

Amazing Love

Every man, woman and child that lived in the past, lives now and ever will live – God loves every one of us. He created the universe so we'd have a place to live. Then he shaped us in a way that allowed us to return his love.

God's Servant Brings Justice

Isaiah 42:1-9 NET

“Here is my servant whom I support, my chosen one in whom I take pleasure. I have placed my spirit on him; he will make just decrees for the nations. He will not cry out or shout; he will not publicize himself in the streets. A crushed reed he will not break, a dim wick he will not extinguish; he will faithfully make just decrees. He will not grow dim or be crushed before establishing justice on the earth; the coastlands will wait in anticipation for his decrees.” This is what the true God, the Lord, says – the one who created the sky and stretched it out, the one who fashioned the earth and everything that lives on it, the one who gives breath to the people on it, and life to those who live on it: “I, the Lord, officially commission you; I take hold of your hand. I protect you and make you a covenant mediator for people, and a light to the nations, to open blind eyes, to release prisoners from dungeons, those who live in darkness from prisons. I am the Lord! That is my name! I will not share my glory with anyone else, or the praise due me with idols. Look, my earlier predictive oracles have come to pass; now I announce new events. Before they begin to occur, I reveal them to you.”

Sermon in a Sentence:

Justice for all kinds of people will grow as all kinds of people receive Jesus as their King.

What are the traits of Jesus' justice?

1. Jesus' justice is GENTLE (vv. 1-3)
2. Jesus' justice is GLOBAL (v. 4)
3. Jesus' justice is GROWS IN GOD'S PROMISE (v. 5, 9)
4. Jesus' justice GATHERS TOGETHER (vv. 6-7)
5. Jesus' justice GLORIFIES GOD (v. 8)

A New Way of Viewing Justice

We lean toward viewing justice as the next best thing to revenge. We hope offenders receive their “just deserts.” We enjoy seeing criminals suffering like their victims did and call it “poetic justice.” People who hurt us will “get a comeuppance.” But Jesus' justice transforms all kinds of people into citizens of his kingdom. The injustices of this world will be set straight as more and more persons recognize Jesus as their King.

How can I know?

- Have you ever asked him to forgive you for wandering off to do your own thing?
- Do you recognize him as your King? Or are you still in charge of your life?
- Are you more likely to seek justice for yourself or for someone else?

- Are you learning to seek justice gently?
- Do you gather often to worship Jesus and to express his justice with others?