



“Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people.”
(Proverbs 14:34)

Righteousness and Justice are linked, referring to _____
_____ and the _____ of people.

*“I [Wisdom] walk in the ways of righteousness, along
the paths of justice.”* (Proverbs 8:20)

God Looks for Righteousness/Justice in ...

1) The _____ of the _____

“By justice a king brings stability to a land...” (Pr. 29:4a)

*“Wicked behavior is detestable to kings, since a throne is established
through righteousness.”* (Pr. 16:12)

*“God’s verdict is on the lips of a king; his mouth should not give an un-
fair judgment.”* (Pr. 16:10)

*“When the righteous triumph, there is great rejoicing, but when the wick-
ed come to power, people hide.”* (Pr. 28:12)

*“When the righteous flourish, the people rejoice, but when the wicked
rule, people groan.”* (Pr 29:2)

*“It is by me [Wisdom] that kings reign and rulers enact just law. By me,
princes lead, as do nobles and all righteous judges.”* (Pr. 8:15-16)

“[Pray then] ... for kings and all those who are in authority....”
(1 Tim. 1:2a)

God Looks for Righteousness/Justice in ...

2) The _____ of the _____

➤ Do they _____?

“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom....” (Pr. 9:10)

“The wicked go down to the realm of the dead, all the nations that forget God.” (Psalm 9:17, NIV)

➤ Are they enacted and enforced without _____ and _____?

“Do not act unjustly when deciding a case. Do not be partial to the poor or give preference to the rich; judge your neighbor fairly.” (Lev. 19:15)

“...It is not good to show partiality in judgment.” (Pr. 24:23)

“Acquitting the guilty and condemning the just— both are detestable to the Lord.” (Pr. 17:15, 18:4, 28:21)

“A wicked person secretly takes a bribe to subvert the course of justice.” (Pr. 17:23)

“A worthless witness mocks justice....” (Pr. 19:28a)

➤ Do they _____ the most _____?

“Woe to those enacting crooked statutes and writing oppressive laws to keep the poor from getting a fair trial and to deprive the needy among my people of justice, so that widows can be their spoil and they can plunder the fatherless.” (Isa. 10:1-2)

“The uncultivated field of the poor yields abundant food, but without justice, it is swept away.” (Pr. 13:23)

“Don’t rob a poor person because he is poor, and don’t crush the oppressed at the city gate, for the Lord will champion their cause and will plunder those who plunder them.” (Pr. 22:22-23)

“Speak up for those who have no voice, for the justice of all who are dispossessed. Speak up, judge righteously, and defend the cause of the oppressed and needy.” (Pr. 31:8-9)

“Rescue those being taken off to death, and save those stumbling toward slaughter. If you say, ‘But we didn’t know about this,’ won’t he who weighs hearts consider it? Won’t he who protects your life know? Won’t he repay a person according to his work?” (Pr. 24:11-12)

3) The _____ of the _____

“The Lord said, “If I find fifty righteous people in the city of Sodom, I will spare the whole place for their sake.” (Gen. 18:26)

“The Lord detests the way of the wicked, but he loves the one who pursues righteousness.” (Pr. 15:9)

“My son, if you accept my words and store up my commands within you...Then you will understand righteousness, justice, and integrity— every good path.” (Pr. 2:1,9)

“The evil do not understand justice....” (Pr. 28:5a)

“Instruct the wise, and he will be wiser still; teach the righteous, and he will learn more.” (Pr. 9:9)

“When the righteous thrive, a city rejoices; when the wicked die, there is joyful shouting. A city is built up by the blessing of the upright, but it is torn down by the mouth of the wicked.” (Pr. 11:10-11)

“Righteousness guards people of integrity, but wickedness undermines the sinner.” (Pr. 13:6)

“The violence of the wicked sweeps them away because they refuse to act justly.” (Pr. 21:7)

“The one who sows injustice will reap disaster, and the rod of his fury will be destroyed.” (Pr. 22:8)

“Better a little with righteousness than great income with injustice.” (Pr. 16:8)

“For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, instructing us to deny godlessness and worldly lusts and to live in a sensible, righteous, and godly way in the present age.” (Titus 2:11-12)

“Doing what is righteous and just is more acceptable to the Lord than sacrifice.” (Pr. 21:3)

Amos 5:21-24 2 Chron. 7:14