

Let Justice Roll Down Like Waters

(Amos 5:24)

- Introduction:
1. (Amos 5:24).
 2. (Micah 6:8).
 3. (Habakkuk 1:1-4).
 4. The Old Testament prophets were courageous men of God who endured ridicule, persecution, and even martyrdom for boldly proclaiming God's Word.
 5. The theme of their preaching was repentance and a longing for justice.
 6. I have some good news and some bad news.
 - a. Bad news first – Injustice will never be eradicated in this world.
 - b. Good news – Justice will ultimately be realized.
 7. In this lesson, I want us to consider what we can do to affect justice.

I. Injustice Is Not New

- A. The time between the testaments.
 1. Antiochus IV Epiphanes.
 2. The Maccabean Revolt.
- B. The time of Jesus - The Romans.

II. How They Responded to Injustice in Jesus' Time

- A. Some tried to make small changes within the corrupt system (e.g. Herodians & Saducees).
- B. Some tried to totally retreat from the corrupt system (e.g. Pharisees & Essenes).
- C. Some sought to riot and act as terrorists (e.g. Zealots).

III. Responding to Injustice with Biblical Principles

- A. Have compassion (Matthew 9:36).
- B. Speak up for the oppressed (Proverbs 31:8-9).
- C. Seek lawful protection (Acts 22,23,26; Romans 13:1-7).
- D. Remember that justice will be eventually realized (Revelation 6:10, 20:4).
- E. Have a greater appreciation for the justice we experience in God's kingdom (Isaiah 11:1-9).
- F. Persevere through injustice in a way that brings glory to God (Matthew 5:1-16, 39-42; Romans 12:20-21).

- Conclusion:
1. May this fallen world in which we live cause us to lift our eyes to heaven.
 2. While we may cry out, "How long oh, Lord, how long?" be assured that our desire for justice will eventually be realized.