

# "God Requires Justice"

## About Today's Lesson...

### Introduction

Do you often struggle to do the right thing? How can people show radical kindness to one another? In today's lesson, we will explore the protection and mercy of God's justice.

### Today's Lesson Objectives

- **Understand** the importance of justice and explore God's commandments
- **Appreciate** the blessings God promises as a benefit of obedience

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- **Explore** David's kindness toward Mephibosheth as an act of justice and equity
- **Reflect** on the value of keeping our word

### Scripture

Deuteronomy 5:1-3; 10:12-13; 27:1-10 and 2 Samuel 9:1-12 (KJV)

Devotional Reading: Matthew 22:36-40 and Proverbs 18:24

As we approach the end of 2021, many people continue to find themselves questioning a judicial system that at best, often seems unfair. While we can't and shouldn't ignore the infrequent moments when true justice prevails, the more frequent instances of injustices are what plagues us and keeps us awake at night.

As we begin a new series of lessons focused on justice (especially justice as presented in the Old Testament), it is imperative that we remember that true justice originates from God. God's laws and commandments are given to us for our own good. They are provided as protections and not as prohibitions. If our goal is to reach "the promised land", then obedience to God's laws will help us achieve the goal.

The two lessons that we will study this week focus on how leaders need to administer God's laws and commandments as they seek to promote and embrace justice. Moses, in a farewell address to a new generation of Israelites, reminds this new generation of its history and their covenant with God, and then implores them to fear the LORD, walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the LORD, and to keep the commandments of the LORD. If the people obeyed these guidelines, they would prosper in their new promised land. Continuing with the theme of administration of justice by leaders, King David shows extreme kindness and justice when he honors the covenant he made with his close friend Jonathan. King David returns land to Jonathan's son, Mephibosheth, and then makes Mephibosheth part of his royal family.

As this writer contemplates this last issue of "The One Pager" for 2021, I am hopeful for the future. For I know that God is still in control. May the joy and the peace of the Lord be with you and your family during this holiday season.

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