



The Justice of God (Big Deal?)



I. Major theme of God's self –
revelation.

(God as judge and God judging)



“What is the justice of God? It is an essential property in God, whereby He is infinitely just in Himself, of Himself, for, from, and by Himself alone, and no other. What is the rule of this justice? His own free will and nothing else – for whatever He wills is just, and because He wills it, it is just, and not because it is just therefore He wills it.”

- A. Pink



II. Everything is heading
toward a final judgement.



III. Because man is an idolater.



“The truth is that unless man’s heart is changed by God, he is bent on having a distorted view of God. Men have labored diligently since the Fall to create a god of their own design, rather than submit themselves to their sovereign Creator.”

-S. Scott



IV. Gospel is about the
satisfaction of God's justice.



“God has not sidestepped His justice. He has not saved us by overlooking our sin. He has saved us by doing for us all that was required of us. His righteousness is perfectly upheld. So righteous is God that He would not spare even His own Son as He took the sinner’s place; the punishment was administered fully. And righteousness is freely provided. God, then, is both just and the justifier of him that believes in Jesus.”

-G. Zaspel



“The real ‘problem’ as it were, with salvation was not the matter of getting sinful men to a holy God but of getting a holy God to accept sinful men without violating His justice. It was only through the cross that God could provide a just redemption for sinful men. But of immeasurably more importance was that the cross demonstrates forever that God is both supremely just and supremely gracious.



First and foremost, Christ died that the world might see that neither God's holiness nor His justice have been abrogated. God has perfect and absolute integrity. The cross was the ultimate vindication of God's justice and righteousness. The most unfathomable of all spiritual mysteries is that of the holy and just God providing redemption for sinful men and in that gracious act, not violating any attribute of His nature, but bringing supreme glory to Himself.”

-J. MacArthur



The conclusion, when all has been heard, *is*: fear God and keep His commandments, because this *applies to* every person. For God will bring every act to judgment, everything which is hidden, whether it is good or evil.

Ecclesiastes 12:13-14