

THE GLORY OF THE LORD

A Study of the Attributes of God

SESSION SEVEN

Justice

Session Summary

When it comes to justice, we find ourselves in a quandary. We hear reports of wrongs done, we see faces of those who have been wronged, and our hearts cry out for justice. Something must be done! At the same time, when it comes to ourselves, we desperately hope for mercy. But how can both of these longings be fulfilled? How can we find both justice and mercy? We find it through the justice of God.

Appointed Scripture

Read and discuss **Romans 3:9-26**. In verses 10-18, Paul cites a litany of Old Testament scriptural texts. What point is he trying to make? What does it tell us about injustice? What does Paul mean in verse 26 when he says that God is “both just and the justifier”? How does this relate to what he says in verses 24 and 25?

Group Discussion Questions

1. What was one point from this week's teaching that stood out to you?
2. What do you think about the justice of God? How is it a good thing? What makes it difficult to think about?
3. The video mentions Sister Dianna Ortiz's experience of injustice. What are some other examples that stand out to you?
4. Discuss the following quote from Miroslav Volf: “If God were not angry at injustice and deception and did not make the final end to violence, God would not be worthy of our worship.”
5. Read Psalm 96:11-13. Why is God's judgment a cause for celebration, as it is depicted in the psalm? What would you say to someone who doesn't like the Bible's depiction of God's judgment of sin?
6. How can God show us mercy without ceasing to be just? How did Jesus display both the justice and the mercy of God?

Group Prayer

Spend some time sharing prayer requests with one another and end in prayer.