** due the
stranger, the fatherless, and
widow.’ And all the people
shall say, ‘Amen!’”

(Deuteronomy 27:19)

“He has shown you, O man,
what *is* good; And what does
the LORD require of you but to
do **justly**, To love mercy, And
to walk humbly with your
God?”

(Micah 6:8)

“Blessed are those who keep
justice, And he who does
righteousness at all times!”

(Psalm 106:3)

“He loves righteousness and **justice**; The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.”

(Psalm 33:5)

“To do righteousness and **justice** is more acceptable to the Lord than sacrifice.”

(Proverbs 21:3)

“Open your mouth for the
speechless, In the cause of
all *who are* appointed to die.

Open your mouth, judge
righteously, And plead the
cause of the poor and needy.”

(Proverbs 31:8-9)

“Learn to do good; Seek
justice, Rebuke the oppressor;
Defend the fatherless.”

(Isaiah 1:17)

“For I, the Lord, love **justice**...”

(Isaiah 61:8)

“So you, by the help of your
God, return; Observe mercy
and **justice**, and wait on your
God continually.”.

(Hosea 12:6)

“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: **justice** and mercy and faith. These you ought to have done, without leaving the others undone.”

(Matthew 23:23)

- (James 2:1-9).
- The problem with some is that they aren't pursuing **justice**, but rather their own agendas.
- Where is their voice when injustices occur outside their agenda?
- Martin Niemöller (1892–1984).

- These dark times may be an open door of opportunity for the gospel.
- (1 Corinthians 16:9).
- (Philippians 2:15).
- (Isaiah 11:1-9).

While we cannot control the way the world lives, we can control life in the kingdom, and may our lives reflect the love and justice for which so many are longing.