

Discovering God

Core Practice #4: Adopting a World Need

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Learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression; bring justice to the fatherless, plead the widow's cause. Isaiah 1:17 ESV

"You shall not wrong a sojourner or oppress him, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt. You shall not mistreat any widow or fatherless child. If you do mistreat them, and they cry out to me, I will surely hear their cry" Exodus 22:21-23 ESV

And you shall not strip your vineyard bare, neither shall you gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard. You shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner: I am the LORD your God. Leviticus 19:10 ESV

The LORD works righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed. Psalm 103:6 ESV

Whoever oppresses a poor man insults his Maker, but he who is generous to the needy honors him. Proverbs 14:31 ESV

Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the LORD, and he will repay him for his deed. Proverbs 19:17 ESV

"The righteous care about justice for the poor, but the wicked have no such concern." Proverbs 29:7 NIV

"Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh?" Isaiah 58:6-7 ESV

The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor... Isaiah 61:1-2A ESV

Thus says the LORD: Do justice and righteousness, and deliver from the hand of the oppressor him who has been robbed. And do no wrong or violence to the resident alien, the fatherless, and the widow, nor shed innocent blood in this place. Jeremiah 22:3 ESV

He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? Micah 6:8 ESV

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Shalom is about everything existing as it was intended to, as God created it to, with everything in its right place. In shalom, the world is reaching back to Eden, where the stains of sin are non-existent. Where things that sin has broken are fixed, and everything is made right. This is our great hope, that Revelation points to, that one day Jesus will return and dwell among us, and when he does he will make all things new, he will restore all things.

"But the voice goes on calling us, beckoning us, luring us to think that there might be such a thing as justice, as the world being put to rights, even though we find it so elusive. We're like moths trying to fly to the moon. We all know there's something called justice, but we can't quite get to it."

~ N.T. Wright ~ *Simply Christian*

"There is someone speaking to us, whispering in our inner ear-- someone who cares very much about this present world and our present selves, and who has made us and the world for a purpose which will indeed involve justice, things being put to rights, ourselves being put to rights, the world being rescued at last."

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"For God so loved that world that he gave his only son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. God did not send his Son in the world to condemn it, but to save it." John 3:16-17 ESV

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." Luke 4:18 ESV

For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.' Matthew 25:31-46 ESV

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