

# ***Justice and Sexual Holiness***

Sermon Notes for April 29 2012, Fourth Sunday of Easter  
Part 2 of Do Justice Series, by Pastor Dennis Tuuri

Intro - Matt. 56; Justice INC, the Early Church, Bill Moyers and Ministerial Robes

- I.     Preconditions to Doing Justice
  - A.     Identity - Unbreakable, Walk Into the Sea
  - B.     Passion - The Grand Story of Exile and Exodus; Isa. 9:6,7; 37:32; Mt. 12:20
  - C.     Word Centered - 2 Thes. 3:10 and Social Justice; Lev. 19:16-18
  - D.     Spirit Empowered - Mount of Olives
  - E.     Holiness (Synergistic Components, Not Numbered Steps)
  - F.     Righteousness - See Attached

Next Four Sermons - Oppression, Family, Pentecost, Ascension

- II.    Sexual Holiness and Justice
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Sexual Impurity is Unrighteousness (Injustice) That Brings Liability to Punishment (Iniquity)
      - 2.     Specifics of Injustice (vv. 9-40)
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    - B.     Devo (De-evolution) in Genesis
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    - D.     Amos 2:4-7 - Injustice that Exiles - Rejecting the Law; Slavery of the Poor; Sexual Sin
    - E.     1 Thes. 4:1-8 - Sexual Sin; Criminal Fraud (v. 6); The Holy Spirit and Old and New Creation (vv. 7,8)
    - F.     Heb. 13:4,5 - Sexual Purity; No Love Money  
Defend Marriage so all honor it! (v. 4a)  
Keep the Marriage Bed Undefiled (V. 4b)
      - Purity and Preparation for Marriage; Sexual Meekness
      - Purity Before and During Marriage
        - Liturgies/Actions Create the Object of Drive Desire
        - Don't Be Alone; Get Accountable
          - Samson, David, Solomon
        - Covenant with Eyes (Men), Wardrobe (Women)
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        - David - Idle Hands; Straying Eyes
        - Honor Your Spouse, For the Joy Set Before You
        - Honor the Lord of the Dance

## Do Justice

[Zechariah 7:9-10](#) ESV / 201

“Thus says the Lord of hosts, [Render true judgments](#), show kindness and mercy to one another, do not oppress the widow, the fatherless, the sojourner, or the poor, and let none of you devise evil against another in your heart.”

[Isaiah 1:17](#) ESV / 187

[Learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression; bring justice to the fatherless, plead the widow's cause.](#)

[Jeremiah 22:3](#) ESV / 132

Thus says the Lord: [Do justice and righteousness](#), and deliver from the hand of the oppressor him who has been robbed. And do no wrong or violence to the resident alien, the fatherless, and the widow, nor shed innocent blood in this place.

[Micah 6:8](#) ESV / 101

[He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?](#)

[Proverbs 31:9](#) ESV / 99

[Open your mouth, judge righteously, defend the rights of the poor and needy.](#)

[Psalm 82:3](#) ESV / 58

[Give justice to the weak and the fatherless; maintain the right of the afflicted and the destitute.](#)

[Proverbs 31:8-9](#) ESV / 44

[Open your mouth for the mute, for the rights of all who are destitute. Open your mouth, judge righteously, defend the rights of the poor and needy.](#)

[Isaiah 58:6-12](#) ESV / 25

“Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh? Then shall your light break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up speedily; your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry, and he will say, ‘Here I am.’ If you take away the yoke from your midst, the pointing of the finger, and speaking wickedness, if you pour yourself out for the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted, then shall your light rise in the darkness and your gloom be as the noonday

Isaiah 58:13 “If you turn away your foot from the Sabbath, From doing your pleasure on My holy day, And call the Sabbath a delight, The holy day of the LORD honorable, And shall honor Him, not doing your own ways, Nor finding your own pleasure, Nor speaking your own words,

Isaiah 58:14 Then you shall delight yourself in the LORD; And I will cause you to ride on the high hills of the earth, And feed you with the heritage of Jacob your father. The mouth of the LORD has spoken.”

[Matthew 5:3](#) ESV / 21

[“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.](#)

[Deuteronomy 16:20](#) ESV / 17

[Justice, and only justice, you shall follow, that you may live and inherit the land that the Lord your God is giving you.](#)

[Proverbs 22:16](#) ESV / 14

[Whoever oppresses the poor to increase his own wealth, or gives to the rich, will only come to poverty.](#)

[Amos 5:11-15](#) ESV / 13

Therefore because you trample on the poor and you exact taxes of grain from him, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not dwell in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. For I know how many are your transgressions and how great are your sins— you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and turn aside the needy in the gate. Therefore

he who is prudent will keep silent in such a time, for it is an evil time. Seek good, and not evil, that you may live; and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you, as you have said. Hate evil, and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

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[Jeremiah 21:12](#) ESV / 8

O house of David! Thus says the Lord: “Execute justice in the morning, and deliver from the hand of the oppressor him who has been robbed, lest my wrath go forth like fire, and burn with none to quench it, because of your evil deeds.”

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[Jeremiah 22:13-17](#) ESV / 6

“Woe to him who builds his house by unrighteousness, and his upper rooms by injustice, who makes his neighbor serve him for nothing and does not give him his wages, who says, ‘I will build myself a great house with spacious upper rooms,’ who cuts out windows for it, paneling it with cedar and painting it with vermillion. Do you think you are a king because you compete in cedar? Did not your father eat and drink and do justice and righteousness? Then it was well with him. He judged the cause of the poor and needy; then it was well. Is not this to know me? declares the Lord. But you have eyes and heart only for your dishonest gain, for shedding innocent blood, and for practicing oppression and violence.”

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[Isaiah 42:3](#) ESV / 6

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

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[Isaiah 11:4](#) ESV / 6

But with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

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[Micah 6:6-8](#) ESV / 5

“With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

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[Proverbs 24:11](#) ESV / 5

Rescue those who are being taken away to death; hold back those who are stumbling to the slaughter.

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[Amos 5:15](#) ESV / 4

Hate evil, and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

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[Proverbs 1:1-17](#) ESV / 4

The proverbs of Solomon, son of David, king of Israel: To know wisdom and instruction, to understand words of insight, to receive instruction in wise dealing, in righteousness, justice, and equity; to give prudence to the simple, knowledge and discretion to the youth— Let the wise hear and increase in learning, and the one who understands obtain guidance, ...

## **Justice and Righteousness**

Genesis 18:19 For I have chosen him, that he may command his children and his household after him to keep the way of the LORD by doing righteousness and justice, so that the LORD may bring to Abraham what he has promised him."

Deuteronomy 16:19 You shall not pervert justice. You shall not show partiality, and you shall not accept a bribe, for a bribe blinds the eyes of the wise and subverts the cause of the righteous.

1 Kings 10:9 Blessed be the LORD your God, who has delighted in you and set you on the throne of Israel! Because the LORD loved Israel forever, he has made you king, that you may execute justice and righteousness."

2 Chronicles 9:8 Blessed be the LORD your God, who has delighted in you and set you on his throne as king for the LORD your God! Because your God loved Israel and would establish them forever, he has made you king over them, that you may execute justice and righteousness."

Job 29:14 I put on righteousness, and it clothed me; my justice was like a robe and a turban.

Job 37:23 The Almighty—we cannot find him; he is great in power; justice and abundant righteousness he will not violate.

Psalm 33:5 He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD.

Psalm 37:6 He will bring forth your righteousness as the light, and your justice as the noonday.

Psalm 37:30 The mouth of the righteous utters wisdom, and his tongue speaks justice.

Psalm 72:1 Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the royal son!

Psalm 72:2 May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice!

Psalm 89:14 Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne; steadfast love and faithfulness go before you.

Psalm 97:2 Clouds and thick darkness are all around him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.

Psalm 99:4 The King in his might loves justice. You have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

Psalm 103:6 The LORD works righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed.

**Psalm 106:3 Blessed are they who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times!**

Proverbs 1:3 to receive instruction in wise dealing, in righteousness, justice, and equity;

Proverbs 2:9 Then you will understand righteousness and justice and equity, every good path;

Proverbs 8:20 I walk in the way of righteousness, in the paths of justice,

Proverbs 18:5 It is not good to be partial to the wicked or to deprive the righteous of justice.

**Proverbs 21:3 To do righteousness and justice is more acceptable to the LORD than sacrifice.**

Ecclesiastes 3:16 Moreover, I saw under the sun that in the place of justice, even there was wickedness, and in the place of righteousness, even there was wickedness.

Ecclesiastes 5:8 If you see in a province the oppression of the poor and the violation of justice and righteousness, do not be amazed at the matter, for the high official is watched by a higher, and there are yet higher ones over them.

Isaiah 1:21 How the faithful city has become a whore, she who was full of justice! Righteousness lodged in her, but now murderers.

Isaiah 5:7 For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah are his pleasant planting; and he looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed; for righteousness, but behold, an outcry!

Isaiah 5:16 But the LORD of hosts is exalted in justice, and the Holy God shows himself holy in righteousness.

**Isaiah 9:7 Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.**

Isaiah 16:5 then a throne will be established in steadfast love, and on it will sit in faithfulness in the tent of David one who judges and seeks justice and is swift to do righteousness."

Isaiah 28:17 And I will make justice the line, and righteousness the plumb line; and hail will sweep away the refuge of lies, and waters will overwhelm the shelter."

Isaiah 32:1 Behold, a king will reign in righteousness, and princes will rule in justice.

Isaiah 32:16 Then justice will dwell in the wilderness, and righteousness abide in the fruitful field.

Isaiah 33:5 The LORD is exalted, for he dwells on high; he will fill Zion with justice and righteousness,

**Isaiah 56:1 Thus says the LORD: "Keep justice, and do righteousness, for soon my salvation will come, and my righteousness be revealed.**

Isaiah 59:9 Therefore justice is far from us, and righteousness does not overtake us; we hope for light, and behold, darkness, and for brightness, but we walk in gloom.

Isaiah 59:14 Justice is turned back, and righteousness stands far away; for truth has stumbled in the public squares, and uprightness cannot enter.

**Jeremiah 4:2 and if you swear, 'As the LORD lives,' in truth, in justice, and in righteousness, then nations shall bless themselves in him, and in him shall they glory."**

**Jeremiah 9:24 but let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows me, that I am the LORD who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth. For in these things I delight, declares the LORD."**

**Jeremiah 22:3 Thus says the LORD: Do justice and righteousness,** and deliver from the hand of the oppressor him who has been robbed. And do no wrong or violence to the resident alien, the fatherless, and the widow, nor shed innocent blood in this place.

Jeremiah 22:15 Do you think you are a king because you compete in cedar? Did not your father eat and drink and do justice and righteousness? Then it was well with him.

**Jeremiah 23:5 "Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.**

Jeremiah 33:15 In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.

Ezekiel 45:9 "Thus says the Lord GOD: Enough, O princes of Israel! Put away violence and oppression, and execute justice and righteousness. Cease your evictions of my people, declares the Lord GOD.

**Hosea 2:19 And I will betroth you to me forever. I will betroth you to me in righteousness and in justice, in steadfast love and in mercy.**

Amos 5:7 O you who turn justice to wormwood and cast down righteousness to the earth!

[Amos 5:21-24](#) ESV / 14 helpful votes

"I hate, I despise your feasts, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the peace offerings of your fattened animals, I will not look upon them. Take away from me the noise of your songs; to the melody of your harps I will not listen. But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Amos 6:12 Do horses run on rocks? Does one plow there with oxen? But you have turned justice into poison and the fruit of righteousness into wormwood—

Habakkuk 1:4 So the law is paralyzed, and justice never goes forth. For the wicked surround the righteous; so justice goes forth perverted.

Zephaniah 3:5 The LORD within her is righteous; he does no injustice; every morning he shows forth his justice; each dawn he does not fail; but the unjust knows no shame.

## **Justice and Law**

Psalm 37:30, 31 The mouth of the righteous utters wisdom, and his tongue speaks justice. The law of his God is in his heart; his steps do not slip.

Isaiah 42:1 "Behold! My Servant whom I uphold, My Elect One in whom My soul delights! I have put My Spirit upon Him; He will bring forth justice to the Gentiles.

Isaiah 42:2 He will not cry out, nor raise His voice, Nor cause His voice to be heard in the street.

Isaiah 42:3 A bruised reed He will not break, And smoking flax He will not quench; He will bring forth justice for truth.

Isaiah 42:4 He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law.

Isaiah 51:4 "Give attention to me, my people, and give ear to me, my nation; for a law will go out from me, and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples.

Habakkuk 1:4 So the law is paralyzed, and justice never goes forth. For the wicked surround the righteous; so justice goes forth perverted.

Matthew 23:23 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint and dill and cumin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faithfulness. These you ought to have done, without neglecting the others.