**IT’S NOT FAIR!**

**INTRODUCTION:**

1. Think of a situation you were involved in where you felt unjustly treated.
2. I can share two insurance scandals with you.
3. Be it insurance, in the playground while you were a child, home, school, work, economics, politics, or general miscarriage of justice, “it is not fair” resonates with every one of us.
4. Somebody once said, the way Jesus Himself was tried and prosecuted, was a total miscarriage of Jewish and Roman justice system.
5. The question remains, is there justice in this world?
6. What about God, is God fair?
7. If God is fair, why is there so much injustice in this world?
8. We spoke about the Sovereignty of God last month. Let us now explore the Justice of God.
9. Abraham once took God to task before the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah with an awesome question.
10. **Genesis 18:25, “Far be it from you to do such a thing—to kill the righteous with the wicked, treating the righteous and the wicked alike. Far be it from you! Will not the Judge of all the earth do right?”**
11. **JUSTICE OF GOD IN SCRIPTURES.**
12. **Genesis 3:8-13**

**8Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the Lord God among the trees of the garden. 9But the Lord God called to the man, “Where are you?”**

**10He answered, “I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid.”**

**11And he said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?”**

**12The man said, “The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it.”**

**13Then the Lord God said to the woman, “What is this you have done?”**

**The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”**

1. This is not the first time Kingdom of God or His Sovereign Lordship was challenged. The presence of the devil in the Garden of Eden implicates this prejudice against God came from out of this world.
2. The premise of the devil’s argument is “God is not fair” and have “shortchanged” you. You can “take” what is rightfully “yours” and be like God.
3. This satanic doctrine is the root of all pride, sin, and rebelliousness – why serve God if He can serve you! This is an abomination.
4. God is not an ATM machine and Jesus is not a credit card!
5. Questioning the Justice of God is to question His very nature of holiness, righteousness, love, justice, and sovereignty.
6. The consequences of sin that led to the flood in Noah’s time.
7. **Genesis 6:5-8**

**5The Lord saw how great the wickedness of the human race had become on the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of the human heart was only evil all the time. 6The Lord regretted that he had made human beings on the earth, and his heart was deeply troubled. 7So the Lord said, “I will wipe from the face of the earth the human race I have created—and with them the animals, the birds and the creatures that move along the ground—for I regret that I have made them.” 8But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord.**

1. Noah and three sons with their wife – 8 in all survived the deluge.
2. Job lost his wealth, family, health, wife, and even friends! He questions God’s justice until God Himself responded.
3. **Job 42:1-6**

**42 Then Job replied to the Lord:**

**2“I know that you can do all things;
    no purpose of yours can be thwarted.
3You asked, ‘Who is this that obscures my plans without knowledge?’
    Surely I spoke of things I did not understand,
    things too wonderful for me to know.**

**4“You said, ‘Listen now, and I will speak;
    I will question you,
    and you shall answer me.’
5My ears had heard of you
    but now my eyes have seen you.
6Therefore I despise myself
    and repent in dust and ashes.”**

1. Abraham pleads for Sodom and Gomorrah (Lot and family) – **Genesis 18:32**

**32Then he said, “May the Lord not be angry, but let me speak just once more. What if only ten can be found there?”**

**He answered, “For the sake of ten, I will not destroy it.”**

1. **WILL GOD JUDGE OUR CASE FAIRLY?**
2. Jesus tells a story about an unjust judge in **Luke 18:1-8**

**18 Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. 2He said: “In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared what people thought. 3And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, ‘Grant me justice against my adversary.’**

**4“For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, ‘Even though I don’t fear God or care what people think, 5yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won’t eventually come and attack me!’”**

**6And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. 7And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? 8I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?”**

1. When we say “pray”, it is not a lame excuse, nor something about manipulating God – it is about appealing to the justice of God.
2. All judgement has been given to Jesus.
3. **John 5:22, “Moreover, the Father judges no one, but has entrusted all judgment to the Son,”**
4. Take a look at this passage again. **Romans 8:26-30**

**26In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. 27And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God’s people in accordance with the will of God.**

**28And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, whohave been called according to his purpose. 29For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. 30And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.**

1. Justification (just as if I have not sinned) has to do with the justice of God.
2. Predestination has to do with the soverignty of God.
3. Therefore, take your case to the heavenly court and place it at the desk of Jesus.
4. **THE GREAT WHITE THRONE.**
5. All the prophets kept referring to the Day of the Lord.
6. It speaks of the final judgement of what we call the Great White Throne judgement.
7. This is different from the Bema Judgement where every believer will be judged according to what they have done.
8. The latter is about rewards while the former is about the second death.
9. **Haggai 2:6-9**

**6“This is what the Lord Almighty says: ‘In a little while I will once more shake the heavens and the earth, the sea and the dry land. 7I will shake all nations, and what is desired by all nations will come, and I will fill this house with glory,’ says the Lord Almighty. 8‘The silver is mine and the gold is mine,’ declares the Lord Almighty. 9‘The glory of this present house will be greater than the glory of the former house,’ says the Lord Almighty. ‘And in this place I will grant peace,’ declares the Lord Almighty.”**

1. Everything in heaven and on earth will be shaken, judged, cleansed by the Blood, and purified before the new heavens and the new earth. This is the BIBLICAL GREAT RESET.
2. **Revelation 20:11-15**

**11Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. The earth and the heavens fled from his presence, and there was no place for them. 12And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books. 13The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and each person was judged according to what they had done. 14Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death. 15Anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the lake of fire.**

**CONCLUSION:**

1. Is there justice on earth – questionable.
2. Is there justice in heaven – unquestionable.
3. While man may fail you, God is watching over you.
4. Yes – an unfathomable God is also a personal God.
5. **2 Peter 2:4-10**

**4For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but sent them to hell, putting them in chains of darknessto be held for judgment; 5if he did not spare the ancient world when he brought the flood on its ungodly people, but protected Noah, a preacher of righteousness, and seven others; 6if he condemned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah by burning them to ashes, and made them an example of what is going to happen to the ungodly; 7and if he rescued Lot, a righteous man, who was distressed by the depraved conduct of the lawless 8(for that righteous man, living among them day after day, was tormented in his righteous soul by the lawless deeds he saw and heard)— 9if this is so, then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from trials and to hold the unrighteous for punishment on the day of judgment. 10This is especially true of those who follow the corrupt desire of the fleshand despise authority.**

1. Will the Judge of Heaven and Earth not judge fairly?
2. **Micah 6:8, “He has shown you, O mortal, what is good.
    And what does the Lord require of you?
To act justly and to love mercy
    and to walk humblywith your God.”**
3. Let us pray remembering the words of Jesus on the cross, “Father forgive them….” as we place our case on His heavenly desk.
4. It is will be FAIR in God’s time. 😊