



## God's Justice

1 Kings 21:1-29; Selected Scriptures  
#8 in the series *Elijah—A Man Like Us*

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Theme: **God's perfect justice brings certainty and confidence.**

### God's justice.

1. What God's justice is not.
2. What God's justice is.

(Genesis 18:25; Deuteronomy 32:3-4; Psalm 89:11-18; 96:1-13; 98:9; 119:144, 160, 172; Isaiah 30:18; 45:18-25; Zephaniah 3:1-8; John 17:25; Acts 17:30-31; Romans 3:21-26; 2 Corinthians 5:21; 2 Timothy 4:8; Hebrews 10:30-31; Revelation 16:5)

### God's justice and king Ahab.

1. Ahab's character and conduct.  
(1 Kings 16:29-33; 18:18; 19:1-2; 20:1-43; 21:1-29)
2. God's verdict.  
(1 Kings 20:31-43; 21:17-26; 22:29-38)
3. God's mercy.  
(1 Kings 20:1-43; 21:27-29)

### God's justice and us.

1. God's justice ensures certain, perfect judgment.  
(Genesis 18:25; Deuteronomy 10:17; Psalm 89:14; 97:2; Isaiah 30:18; 35:4; Acts 10:34-35; Romans 2:11; 9:14; 1 Peter 1:17; 2:1-9)

2. Zeroing in on God's certain, perfect judgment.

a. The sinful will be punished and be apart from God.

(Matthew 3:12; 13:40-42, 49-50; 25:34, 46; Romans 2:1-16; 6:23; Philippians 3:18-19; 2 Thessalonians 1:5-10; Revelation 14:9-11; 20:11-15; 21:8)

b. The righteous will be secure and be with God.

(Psalm 37:28; Matthew 13:43; 25:43; John 3:16; 10:28; 14:1-4; 17:2; Romans 3:24; 6:23; Ephesians 2:4-7; 1 Peter 3:18; 1 John 5:11)

3. God is merciful.

(Genesis 18:20-32; Psalm 86:15; Ecclesiastes 8:11; Isaiah 30:18; Romans 2:4; 9:14-18; Ephesians 2:1-9; Titus 3:3-7; James 5:11; 1 Peter 1:3; 2 Peter 3:1-9)

### In My Life This Week

**Monday.** Individuals, cultures and nations have ideas about justice—ideas which don't always line up and are not always consistent. God's justice is perfect. Review any notes you made yesterday and the Bible references in the outline about what God's justice is and is not. Identify any questions you may have about God being just, and continue to work through them this week.

**Tuesday.** The account of Elijah shows us some of God's justice toward ungodly King Ahab. Survey the Bible references on his character and conduct along with those on God's verdict (see the outline). Has God extending mercy to the king ever surprised or troubled you? Do you think and feel differently about God extending mercy to people such as King Ahab than to yourself? If so, why?

**Wednesday.** God, in keeping with His perfect nature, is and only does what is right, demands that which is right from His creatures, and deals with them rightly, both in approving and condemning. God's justice ensures certain and perfect judgment. God judges without partiality. The sinful and righteous are judged. How does their judgment differ? Why? What is the basis? How does this certainty provide confidence to you?

**Thursday.** God is merciful. We touched on this earlier this week, on Tuesday when looking at God's mercy to King Ahab. Review the selected Bible references in the outline on God's mercy. What does God being merciful to you mean to you? What does God being merciful to all mean to how you think and act toward others?

**Friday–Saturday.** On Sunday we plan to look at *Mountaintop Experiences*, starting with 1 Kings 19:1-18. Read this section as part of your preparation for our time of worship together.