

Psalm 58

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Bible scholars might not agree when Psalm 58 was written, but they do agree that David is upset. Justice, righteousness, and order have left Israel. So David condemns righteous talk and mocks the unjust execution of justice. Does any of this sound familiar? Righteous Talk? Unjust execution of the law? The first two verses could have been taken from our local newspaper.

Thankfully, I have read the end of *The Book*. Praise God that justice prevails! Truth defeats lies! Death is swallowed in victory!

Read Revelation 19: 11-12 for a sneak peek.

Who rides in to see that justice prevails, truth wins, and death dies?

In the meantime, until Faithful and True rides up in the white horse, what do we do?

Read Micah 6:8. Write the verse in the space below.

Act justly. Love mercy. Walk humbly with your God. God lays it out in a simple 1-2-3 format.

Act Justly

God expects His children to do right by others, to treat everyone fairly. He feels so strongly about the idea that He mentions it again in Luke 6:31: “Do to others as you would have them do to you.” It sounds so simplistic, doesn’t it? But pause for a moment, and imagine what this world would be like if all God’s children would act justly toward each other, as well as those who are not followers of Christ.

Read Ephesians 4:32.

How else does God expect us to treat others?

Be kind. Be compassionate. Forgive. Not only should we treat everyone this way, but we should also stand up and fight when someone is not treated well. It is our responsibility to stand against wrong. As Americans, we have electoral power. As Christian Americans, it is our responsibility to use our vote to give power to judges and government officials who believe in God and in His ways of kindness, compassionate, and justice.

Love Mercy

Micah says that you should love kindness so much that you want to show it. Find kind things to do for others—people you know, people you don’t know, people who deserve it, and people who don’t.

In 2000, the movie, *Pay it Forward*, hit the big screen. The story is about a boy who was determined to change the world with random simple acts of kindness. The movie sparked a phenomenon of doing random acts of kindness.

This phenomenon led our local Christian radio station to start *The Drive-Thru Difference* campaign. An individual in the fast-food drive-thru line, of a restaurant pays for the order of the person behind him or her them. Instead of taking money, the cashier hands the recipient and a *Drive-Thru Difference* certificate. Don't you know that God smiles when He sees such an act of loving-kindness? Doing something nice, just for the sake of doing something nice, what is quite a concept! So here's a challenge for you: Randomly and anonymously do something kind for another person today.

Walk Humbly With Your God.

Read James 4:6.

Who does God oppose? Who receives God grace?

I would like to be in the line for some God grace, wouldn't you? To do this, we must determine to keep things real with God, and let Him do His job without our assistance. Then we will receive His grace and avoid His opposition. When we walk humbly with our God, we keep our perspective about Who is in charge.

Read Deuteronomy 10:12-13.

How should we walk, love, and serve the Lord?

What else?

We can take a huge first step to make things better until Faithful and True rides in save the day by living out the truth of Micah 6:8. The second step is to pray.

We can pray to be a humble, to have grace to faithfully seek God's face, and to humbly turn from our wicked ways (2 Chronicles 7:14-15). We, as the body of Christ, can change our world by acting justly, loving mercy, and walking humbly with our God. How cool is that?