

Peace and Justice

I now understand those who are for peace and justice and spreading the wealth out to everyone. It was prophetically sung years ago. When I was a boy we sang a song and it's the leader of the snowflakes. Who is the leader of the snowflakes? Frosty the snowman. When you put enough flakes together you have one. It would have to be frosty the snowman and he was a jolly happy soul. And so he said, let's run and play and have some fun before we melt away. But if he wouldn't have been playing he could have built a freezer unit and in the summer time he would just go in there and stay and then when it comes winter he could come out and he wouldn't have to go away. But because they played around, they were gone. That's a prophetic utterance for my message today.

Psalm 89:14, *Justice and judgment are the habitation of thy throne*: We have justice; we have those that are just. Jesus brings us to a place of justification. And justification means that you are accepted of God. And just and justice is the same thing. It has to do with being accepted because of your decisions and what you do. If you don't do what God wants, you'll not be justified in His sight. And so Jesus takes His blood and breaks the power of sin. We also know that the ways of man are not the ways of God. God doesn't see things the way man sees them. The reason is because God is righteous but men are in the fallen state and what they think and what they want to do is not accepted by God, because God created a holy earth. So justice in His eyes is to remove the wickedness so the earth returns to the way He created it. Matthew 5:5 says, *Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth*. But man sees everything through the eyes of self-centeredness and so those who want the United States to become socialist or to be communist or somewhere in between which is taught today will lead you into barrenness. We want to look at the peace and justice that we see today. When I hear of peace and justice, people that are out protesting (who are the "snowflakes"), there are two things that I think of. The first one has to do with redistribution of the wealth. And the other one has to do with hanging on to your billfold because they're going to try to get into it. Those who believe in redistribution, this is the explanation of that. "We want the money because you have too much money and no one person needs that much money. So therefore, you need to give me some of your money so I have some money and be closer to being equal with you. Because we're supposed to share what we have." Now, does that fit with the thoughts and the ways of God?

Let's look in Exodus 20 at the Ten Commandments. Would that be a good place to start? We're not going to go through all ten of them, because you know them. But I'm going to refresh you with the last commandment. When I bring a message or share something, I try to sum everything up at the last so you remember something about what was said, and I believe that Exodus 20:17 does that. You know, it goes down through there, don't kill, don't commit adultery, don't steal, don't bear false witness against your neighbor, and then it says in verse 17, *Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house*. Well what has happened in the last 15-20 years? Everybody is trying to out build their neighbor's house. We're not supposed to be doing that. And, *thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor anything that is thy neighbor's*. Now, what did I just describe there? First of all, I described someone who was wealthy. I don't have manservants nor maidservants in my house. Isn't that what wealthy people do? I mean, very wealthy people. The elite of this nation may have maids and manservants that take care of the limousine and the jet and whatever they have. He's not talking about some poor person back off in the hills somewhere. He's talking about not coveting the man's house. So he's not renting, he owns a house. And he has manservants, he has maidservants, he has oxen and ass, and everything else. You're not supposed to want any of it. Nothing. Now, is justice served then, by going to that man's house and taking that which he has and distributing it to people who don't have anything and don't want to work? Or at least if they are working, they never put into what it took to get what he has and so therefore they don't have it. There are a lot of people who make money, but when I was a young man, I was always told, it isn't how much you make, it's how much you save that counts. You can make a lot of money, but if you don't have any left over then you haven't gained anything no

matter how much you make. And so there are a lot of reasons why a lot of people don't have anything. But most of it has to do with self-centeredness and the desires to please your flesh. It all comes back to that.

Let's go back to Psalm 89:14. *Justice and judgment are the habitation of thy throne: mercy and truth shall go before thy face.* So whatever God does, He deals in truth. But if you want to live in that truth He gives you mercy to get there. If you don't want to go in truth, mercy doesn't follow with you. So we have two subjects here: that God is a God of justice, so if we look and see what God says and how He responds, we know what justice means then, don't we? Because justice will be in everything He does. But He is also a God of judgment. If you do this, this is what is going to happen. If you do this, this is what's going to happen. It's already planned out what the judgments are and will be. And so we'll have to stand and say, I'm here because of the choices I have made. That's it. You can't blame anybody else. You know, somebody may try to make you do something, but you don't have to do it. And so because of that, you are where you're at because of what you chose to do. And so God knows that and so He lives in justice and judgment. But in justice, He's saying, Leave your hands off of other people's property that they have made and labored for. Stay out of it. That's justice. And if you do go in and take from them, judgment will fall upon you. But if you want to change, then I'll come to you in truth and give you time to change your attitude about your neighbor that you are trying to steal from because he has more than he needs. Is that a correct assumption? Now is that what we're hearing today in the United States? Peace and justice? Not even close. It is 180 degrees from what they are saying. They're saying no man should have more than what they need. God doesn't say that. He said, those who have a house, those who have manservants and maidservants and all the animals and livestock and everything they have, you keep your hands off of it. It's his. And you don't have a right to get any of it. And if you do, My justice will bring judgment to you. Now the question is, will that hold up looking in the scriptures further? Well, let's go look.

In Genesis 6, the first part of the chapter shows that fallen angels had children with earth women and they became polluted human beings. Half earth people and half fallen angels have no salvation, so they are lost forever. God never made salvation for the fallen angels. So all of the angels that had children from earth women were doomed for destruction from the day they were born. There's no salvation for them. So it says here in Genesis 6:5, *And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.* Now, there's no hope in that, is there? So it says in verse 6, *And it repented the Lord that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart.* And so here, God saw what was happening after 800 years, or 900 years, or 1500 years, God saw that His creation had gone belly up. What does it mean to be belly up? To fall flat on your back. Mankind fell flat on their back. And that there was no hope of changing around because He said, they are wicked continuously. There wasn't any level of changing, it just kept getting worse and worse and worse. And then in verse 7, *And the Lord said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them.* He said, I'm just sorry that I made all of this; I'm going to kill all of My creation. I'm going to kill all the birds, all the fish, all of the animals on the ground, and all the people. I'm going to wipe them out. I'm just going to destroy them all. Now, God is a just God. He's just. Now in verse 8 it says, *But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord.* He looked throughout the earth, and He said, wait a minute. Noah is a man I could use. And so God began to use Noah as a tool to change the course of the earth. Verse 9, *These are the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man.* He was just. As a just person, what was he going to do with the wicked? You know, people today are crying out for justice. Do they know what they are crying out for? In God's eyes to bring justice on the earth is to destroy all the wicked. Now, which one matters, man's eyes, or God's eyes? Man doesn't have anything to do with it. It's only man's philosophy. Now that is a very quick example of God's ways not being man's ways. God would not make a flood and destroy all the people. Oh yes He would, and He did. He did destroy all of the people. Why? Because He was grieved in His heart that there was such wickedness upon the earth and they didn't do anything but just continue. The United States was very close to that. There are many people in the United States who are bent continually on wickedness, and that's all they do. They have no hope of anything else. They want other people's money. You know, I could start

naming all of the things those people want and they would have a pile of judgments upon them, and they don't even know it. Verse 9 continued, *Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations*. That means that in his generations there was no fallen angel that had no hope of salvation. So he was a just man, he was perfect in his generations, *and Noah walked with God*. And the reason he was just is because he walked with God. Because there wasn't any justice upon the earth, but God noticed Noah and said, wait a minute. He is just and he will bring justice for Me on the earth. That's exactly what he did. Verse 11, *The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence*. See, the justice of man's thinking brings violence. What is violence? Taking something that is not yours. That's violence. Putting your hands into someone's pocket, or into someone's things that aren't yours, is violence. That's what mankind was doing. Verse 12-13, *And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth. And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth*. God is once again raising Himself up and He's going to destroy the wicked through the earth. We are earth people, therefore He's going to use us to destroy the wicked. Now, we won't do it the same way as Noah did, and that is, destroy all human beings. What we will do is destroy the kingdom of satan that they have no power. They still may be alive, but they won't have any power. And we're half through with the first set that God said, I'm going to tear down the mountains and the hills, and fill in the valley, and make the road straight, so that everyone will walk down that road and they will see that I am God. And if you are destined for hell, you're going straight to hell. If you're destined for heaven, you're going straight to heaven. So that everyone will know and see that I am God. And we're halfway through tearing down the mountain. And what that means is that those who are warfare people are tearing down the powers of satan and his kingdom so that they have no power to do anything anymore. It's going to be over. And it's being done in such a way that people are not in the middle of any of it, it's God. And it's being done where it has never been done before and it's because of Joel's army. There's never been an army like it before and there will never be an army like it again, because once all of satan's kingdom is torn down it will be over. Jesus said, like it was in the days of Noah so shall it be in this day. That's what He's talking about. He's going to destroy satan's kingdom with the earth. So we see that Noah was just, he was pure in his generation, and he walked with God. And he destroyed mankind off the face of the earth, through the earth. The earth helped him. A lot of people want to sit around and wait until the Lord comes back and takes care of everything. That's not the ways of God. The ways of God is, He gave this earth to mankind and mankind is responsible to finish it with the direction of Jesus His Son as the head of this army.

Then in Genesis 14, we're going to read about the father of faith, who is Abraham. In Genesis 14 Abraham slaughters the kings that took Lot and all the people and possessions away, I think it was a three day journey. Abraham found out about it and he took his three hundred and eighteen men up there and he wiped out the five kings and all their soldiers. It think they went three days journey and thought they were safe so they had a little happy juice party. And they got so happy that they couldn't pick a sword up to fight and Abraham just went in and wiped them out. And Melchizedek went out and fellowshiped with Abraham and gave him wine and bread that represents Jesus' body, to celebrate the wickedness being removed from the earth. That's justice in God's eyes. And so, Abraham says this, in verse 23, *That I will not take from a thread even to a shoelatchet, and that I will not take any thing that is thine, lest thou shouldest say, I have made Abraham rich*. That is, the king of Sodom said, you can have all the things, just give me the people back so I have slaves that will work for me and once again I'll get wealth. If you just give me the people back then you can have all the wealth. And Abraham says, I have God as my source. I don't want any part of what you have. Now, Abraham didn't have the Ten Commandments, but Abraham knew, those things are not mine. Get them out of here. I'm not participating in taking someone else's things when I have a Creator who blesses me and I'm a wealthy man. He had three hundred eighteen soldiers, plus women and children. Who knows how many hundred people were with Abraham that wanted to go with him, that were manservants. Not slaves, but manservants and maids.

Let's go to John 2:13-16, *And the Jews' Passover was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem, And found in the temple those that sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the changers of money sitting: And when he had made a scourge of small cords, he drove them all out of the temple, and the sheep, and the oxen; and poured out the changers' money, and overthrew the tables; And said unto them that sold doves, Take these things hence; make not my Father's house an house of merchandise.* The most important thing is not merchandise. The most important thing is to honor the Creator. And then you will find justice being ushered towards you. You have to understand that if God is a God of justice, the time will come when people do things wrongfully against you that He will bring His judgment upon them and you don't have to. This pretty well shows you that God is a loving God that brings justice and He brings justification, that is, even though I have sinned in my life, He comes to me with the covenant of grace and truth that I might change and then justifies me so that I can be in His presence with the absence of sin. Not because I haven't sinned but because He forgives me of the sin that I've committed. And so God is not a puppy dog that just follows you around and loves on you, licks you, and is just so lovey dovey with you. No, He's an absolute God. You don't mess with God. And you don't mess with people's things that God gave them. You know, God makes the borders of a nation. And He'll make your borders, and if people trespass your borders He'll bring judgment. And I believe that this nation is under judgment now for those who are wicked and those who are not honoring what God gave someone else.

Matthew 10:34-38, *Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword. For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law. And a man's foes shall be they of his own household. He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me.* Alright, the cross is you dying to your self-centeredness and what you want. The only way you can be just is that God will separate you from those who are unjust if you want to be just before God. Noah had brothers and sisters, but it never mentions that any of them helped him make the ark. But Noah's dad and grandpa knew what he was doing and I believe that they helped finance the building of the ark. They were godly men, they knew what was going on, they knew why. They said when Noah was born that he was going to deliver them from the curse of labor of living on the earth after the fall of man. And so the only way that anybody can walk just upon the earth, or have justice, is to walk with God. And anyone who is not walking with God and saying we need justice, you're asking judgment upon yourself because you're wicked. And the reason is this: because mankind's thoughts and intent are always wicked unless you've been born again into God's world. David moved into God's world and he said, the Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. And if you don't want, you won't want somebody else's things. Therefore, you can walk justly if you have faith that God is your source like Abraham, that He will provide what you need, then you can walk justly and not want somebody else's things. And you won't rip anybody off. You won't laugh when you make a deal that makes them labor that much harder just to try to survive. And so how can you be just and want justice when you want somebody else's things? What you are in God is a stench that smells so bad that He doesn't want you around. And His judgment, because He lives in justice and judgment, you're pronouncing upon yourself which makes is a lot easier for those in warfare to get rid of wickedness. You don't have to mess with them because judgment is already on the way to them, for their self-centeredness, wanting something that God said, keep your fingers off. And that's why I have a little saying, keep your stinkin' fingers off of my stuff. I give seed to those who will plant it to produce a harvest; but not to those who eat the seed. Because it stinks in God's eyes. And so Jesus came with a sword to divide those that want justice of man's thinking and those that want justice from God. They can't coexist, because the one that wants man's justice wants your things, and is going to find a way to get them. But if your justice comes from God, the Lord is my shepherd I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name sake. Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil, for He is with me. Can you see the difference? Is that a right assumption? It is, isn't it? That's the way God thinks and I'm showing you the way man thinks. It's a dangerous thing to listen to

someone that has man's philosophy because you will go straight to hell. Because man's ways are not God's ways, and God's ways are not man's ways.

In Revelation chapter 1 what we're going to read is the way Jesus is going to look when He comes back. This is a description of Jesus. Revelation 1:13, *And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle.* So He's coming as King of kings and Lord of lords. Verse 14, *His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow;* He's the ancient of days. *And his eyes were as a flame of fire;* Have you ever seen someone's eyes that looked like there was fire in them? That's a frightful thing. God is a consuming fire. And if His eyes, all He's looking for is judgment. Verse 15, *And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace;* His feet, what is He going to do? Wherever He goes, there is a furnace that burns and will burn up all wickedness, because He is going to remove the wicked from the earth once and for all. *And his voice as the sound of many waters.* That sound of many waters is a voice that comes from behind that is very plain to hear. Verse 16, *And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword: and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength.* A sharp two edged sword. Hebrews 4:12 describes what that sword does. He's going to divide the flesh from the spirit. He's going to divide those who lived in the flesh and pleased it and did everything they could to find pleasure and He's going to divide those that were willing to go through the fire to be purged of their sin. And then it says, His countenance was like the sun. And some places it even says the noonday sun. That's when the sun is at its brightest. What does that mean, that he's going to come like the noonday sun? It means that you can't see what's going on any greater than at noon time because the sun is full strength. And when He comes to you, if you walked in darkness all of a sudden you will see exactly who you are because He'll come to you as the sun in full array and He's going to expose every wickedness you ever did. And the only thing you can do is run from His presence. But you can't run fast enough. You're done. Verse 17, John says, *And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead.* Righteous John. John was so righteous and was so close and was Jesus' best friend on the earth, and yet when he saw the Lord it was so frightening to him that he fell down like he was dead. And Jesus said, verse 17-18, *Fear not; I am the first and the last: I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for ever more, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.* I have the keys of death and hell, and who I put in there I'll lock up for all eternity.

Isaiah 9:5, *For every battle of the warrior is with confused noise, (that's the physical,) and garments rolled in blood; but this shall be with burning and fuel of fire.* To start with, this burning and fuel of fire will be to burn up the power of satan on the earth so that the wicked are powerless to do all their slick little things they do. Verse 6, *For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.* Yes, He's the Prince of Peace. Do you know why He's the Prince of Peace? Because He's going to remove the wicked. You cannot have peace and justice with wickedness on the earth. So He's going to remove those that want peace and justice to fill their pockets. And He's going to have peace upon the earth through fire. That fire will bring peace to the earth. Then in verse 8, *The Lord sent a word into Jacob.* Jacob was unrefined. The Lord sent a word to Jacob but he couldn't hear it. But Jacob wrestled with God all night before he met his brother Esau who had four hundred horses and soldiers on them coming out to meet him. And here he was, some sheep, some cattle, four wives, and twelve sons. And verse 8 says, *and it hath lighted upon Israel.* Now who is Israel? Jacob wrestled with God all night and in the morning the angel said, you have won. I'm going to be with you. But to keep you from doing it yourself, I will protect you. Therefore I'm going to pull your leg socket out of joint so that you will limp the rest of your life, so you can't run, you can't do anything. I will protect you. And so he limped. And the angel said, now your name is no longer Jacob, but Israel. And then when he became Israel he received the word.

1 Corinthians 3:13-15, *Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. If any man's work abide which he hath*

built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire. So, if He burns everything up and he stays with God, he can be saved because he's going to burn up all of his self-centeredness. God knows how to do that. But if you run from Him you won't be saved. That's going through the fire. God will purify you through fire. Verse 16-17, *Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.* So those that want to commit suicide will never be in heaven, because it says here that if you destroy your temple, which is your body, He'll destroy you.

In closing, Luke 23:39, Jesus is hanging on the cross when this conversation is going on, there were two soldiers, one on the right and one on the left of Jesus, as they hung on the cross. *And one of the malefactors which were hanged railed on him, saying, If thou be Christ, save thyself and us.* The one thief says, If you're the Christ, get us off of this thing. Verse 40-41, *But the other answering rebuked him, saying, Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation? And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss.* So here he acknowledges Jesus as being just, and he says, we are getting what we deserve, because of our deeds. What does that mean? That means that even though he is a thief he doesn't know how to ask Jesus to save him, so he says, my deeds were wrong. I know that I am getting what I deserve. But you are a just God and then he says in verse 42, *And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom.* He said, Lord, remember me. Now, remember that Jesus said, depart from me, I never knew you. But the thief said, remember me. I haven't done anything right, and I deserve to die, but when You go into Your kingdom, remember me. Remember me. And that's all I want God to do, is to remember me. And if He doesn't remember me, I'm done. And so he says, Lord, remember me when you enter into your kingdom. Verse 43, *And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, Today shalt thou be with me in paradise.* You're not going to hell. He's going to paradise. A place where God's people go until it's over. I've done wrong, you're just, and I'm not. He didn't say, the covenant of grace, he didn't know anything about anything, other than the fact, just remember me. I'm not worthy because I've sinned, and my deeds are wicked, but You don't deserve this and when You're raised up again, remember me. He had to know something about the resurrection. He said, when You go to Your kingdom, remember me. If you want peace and justice, you have to walk with God. Man's wisdom, man's ways of peace and justice, is foolishness to God because it's only theology whipped up by man. But the Bible says peace and justice comes only through Him.