

Series: How to Reject the Spirit of Rejection

Title: Just be Just

Ezekiel 18:1–9

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3 As I live, saith the Lord God, ye shall not have occasion any more to use this proverb in Israel.

4 Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: the soul that sinneth, it shall die.

5 **But if a man be just**, and do that which is lawful and right,

6 And hath not eaten upon the mountains, neither hath lifted up his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel, neither hath defiled his neighbour's wife, neither hath come near to a menstruous woman,

7 And hath not oppressed any, but hath restored to the debtor his pledge, hath spoiled none by violence, hath given his bread to the hungry, and hath covered the naked with a garment;

8 He that hath not given forth upon usury, neither hath taken any increase, that hath withdrawn his hand from iniquity, hath executed true judgment between man and man,

9 Hath walked in my statutes, and hath kept my judgments, to deal truly; he is just, he shall surely live, saith the Lord God.

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Just - Webster's- having a basis in or conforming to fact or reason : REASONABLE, conforming to a standard of correctness : PROPER, archaic : faithful to an original' acting or being in conformity with what is morally upright or good : RIGHTEOUS: being what is merited : DESERVED

Just- tsaddiyq /tsad-deek/] adj. 206 occurrences; AV translates as "righteous" 162 times, "just" 42 times, "righteous man" once, and "lawful" once.

1 just, lawful, righteous.

1a just, righteous (in government).

1b just, right (in one's cause).

1c just, righteous (in conduct and character).

1d righteous (as justified and vindicated by God).

1e right, correct, lawful

A Call to Live Justly

SIN- Human activity that is contrary to God's will.

The broad concept of sin as failing to live up to an expected standard of conduct or as a violation of cultural customs or laws can be seen in every culture and society throughout history.

EXILE, BABYLONIAN The period between 587/6 and 539 BC, during which most of the people of Judah lived in captivity in Babylon or its territories.

Primary biblical sources on the Babylonian exile include 2 Kings, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and Lamentations. Unfortunately, the Bible contains little about the situation of the exiles themselves, or even of events taking place during the exile, with the exception of Jehoiachin's release and the beginning of Daniel's narrative.

Clear Proof of Cause and Effect

Exodus 20:3-6

3 Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

4 Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: 5 Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me;

6 And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

Deuteronomy 24:16

"Fathers shall not be put to death for their children, nor shall children be put to death for their fathers; a person shall be put to death for his own sin.

Exodus 34:6-7

6 And the Lord passed before him and proclaimed, "The Lord, the Lord God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth,

7 keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, by no means clearing the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children and the children's children to the third and the fourth generation."

Condemnation on Convenient Excuses

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Conscious of Creating Current Consequences

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Live Above Generational Failings