

~JUSTICE (490)

[Hebrew, *mish-pat'*]

- The **maintenance or administration of what is right in a fair and impartial way and according to a standard**. The Hebrew word *mish-pat'*, often translated, justice or judgment, **NW, RS**, may also convey the idea of a particular plan.
- And you must set up the tabernacle according to the **plan** of it that you have been shown in the mountain. (**Exodus 26:30**)
- Custom
- In three days from now Pharaoh will lift up your head and he will certainly return you to your office, and you will certainly give Pharaoh's cup into his hand, according to the former **custom** when you acted as his cupbearer. (**Genesis 40:13**)
- Rule
- And the lampstands and their lamps of pure gold, to light them up before the innermost room according to the **rule**. (**2 Chronicles 4:20**)
- Or regular procedure
- And the other one he will handle as a burnt offering according to the **regular procedure**, and the priest must make an atonement for him for his sin that he has committed, and so it must be forgiven him. (**Leviticus 5:10**)
- For doing things.
- The two Hebrew words most frequently translated, **justice** in the King James Version *tse'dheq* and *tsedha-qah'* are usually rendered **righteousness** in the New World Translation.
- For I have become acquainted with him in order, that he may command his sons and his household after him so that they shall keep Yehowah's way to do **righteousness** and judgment, in order, that Yehowah may certainly bring upon Abraham what he has spoken about him. (**Genesis 18:19**)

- Will God himself pervert judgment, or will the Almighty himself pervert **righteousness**? (**Job 8:3**)
- Whereas **justice** has legal associations, basically there is no distinction between justice and **righteousness**.
- And let **justice** roll forth just like waters, and righteousness like a constantly flowing torrent. (**Amos 5:24**)
- One Greek word translated, in harmony with **justice** [NW] designates something that is **just**, **KJ**, **RS**, or deserved.
- And why not say; just as it is falsely charged to us and just as some men state that we say; Let us do the bad things that the good things may come? The **judgment** against those men is in harmony with **justice**. (**Romans 3:8**)
- For if the word spoken through angels proved to be firm, and every transgression and disobedient act received a retribution in harmony with **justice**. (**Hebrews 2:2**)
- **Judgment** and **vengeance** are the primary meanings of two other Greek words sometimes rendered, **justice**. **NW**, **RS**
- No bruised reed will he crush, and no smoldering flaxen wick will he extinguish, until he sends out **justice** with success. (**Matthew 12:20**)
- Certainly, then, shall not God cause **justice** to be done for his chosen ones who cry out to him day and night, even though he is long-suffering toward them? (**Luke 18:7**)
- The supreme **Judge** and Statute-Giver.
- For Yehowah is our **Judge**, Yehowah is our Statute-giver, Yehowah is our King. He himself will save us. (**Isaiah 33:22**)
- Yehowah God, is a lover of righteousness and **justice**.
- He is a lover of righteousness and **justice**. With the loving-kindness of Yehowah the earth is filled. (**Psalms 33:5**)
- **Justice** and abundance of righteousness he will not belittle.

- As for the Almighty, we have not found him out, he is exalted in power, and **justice** and abundance of righteousness he will not belittle. (**Job 37:23**)
- This guarantees that he will never abandon his loyal ones.
- For Yehowah is a lover of **justice**, and he will not leave his loyal ones. To time indefinite they will certainly be guarded, but as for the offspring of the wicked ones, they will indeed be cut off. (**Psalms 37:28**)
- Yehowah shows no partiality in dealing with his creatures, but he accepts and bestows his blessing upon all those fearing him and practicing righteousness.
- At this Peter opened his mouth and said; For a certainty I perceive that God is not partial. (**Acts of Apostles 10:34**)
- But in every nation the man that fears him and works righteousness is acceptable to him. (**Acts of Apostles 10:35**)
- Individuals and nations are punished or rewarded according to their acts.
- But do you have this idea, O man, while you judge those who practice such things and yet you do them, that you will escape the judgment of God? (**Romans 2:3**)
- Or do you despise the riches of his kindness and forbearance and long-suffering, because you do not know that the kindly quality of God is trying to lead you to repentance? (**Romans 2:4**)
- But according to your hardness and unrepentant heart you are storing up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath and of the revealing of God's righteous **judgment**. (**Romans 2:5**)
- And he will render to each one according to his works. (**Romans 2:6**)
- Everlasting life to those who are seeking glory and honor and incorruptibleness by endurance in work that is good. (**Romans 2:7**)

- However, for those who are contentious and who disobey the truth but obey unrighteousness there will be wrath and anger. **(Romans 2:8)**
- Tribulation and distress, upon the soul of every man who works what is injurious, of the Jew first and also of the Greek. **(Romans 2:9)**
- But glory and honor and peace for everyone who works what is good, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. **(Romans 2:10)**
- For there is no partiality with God. **(Romans 2:11)**
- Be slaves with good inclinations, as to Yehowah, and not to men. **(Ephesians 6:7)**
- For you know that each one, whatever good he may do, will receive this back from Yehowah, whether he be slave or freeman. **(Ephesians 6:8)**
- Also, you masters, keep doing the same things to them, letting up on the threatening, for you know that the Master of both them and you is in the heavens, and there is no partiality with him. **(Ephesians 6:9)**
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- Yehowah's **justice** is also balanced with mercy, thus providing opportunity for men and nations to turn from their wicked ways and thereby escape the execution of his adverse judgments.
- At any moment that I may speak against a nation and against a kingdom to uproot it and to pull it down and to destroy it. **(Jeremiah 18:7)**
- And that nation actually turns back from its badness against which I spoke, I will also feel regret over the calamity that I had thought to execute upon it. **(Jeremiah 18:8)**
- But at any moment that I may speak concerning a nation and concerning a kingdom to build it up and to plant it. **(Jeremiah**

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- And it actually does what is bad in my eyes by not obeying my voice, I will also feel regret over the good that I said to myself to do for its good. (**Jeremiah 18:10**)
- And when I say to the wicked one; You will positively die, and he actually turns back from his sin and carries on **justice** and righteousness. (**Ezekiel 33:14**)
- And the wicked one returns the very thing pledged, pays back the very things taken by robbery, and actually walks in the very statutes of life by not doing **injustice**, he will positively keep living. He will not die. (**Ezekiel 33:15**)
- None of his sins with which he has sinned will be remembered against him. **Justice** and righteousness are what he has carried on. He will positively keep living. (**Ezekiel 33:16**)

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- Yehowah's wisdom is far superior to that of imperfect human's, and man, not God, must learn the path of **justice**.
- With whom did he consult together that one might make him understand, or who teaches him in the path of **justice**, or teaches him knowledge, or makes him know the very way of real understanding? (**Isaiah 40:14**)
- Thus man is in no position to judge God's acts as **just** or **unjust**, but must learn to conform his thinking to the standard of **justice** that Yehowah has revealed in his Word. Said God to the Israelites:
- And the house of Israel will certainly say; The way of Yehowah is not adjusted right. As for my ways, are they not adjusted right, O house of Israel? Are not the ways of you people the ones that are not adjusted right? (**Ezekiel 18:29**)
- Also, Yehowah's creatorship rules out all basis for questioning the rightness of his activities.
- O man, who, then, really are you to be answering back to God? Shall the thing molded say to him that molded it, Why did you make me this way? (**Romans 9:20**)

- **What? Does not the potter have authority over the clay to make from the same lump one vessel for an honorable use, another for a dishonorable use? ([Romans 9:21](#))**
- **Really, will you invalidate my **justice**? Will you pronounce me wicked in order, that you may be in the right? ([Job 40:8](#))**
- **Everything high it sees. It is king over all majestic wild beasts. ([Job 41:34](#))**
- **Therefore, Yehowah has always rightly required that those desiring to gain his approval acquaint themselves with his standard of **justice** and follow it.**
- **Learn to do good, search for **justice**. Set right the oppressor. Render judgment for the fatherless boy. Plead the cause of the widow. ([Isaiah 1:17](#))**
- **Come, now, you people, and let us set matters straight between us, says Yehowah. Though the sins of you people should prove to be as scarlet, they will be made white just like snow, though they should be red like crimson cloth, they will become even like wool. ([Isaiah 1:18](#))**
- **Woe to those who are enacting harmful regulations and those who, constantly writing, have written out sheer trouble. ([Isaiah 10:1](#))**
- **In order to push away the lowly ones from a legal case and to wrest away **justice** from the afflicted ones of my people, for the widows to become their spoil, and that they may plunder even the fatherless boys! ([Isaiah 10:2](#))**
- **For if you will positively make your ways and your dealings good, if you will positively carry out **justice** between a man and his companion. ([Jeremiah 7:5](#))**
- **If no alien resident, no fatherless boy and no widow you will oppress, and innocent blood you will not shed in this place, and after other gods you will not walk for calamity to yourselves. ([Jeremiah 7:6](#))**
- **I, in turn, shall certainly keep you residing in this place, in the**

land that I gave to your forefathers, from time indefinite even to time indefinite. (**Jeremiah 7:7**)

- O house of David, this is what Yehowah has said; Every morning render sentence in **justice**, and deliver the one being robbed out of the hand of the defrauder, that my rage may not go forth just like a fire and actually burn and there be no one to extinguish it because of the badness of your dealings. (**Jeremiah 21:12**)
- This is what Yehowah has said; Render **justice** and righteousness, and deliver the one that is being robbed out of the hand of the defrauder, and do not maltreat any alien resident, fatherless boy or widow. Do them no violence. And do not shed any innocent blood in this place. (**Jeremiah 22:3**)
- For if you will by all means perform this word, there will also certainly come in through the gates of this house the kings sitting for David upon his throne, riding in chariots and on horses, he with his servants and his people. (**Jeremiah 22:4**)
- This is what the Sovereign Lord Yehowah has said; That is enough of you, O chieftains of Israel! Remove the violence and the despoiling, and do **justice** and righteousness themselves. Lift your expropriations off my people, is the utterance of the Sovereign Lord Yehowah. (**Ezekiel 45:9**)
- Accurate scales and an accurate ephah and an accurate bath measure you men should come to have. (**Ezekiel 45:10**)
- Hate what is bad, and love what is good, and give **justice** a place in the gate. It may be that Yehowah the God of armies will show favor to the remaining ones of Joseph. (**Amos 5:15**)
- Hear, please, this, you head ones of the house of Jacob and you commanders of the house of Israel, the ones detesting **justice** and the ones who make even everything that is straight crooked. (**Micah 3:9**)
- Building Zion with acts of bloodshed and Jerusalem with unrighteousness. (**Micah 3:10**)
- Her own head ones judge merely for a bribe, and her own priests instruct just for a price, and her own prophets practice divination simply for money, yet upon Yehowah they keep supporting

- themselves, saying; Is not Yehowah in the midst of us? There will come upon us no calamity. (**Micah 3:11**)
- Therefore on account of you men Zion will be plowed up as a mere field, and Jerusalem herself will become mere heaps of ruins, and the mountain of the house will be as the high places of a forest. (**Micah 3:12**)
 - He has told you, O earthling man, what is good. And what is Yehowah asking back from you but to exercise **justice** and to love kindness and to be modest in walking with your God? (**Micah 6:8**)
 - This is what Yehowah of armies has said; With true **justice** do your judging, and carry on with one another loving-kindness and mercies. (**Zechariah 7:9**)
 - And defraud no widow or fatherless boy, no alien resident or afflicted one, and scheme out nothing bad against one another in your hearts. (**Zechariah 7:10**)
 - But they kept refusing to pay attention, and they kept giving a stubborn shoulder, and their ears they made too unresponsive to hear. (**Zechariah 7:11**)
 - And their heart they set as an emery stone to keep from obeying the Law and the words that Yehowah of armies sent by his spirit, by means of the former prophets, so that there occurred great indignation on the part of Yehowah of armies. (**Zechariah 7:12**)
 - Like God, they must be impartial, as a failure in this regard is unjust and violates the Law of love.
 - My brothers, you are not holding the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, our glory, with acts of favoritism, are you? (**James 2:1**)
 - For, if a man with gold rings on his fingers and in splendid clothing enters into a gathering of you, but a poor man in filthy clothing also enters. (**James 2:2**)
 - Yet you look with favor upon the one wearing the splendid clothing and say; You take this seat here in a fine place, and you say to the poor one; You keep standing. Or; Take that seat there under my footstool. (**James 2:3**)

- You have class distinctions among yourselves and you have become judges rendering wicked decisions, is that not so? **(James 2:4)**
- Listen, my beloved brothers. God chose the ones who are poor respecting the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he promised to those who love him, did he not? **(James 2:5)**
- You, though, have dishonored the poor man. The rich oppress you, and they drag you before Law courts, do they not? **(James 2:6)**
- They blaspheme the fine name by which you were called, do they not? **(James 2:7)**
- If, now, you practice carrying out the kingly Law according to the scripture; You must love your neighbor as yourself, you are doing quite well. **(James 2:8)**
- But if you continue showing favoritism, you are working a sin, for you are reproved by the Law as transgressors. **(James 2:9)**
- However, the exercise of **justice** according to God's standard is not a burden, man's happiness actually depends on it.
- Happy are those observing **justice**, doing righteousness all the time. **(Psalms 106:3)**
- This is what Yehowah has said; Keep **justice**, you people, and do what is righteous. For my salvation is at hand to come in, and my righteousness to be revealed. **(Isaiah 56:1)**
- Happy is the mortal man that does this, and the son of mankind that lays hold of it, keeping the Sabbath in order not to profane it, and keeping his hand in order not to do any kind of badness. **(Isaiah 56:2)**
- This truth was acknowledged by the famous English jurist Blackstone; **God has so intimately connected, so inseparably interwoven the laws of eternal **justice** with the happiness of each individual, that the latter cannot be attained, but by observing the former, and, if the former be punctually obeyed, it cannot, but induce the latter.** [Chadman's Cyclopedia of Law, 1912, Vol. I, p. 88]

- The proper exercise of **justice** by governmental authority likewise contributes to the happiness and well-being of its subjects.
- By **justice** a king makes a land keep standing, but a man out for bribes tears it down. (**Proverbs 29:4**)
- Since **justice** will always be exercised by Christ Jesus as King of God's Kingdom and by all those serving in administrative capacities under him, his loyal subjects will find pleasure in submitting themselves to his righteous rule.
- For there has been a child born to us, there has been a son given to us, and the princely rule will come to be upon his shoulder. And his name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace. (**Isaiah 9:6**)
- To the abundance of the princely rule and to peace there will be no end, upon the throne of David and upon his kingdom in order to establish it firmly and to sustain it by means of **justice** and by means of righteousness, from now on and to time indefinite. The very zeal of Yehowah of armies will do this. (**Isaiah 9:7**)
- Look! A king will reign for righteousness itself, and as respects princes, they will rule as princes for **justice** itself. (**Isaiah 32:1**)
- And in the wilderness **justice** will certainly reside, and in the orchard righteousness itself will dwell. (**Isaiah 32:16**)
- And the work of the true righteousness must become peace, and the service of the true righteousness, quietness and security to time indefinite. (**Isaiah 32:17**)
- And my people must dwell in a peaceful abiding place and in residences of full confidence and in undisturbed resting-places. (**Isaiah 32:18**)
- Look! My servant, on whom I keep fast hold! My chosen one, whom my soul has approved! I have put my spirit in him. **Justice** to the nations is what he will bring forth. (**Isaiah 42:1**)
- He will not cry out or raise his voice, and in the street he will not let his voice be heard. (**Isaiah 42:2**)

- No crushed reed will he break, and as for a dim flaxen wick, he will not extinguish it. In trueness he will bring forth **justice**. (**Isaiah 42:3**)
- He will not grow dim nor be crushed until he sets **justice** in the earth itself, and for his Law the islands themselves will keep waiting. (**Isaiah 42:4**)
- Look! My servant whom I chose, my beloved, whom my soul approved! I will put my spirit upon him, and what **justice** is he will make clear to the nations. (**Matthew 12:18**)
- He will not wrangle, nor cry aloud, nor will anyone hear his voice in the broad ways. (**Matthew 12:19**)
- No bruised reed will he crush, and no smoldering flaxen wick will he extinguish, until he sends out **justice** with success. (**Matthew 12:20**)
- Indeed, in his name nations will hope. (**Matthew 12:21**)
- I cannot do a single thing of my own initiative, just as I hear, I judge, and the judgment that I render is righteous, because I seek, not my own will, but the will of him that sent me. (**John 5:30**)
- When the righteous become many, the people rejoice, but when anyone wicked bears rule, the people sigh. (**Proverbs 29:2**)
- Concerning the administration of **justice** and the principles involved,

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