

# *Justice and Oppression*

Sermon Notes for May 6 2012, Fifth Sunday in Easter  
Part 3 of Do Justice Series, by Pastor Dennis Tuuri

**Intro** - Paul Ryan - Will the real Catholic please stand up?

James Garfield, Lizards

Doing What We Love To Undo What We Hate

Doing Justice and the Reformation

The Council of Trent by Froude

Doing Justice in the CREC and at the Ballot Box

I. The Old Testament "Apostles Creed" - Dt. 26:5-9

II. The Old Testament Path - Ex. 22:21-24

III. Evidences of Injustice (See Attached)

1. ashaq - oppressed, Ecc. 4:1; Ps. 103:6,7; Magnificat  
Discouragement, Optimism, Two-eyed duty  
Injustice, the Poor, and Oppressors  
Look for Institutionalized Oppression

2. yanah - enslaved  
Christians Reverse Slavery - Ex. 23:16,17  
Look for dependence on impersonal systems  
Paul Ryan

3. nagas - forced labor  
Messiah comes to reverse - Isa. 9:3-6  
Look for those overloaded with work

4. lahats - squeezed and crying - Ex. 3:9  
Look for those between a rock and a hard place (CSOC)

5. ratsats - crushed - Isaiah and Luke  
Look for the crushed and bring them into sabbath

6. daka - pulverized - Ps. 57:15  
Look for encouragements to abortion

7. anah - humiliated (Christians?)  
Look for the sexually trafficked and illegal immigrants

8. tsar - hated  
Look for people who are hated by others

9. tsarar - bound with poverty  
Look for the institutionalized poor

10. tsuq - besieged

IV. God's Just Oppression

## Basic Hebrew Roots for "Oppression" (Thomas Hanks)

Hebrew Roots	Basic Meaning	Occurrences	Occurrences In Context of "Poor"	Example Verse	Suffering Servant
1. ashaq	Oppression, Injustice, Roughness	59	31	Ecc. 4:1 Ps. 103:6,7 Ps. 72:1-4; 12-14	
2. yamah	Enslave, Violence	19	15	Dt. 23:15,16 Ezek. 22:29-31 Zeph. 3:1-4	
3. nagas	Animalized Roughly Forced Overwhelmed with Work	23	20	Ex. 3:7, 5:6-14 Dt. 15:2,3 Isa. 9:4, 5	Isa. 9:5; 53:7
4. lahats	Pressed Upon Squeezed Pain Felt - Cry	31	?	Ex. 3:9; 23:9 Judges 2:18	
5. ratsats	Crushed Ground Down	20	9	Isa. 58:6,7 see Luke 4:18,19 Amos 4:1	Isa. 42:1-4
6. daka	Pulverize Kill	31	10	Ps. 9:9 Isa. 57:15	Isa. 53:5,10
7. anah	Humiliated "Made to Feel Dependent"	82	14	Gen. 15:13 Ex. 1:11,12 Ex. 22:21-24 Ps. 94:5,6 Dt. 26:5-9	
8. tsar	Hated	70	6	Ps. 74:8,10,19-21 Ps. 27:1,2,11,12 Ps. 23:5a	
9. tsarar	Tied Up Confined Tightly Made Poor	132	10	Isa. 25:4 Ps. 119:143 Neh. 9:27,36,37 Jer. 30:7	
10. tsuq	Besieged	31	14	Dt. 28:53,55,57 Isa. 8:22-9:6	—