

God's Astonishing Answer to Injustice Pt. 5

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- I. I went to the right place with injustice, but there is no action.
- II. Because of Your inaction, wickedness proliferates.
- III. It has infiltrated even the institutions set up to bring justice.

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- III. Trust My Word to bring justice to all.

Lessons About Faith

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Then the disciples came and said to Him, **“Do You know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard this statement?”** 13 But He answered and said, “Every plant which My heavenly Father did not plant shall be uprooted. 14 **“Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind.** And if a blind man guides a blind man, both will fall into a pit.”

Matthew 15:12–14

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Jesus heard that they had put him out, and finding him, He said, **“Do you believe in the Son of Man?”** 36 He answered, **“Who is He, Lord, that I may believe in Him?”** 37 Jesus said to him, **“You have both seen Him, and He is the one who is talking with you.”** 38 And he said, **“Lord, I believe.”** And he worshiped Him. 39 And Jesus said, **“For judgment I came into this world, so that those who do not see may see, and that those who see may become blind.”** 40 Those of the Pharisees who were with Him heard these things and said to Him, **“We are not blind too, are we?”** 41 Jesus said to them, **“If you were blind, you would have no sin; but since you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.**

John 9:35–41

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God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, 2 in these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world. Hebrews 1:1–2

So we have the prophetic word made more sure, to which **you do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place**, until the day dawns and the morning star arises in your hearts. 20 But know this first of all, **that no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation**, 21 for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, **but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God**. 2 Peter 1:19–21

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"The Christian's life should put his minister's sermon in print." William Gurnall

What crosses your mind as you think about what is involved with growing in the fear of the Lord enabling you to look/observe and see God's hand at work?

- Disposition to soak in God's Word before the face of God
- Less confident in our own perspective allows to grow in fear of Lord so need His wisdom, His presence
- If we don't fear Him very well – i.e.) think of Him as Judge, confronted by His Holiness – if don't, won't fear Him
- Your Kingdom come/will be done – must feel weight of living in line with this (this elevate Christ & His means to obey Him)
- Fear of God – watching & knowing where He is – but this is bottom/base level of fear, grow from this
- Deut.10:12-22 fear God by walking in His ways & love
- Must beg God to help us tremble at His Word to help us meditate & pray
- Turn away from evil (seems not so bad when distracted) prone to not believe God's Words & disobey like Israelites in wilderness

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Restore us to You, O LORD, that we may be restored; Renew our days as of old, 22 Unless You have utterly rejected us And are exceedingly angry with us.

Lamentations 5:21–22

Bringing Injustice Before God Pt. 5

Habakkuk 1:2-4

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3. Those who turn to God in suffering/injustice and continue to trust/obey Him will be rewarded.

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'And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years to come; take your ease, eat, drink and be merry." '

Luke 12:19

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'Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to cast some of you into prison, so that you will be tested, and you will have tribulation for ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life. Revelation 2:10