



WE SEE JUSTICE ROLL LIKE A RIVER Amos 5:21-24

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"I can't stand your religious meetings. I'm fed up with your conferences and conventions. I want nothing to do with your religion projects, your pretentious slogans and goals. I'm sick of your fund-raising schemes, your public relations, social media and image making. I've had all I can take of your noisy ego-music. When was the last time you truly sang to me? Do you know what I want? I want justice—I want fairness—rivers of it. That's what I want. That's all I want."

DISCUSS

1. What stood out for you from last Sunday message on justice?
2. Why is God disappointed with His people in the scripture we read? How is God's disappointment related to His people's purpose (Isaiah 49:6)?
3. What is justice according to what we learned on Sunday?
4. Based on Pastor's sermon, in what ways can the people of God be guilty of injustice?
5. Pastor said, "Declaring unjust verdicts prevents us from becoming what God wants for us to be." How is this statement true?
6. Would you say that you are guilty of injustice? How?
7. What is the true and just verdict that we should embrace found in Genesis 1:27? How significant is this in the way we view or relate with people?
8. Read Micah 6:8. What does God mean by "act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with your God"? How can we put these three into practice?
9. Just verdict (mishpat) needs to be coupled with right action (tzedakah). We can't just make the right verdict without taking action. Pastor challenged us to put *mishpat* and *tzedakah* together by PRAYING, GIVING AND GOING.

OUR VISION FOR JUSTICE IN 2020

PRAY, GIVE AND GO 2020

1. **LOCAL SHELTERS.** Regularly participate in helping those in need in our community by making donations to and serving at local shelters and soup kitchens for men and women here in Lloydminster.
2. **CHILDREN'S HOPE CHEST.** We will partner with Hillview Care Point by sponsoring 90 children in that care point. Make a decision to sponsor a child in Eswatini at \$38/month (\$1.27/day). Be part of the team of 10 people who will go on mission to South Africa/Eswatini in April 2021.
3. **A21's WALK FOR FREEDOM.** On October 17, 2020, we will organize a city-wide Walk for Freedom to bring awareness and raise funds to help fight human trafficking. We want to promote this in our local schools and invite other churches!
4. **NYC MISSION TRIP NOVEMBER 9-17, 2020!** Serving the homeless of Manhattan through our local partner there, HOPE FOR NEW YORK. If you have the heart to go, but you don't have the funds and have a stable job, you can start saving up intentionally for this trip.
5. **FOOD DRIVES.** In 2020, we want to organize 4 food drives (one per season) for our local Salvation Army Food Bank.
6. **NEW IMMIGRANTS.** Help families, students, kids get settled in this country. Donate clothing, used/new appliances, furniture, toys, gift cards, care and welcome packages etc..
7. **ORPHAN/WIDOW CARE.** Consider becoming a foster parent or sibling to someone, care for widows in their loneliness.
8. **YOUR OWN FIGHT!** The measuring stick in justice is: Do you know their name? Do you know their story? You can't fight for what you don't know. Here's how you can join the fight:
 - A) Participate in and support all the justice causes Mosaic is initiating in 2020.
 - B) Befriend someone who doesn't look or sound like you and bring them to Church, invite them to hang out regularly.
 - C) Make a covenant with God to stay away from making unjust verdicts. Change the way you see people by choosing to see the beautiful image of God in them. Don't be guilty of injustice by treating people LESS than how God sees them!
 - D) Speak up where there is injustice. Fix the broken. Stand for what's right. Let justice roll like a river in your own life.

Take time to pray for these goals and discover practical ways through which you can contribute to the fulfillment of this vision.

Announcements : HEART FOR THE HOUSE OFFERING! (December 15)
CHRISTMAS EVE (December 24th 7:00PM Vic Juba Theatre)
NYE Praise Party (December 31st 10:30PM Knox Hall)

A graphic for the year 2020, with the numbers '2020' in a large, white, serif font. The background is a dark, abstract image with light streaks and a grid pattern.

WHAT DO YOU SEE ?