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Foundations for Life #6:

Righteousness & Justice

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Did you know that GOD is deeply concerned about matters of righteousness and justice? Did you know that “Righteousness and justice are the foundation of (His) throne” (Psalm 89:14). Did you know that righteousness and justice are major themes in the Bible, with these and related words used 1,700 times? Did you know that matters of righteousness and justice are often the first matters GOD addresses when correcting or judging a nation?

Continuing with Foundations for Life, this week we cover “Righteousness and Justice.” Righteousness and justice, and the rule of law, are essential to establishing, maintaining or restoring a righteous, peaceful, just and secure community and nation.

- 1. Aspects of the Nature of GOD:** Psalm 33:5 reveals this about the nature of GOD: The LORD “loves **righteousness** (H6666) and **justice** (H4941).” Psalm 89:14 not only reveals that “**Righteousness** (H6664) and **justice** (H4941) are the foundation of (His) throne,” but these characteristics are inseparable from His “lovingkindness and truth.” Isaiah 33:22 declares: “For the LORD is our **judge** (H8199), The LORD is our lawgiver, The LORD is our King; He will save us.” (From these three aspects of His nature, wise men developed three branches of government.)
- 2. Righteousness:** The Hebrew and Greek words for righteousness also mean right, just, justice, virtue, straight, observing divine and human laws (look up the Hebrew and Greek words cited herein at www.BlueLetterBible.org). The first Webster’s American Dictionary of the English Language, 1828, defines righteousness as “purity of heart” and “conformity of heart and life to the divine law. . . . It includes justice, honesty and virtue . . . in short, it is true religion.”
- 3. Justice:** The Hebrew and Greek words for justice also mean right, just, lawful, according to law, order, discretion, sentence, judge, judgment. Webster’s 1828 defines “just” as “The virtue which consists in giving to every person what is his due” based on principles of impartiality and equity. These principles are firmly rooted in legal standards of right and wrong that are universal, uniform, and unchanging.

4. Aspects and Importance: Proverbs 21:3 declares: “To do **righteousness** (H6666) and **justice** (H4941) is desired by the LORD more than sacrifice.” Leviticus 24:22 asserts: “There shall be **one standard** (H4941) for you; it shall be for the stranger as well as the native, for I am the LORD your God.” Micah 6:8 informs us: “He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do **justice** (H4941), to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?” In John 7:24, Jesus commanded us: “Do not **judge** (G2919) according to appearance, but **judge** (G2919) with **righteous** (G1342) **judgment** (G2920).”

These characteristics of **righteousness** and **justice** in Scripture are intertwined and inseparable, providing fixed standards by which we can live in right relationship to GOD and one another. GOD’s standards of righteousness require justice. Every injustice is a result of an act of unrighteousness. Without righteousness, there can be no justice. Without justice, righteousness cannot be preserved. The crucifixion of Jesus Christ is the perfect representation of the inseparable nature of the righteousness and justice of Almighty GOD, because the Lamb of GOD was perfect in righteousness, while the justice of GOD required His sacrifice for the forgiveness of our sins. Followers of Jesus Christ should be equally concerned with matters of justice as they are with matters of righteousness. For He is!

Pray that the understanding of GOD’s nature and concern for righteousness and justice would be restored to the Church first, and to all nations.

For the LORD, the sacred gift of life, and remembrance of the babies,

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