

You have heard that it was said, "Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth." But I tell you, do not resist an evil person. **If someone strikes you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also.** ... You have heard that it was said, "Love your neighbor and hate your enemy." ... I tell you: **Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven.** God causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous (Matthew 5:38, 39–48).

Satan wants to infect your heart by inciting actual injustice to trigger outrage in you, but then he tricks you by getting you to embrace the injustice of human governments to make things right. He wants you to believe that you can establish justice if only the right

laws are passed and enforced, even though these new laws would be equally subject to unfair and arbitrary enforcement.

That's why it is only through surrender to Jesus and experiencing His love and applying His methods in our lives that we can escape the trap of the devil and experience peace.

Practice True Justice and You Will Experience Peace

We are in a spiritual war over the true knowledge of God, and you have a decision to make: When you see injustice, will you turn to the systems of this world to "make things right," or will you turn to God, embracing and practicing His methods to create true justice?

God's kingdom is not of this world. We must break away from loyalty to such systems. We must give our hearts to God; only then will we see every human being as His child. We will love every person as our brothers and sisters, whether they are Democrat

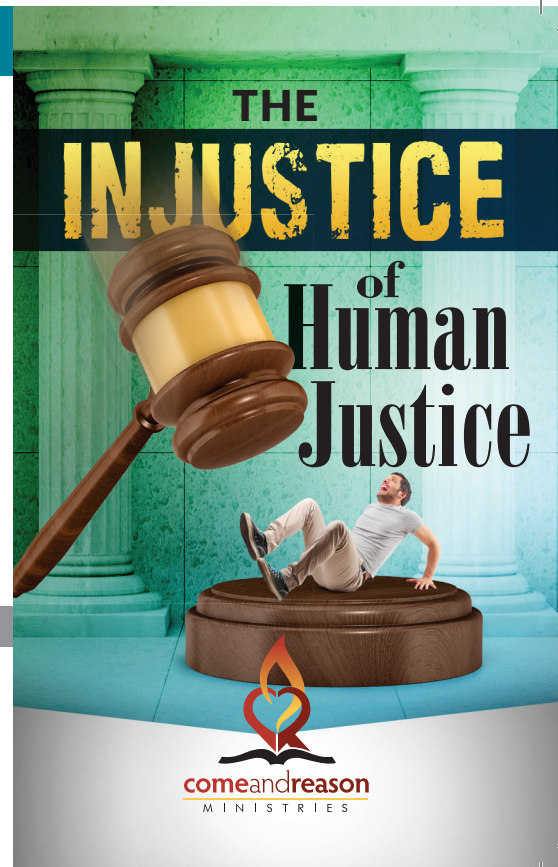
or Republican, white or black, rich or poor, Christian or agnostic. We will see all people as God's children either living in harmony with God and getting healthier—or out of harmony and getting sicker. And even when we see some manifesting selfish, exploitive, or violent behavior, we will love them. And while we grieve what we see them doing to themselves and others, we will not embrace Satan's methods of justice and use force to make them comply with what we think is right.

We must reject the lie of human justice and embrace true justice, the righteousness of truth, love, and freedom, the rightness and justice of God's character of love and His design laws for life.

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Have you ever been treated unfairly?

Of course you have!

When that injustice happened to you—perhaps you were punished for something you didn't do, or you lost money to fraudsters—and no court would hear your plea for justice, and there was no avenue to set things right, how did you feel?

Did you experience anger and outrage? Were you tempted to take matters into your own hands?

The Bible says that God wants you to feel “love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control” even under such circumstances (Galatians 5:22, 23). But how is that possible? Weren't we made to seek out justice, violently if necessary?

Let's look at what's really going on . . .

The “Justice” of the World

When Satan took Jesus to the mountaintop, he didn't offer the Savior a mere 80 percent of the kingdoms of the world. No—the devil offered him

100 percent of the world's kingdoms, claiming *all* of them as his own.

Jesus did not dispute Satan's claim. Instead, He said, “My kingdom is not of this world” (John 18:36). What did He mean?

The kingdoms of this world are based upon imposed laws, with arbitrary rules and enforcement. Such laws are open to manipulation and abuse. In all human governments, those in power—those with money or political connections—are held to a different standard than those without them.

Human laws always result in injustice to some individual or group.

However, God's laws are the protocols that reality is built upon—laws like gravity, thermal dynamics, the laws of health, and—yes, even the moral laws. These are called design laws.

And God's design laws are constants; they cannot be manipulated, changed, exploited, bent, or applied inconsistently. They affect everyone equally.

Even the best human governments can create only the illusion of justice, but they are still ultimately unjust. It is true that when government legislators, judges, administrators are more kind, compassionate, and honest, they can mitigate the injustice of arbitrary laws applied unequally.

But injustice still occurs, because these systems of law are arbitrary and because not everyone in power is righteous; many selfishly manipulate the system. (Think about the politicians who set up lockdown rules for the pandemic but then violated those same rules yet were never punished.)

When we place our faith in government justice, believing it will be fair and then it isn't, our reaction is naturally outrage, hurt, disillusionment, and sometimes even violence. We see a wrong and desire to make it right in any way that we can. If the system itself won't punish the guilty, then we must do it ourselves. We cheer vigilante movies when the hero uses violence to set things right.

But this is the justice of Satan's domain. When we place such faith in human justice, we are actually being deceived.

The action of inflicting punishment is not in keeping with God's kingdom of love and is not true justice. God's justice is based on His design law, and breaking His law naturally damages the one who violates it; they will eventually die unless they are healed from sin. Godly justice is about removing the sin from our lives, eradicating fear and selfishness, and restoring in the sinner God's love and truth.

God's justice turns enemies into friends!

God's justice saves, healing hearts by writing His law of love into the heart and mind (Hebrews 8:10). This is what Jesus meant when He said that “the kingdom of God is within you” (Luke 17:21).

The only place on this sinful Earth that we find true justice is in the hearts of people who have surrendered to God. His kingdom reacts differently to injustice than the kingdoms of this world: