

Character of God: God is Just

Reflect

1. What comes to mind when you think of justice?
2. How do you think a just God is generally viewed in culture?
3. What do you think about God's works being perfect? Does that include His creation? Even you?

Read Your Bible

- Deuteronomy 32:4

Apply God's Word to Your Life

1. What does it mean that God is just?
2. How do you think God's justice might look different than what we would consider just?
3. Do you think God's justice is the same for everyone? Explain.

4. What would it look like to try to build our lives on a God who wasn't just?

5. If we believe God is perfect and does no wrong, how do you explain suffering?

6. Would we have needed a Savior if God was not just? Explain.

Conclusion

It can sometimes be challenging to view our loving and merciful God as also being just. But God is just, and His justice is as much a part of His character as His love and mercy. Without His justice, there would be nothing to keep sin in check, and evil would have won. But the combination of God being just and merciful is the reason that He sent Jesus to set things right. The punishment of sin which we justly deserve was taken on by Jesus when He went to the cross. And because of His sacrifice, all those who believe in Christ and call on His name are declared "not guilty." Christ "died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust, so that He might bring us to God." (1 Peter 3:18)

Pray

Heavenly Father, You are just. Thank You for being our perfect and faithful Rock. Thank You for being a God of both justice and mercy, and for sending Your Son Jesus to die for our sins so that we may be declared "not guilty" in Your eyes. Lord, please help us to respond to Your justice and mercy with a longing for justice and a merciful heart. Help us to live as You would have us live, and love as You love us. In Jesus' name. Amen.