

Characteristics of Justice

- *Justice* does not appear in the New Testament of the KJV.
- These passages name *justice* (or being *just*) as an attribute of God. In some places, *right* (or *righteous* or *righteousness*) has been used to translate the word usually translated *just*. Most occasions of *righteous* or *righteousness* should be *just*.
 - Genesis 18:19 "...to keep the way of the Lord, to do righteousness and justice"
 - Deuteronomy 33:21 "[Gad] administered the justice of the Lord."
 - Psalm 89:14 "Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne; mercy and truth go before Your face."
 - Proverbs 1:3 "To receive the instruction of wisdom, justice, judgment, and equity."
 - Isaiah 9:6 – 7 "For unto us a Child is born...Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, to order it and establish it with judgment and justice from that time forward, even forevermore."
 - Jeremiah 23:5 "...that I will raise to David a Branch of righteousness; a King shall reign and prosper and execute judgment and righteousness in the earth."
 - Jeremiah 50:7 "...they have sinned against the Lord, the habitation of justice."
 - Nehemiah 9:33 "You are just in all that has befallen us."
 - Isaiah 45:21 "There is no other God besides Me, a just God and a Savior."
 - Zephaniah 3:5 Every morning He brings His justice to light; He never fails."
 - Zechariah 9:9 "Behold your King is coming to you; He is just and having salvation, lowly and riding on a donkey."
 - Acts 3:14 "You denied the Holy One and the Just, and asked for a murderer to be granted you."
 - Acts 7:52 "And they killed those who foretold the coming of the Just One."
 - Acts 22:14 "The God of our fathers has chosen you that you should know His will and see the Just One."
 - Romans 3:26 "...that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has the faith of Jesus."
 - 1 Peter 3:18 "For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust..."
 - Revelation 15:3 "Great and marvelous are your works, Lord God Almighty. Just and true are your ways."
 - Psalm 119:75 "Thy judgments are just"
 - 2 Chronicles 12:6 "The leaders of Israel and the king humbled themselves and said, 'The Lord is *righteous*.'"
 - Ezra 9:15 "O Lord of Israel, You are *righteous*."
 - Nehemiah 9:8 "You have performed Your words for You are *righteous*."
 - Psalm 7:9 "...for the *righteous* God tests the hearts and minds."
 - Psalm 11:7 "For the Lord is *righteous*; He loves *righteousness*."
 - Psalm 19:9 "The judgments of the Lord and true and *righteous* altogether."
 - Psalm 116:5 "Gracious is the Lord and *righteous*; yes, our Lord is merciful."
 - Psalm 119:137 "*Righteous* are You, O Lord, and upright in your judgments."
 - Psalm 129:4 "The Lord is *righteous*; He has cut in pieces the cords of the wicked."
 - Psalm 145:17 "The Lord is *righteous* in all His ways, gracious in all His works."

- Many more, “The Lord is *righteous*.”
- Characteristics of being just (righteous)
 - Psalm 37:21 “The *righteous* shows mercy and gives.” Shows mercy and gives. See also v 26, 30)
 - Jeremiah 50:7 “...they have sinned against the Lord, the habitation of justice.” Sin is against justice.
 - Romans 3:26 “...that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has the faith of Jesus.” Justice was not suspended by the faith system.
 - Revelation 15:3 “Great and marvelous are your works, Lord God Almighty. Just and true are your ways.” Justice is true.
 - Psalm 19:9 “The judgments of the Lord and true and *righteous* altogether.”
 - Nehemiah 9:8 “You have performed Your words for You are *righteous*.” Justice results in being trustworthy.
 - Psalm 7:9 “...for the *righteous* God tests the hearts and minds.” Justice tests humans.
- Summary
 - Righteousness and justice are used interchangeably by translators.
 - Sin is against justice specifically.
 - Justice and faith are not incompatible.
 - The demands of justice promote trustworthiness, mercy.
 - Justice requires that interactions (communications or actions) be consistent, timely, and integrated.