

The Lord of Justice

Isaiah 30

Isaiah 30:1-3 "Ah, stubborn children," declares the LORD, "who carry out a plan, but not mine, and who make an alliance, but not of my Spirit, that they may add sin to sin;² who set out to go down to Egypt, without asking for my direction, to take refuge in the protection of Pharaoh and to seek shelter in the shadow of Egypt!³ Therefore shall the protection of Pharaoh turn to your shame, and the shelter in the shadow of Egypt to your humiliation.

Isa. 30:9-10 For they are a rebellious people, **lying children**, children unwilling to hear the instruction of the LORD;¹⁰ who say to the seers, "Do not see," and to the prophets, "**Do not prophesy to us what is right**"; speak to us smooth things, prophesy illusions,

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I. The Righteousness of God

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Ps. 119:89-91 Forever, O LORD, your word is firmly fixed in the heavens.⁹⁰ Your faithfulness endures to all generations; you have established the earth, and it stands fast.⁹¹ By your appointment they stand this day, for all things are your servants.

Jeremiah 10:10 But **the LORD is the true God**; he is the living God and the everlasting King. At his wrath the earth quakes, and the nations cannot endure his indignation..

Ps. 11:7 For the LORD is righteous; he loves righteous deeds; the upright shall behold his face.

- **God cannot accept any distortion of the truth.**

Deut. 32:3-4 For I will proclaim the name of the LORD; ascribe greatness to our God!⁴ "The Rock, his work is perfect, for all his ways are justice. **A God of faithfulness and without iniquity, just and upright is he.**

- **God's actions are always accurate and righteous.**

Ps. 111:7-8 **The works of his hands are faithful and just**; all his precepts are trustworthy;⁸ they are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

- God's Word is always accurate and true.

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- God is always faithful to His word.

Num. 23:19 God is not man, that he should lie, or a son of man, that he should change his mind. Has he said, and will he not do it? Or has he spoken, and will he not fulfill it?

- God can be trusted. He is the only one who can guarantee what He promises.

Isaiah 54:10 For the mountains may depart and the hills be removed, but my steadfast love shall not depart from you, and my covenant of peace shall not be removed,” says the LORD, who has compassion on you.

II. The Falsehood of Men

Isa. 30:9-10 For they are a rebellious people, lying children, children unwilling to hear the instruction of the LORD;¹⁰ who say to the seers, “Do not see,” and to the prophets, “Do not prophesy to us what is right; speak to us smooth things, prophesy illusions,

Isaiah 28:15 Because you have said, “We have made a covenant with death, and with Sheol we have an agreement, when the overwhelming whip passes through it will not come to us, for we have made lies our refuge, and in falsehood we have taken shelter”;

Multiplication					
ONE	TWO	THREE	FOUR	FIVE	SIX
1 x 1 = 1	2 x 1 = 2	3 x 1 = 3	4 x 1 = 4	5 x 1 = 5	6 x 1 = 6
1 x 2 = 2	2 x 2 = 4	3 x 2 = 6	4 x 2 = 8	5 x 2 = 10	6 x 2 = 12
1 x 3 = 3	2 x 3 = 6	3 x 3 = 9	4 x 3 = 12	5 x 3 = 15	6 x 3 = 18
1 x 4 = 4	2 x 4 = 8	3 x 4 = 12	4 x 4 = 16	5 x 4 = 20	6 x 4 = 24
1 x 5 = 5	2 x 5 = 10	3 x 5 = 15	4 x 5 = 20	5 x 5 = 25	6 x 5 = 30
1 x 6 = 6	2 x 6 = 12	3 x 6 = 18	4 x 6 = 24	5 x 6 = 30	6 x 6 = 36
1 x 7 = 7	2 x 7 = 14	3 x 7 = 21	4 x 7 = 28	5 x 7 = 35	6 x 7 = 42
1 x 8 = 8	2 x 8 = 16	3 x 8 = 24	4 x 8 = 32	5 x 8 = 40	6 x 8 = 48
1 x 9 = 9	2 x 9 = 18	3 x 9 = 27	4 x 9 = 36	5 x 9 = 45	6 x 9 = 54
1 x 10 = 10	2 x 10 = 20	3 x 10 = 30	4 x 10 = 40	5 x 10 = 50	6 x 10 = 60
1 x 11 = 11	2 x 11 = 22	3 x 11 = 33	4 x 11 = 44	5 x 11 = 55	6 x 11 = 66
1 x 12 = 12	2 x 12 = 24	3 x 12 = 36	4 x 12 = 48	5 x 12 = 60	6 x 12 = 72
SEVEN	EIGHT	NINE	TEN	ELEVEN	TWELVE
7 x 1 = 7	8 x 1 = 8	9 x 1 = 9	10 x 1 = 10	11 x 1 = 11	12 x 1 = 12
7 x 2 = 14	8 x 2 = 16	9 x 2 = 18	10 x 2 = 20	11 x 2 = 22	12 x 2 = 24
7 x 3 = 21	8 x 3 = 24	9 x 3 = 27	10 x 3 = 30	11 x 3 = 33	12 x 3 = 36
7 x 4 = 28	8 x 4 = 32	9 x 4 = 36	10 x 4 = 40	11 x 4 = 44	12 x 4 = 48
7 x 5 = 35	8 x 5 = 40	9 x 5 = 45	10 x 5 = 50	11 x 5 = 55	12 x 5 = 60
7 x 6 = 42	8 x 6 = 48	9 x 6 = 54	10 x 6 = 60	11 x 6 = 66	12 x 6 = 72
7 x 7 = 49	8 x 7 = 56	9 x 7 = 63	10 x 7 = 70	11 x 7 = 77	12 x 7 = 84
7 x 8 = 56	8 x 8 = 64	9 x 8 = 72	10 x 8 = 80	11 x 8 = 88	12 x 8 = 96
7 x 9 = 63	8 x 9 = 72	9 x 9 = 81	10 x 9 = 90	11 x 9 = 99	12 x 9 = 108
7 x 10 = 70	8 x 10 = 80	9 x 10 = 90	10 x 10 = 100	11 x 10 = 110	12 x 10 = 120
7 x 11 = 77	8 x 11 = 88	9 x 11 = 99	10 x 11 = 110	11 x 11 = 121	12 x 11 = 132
7 x 12 = 84	8 x 12 = 96	9 x 12 = 108	10 x 12 = 120	11 x 12 = 132	12 x 12 = 144

Romans 3:4 By no means! Let God be true though every one were a liar, as it is written, “That you may be justified in your words, and prevail when you are judged.”

Jeremiah 17:9 The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it?

Romans 1:25-26 because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen. ²⁶ For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions. For their women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature;

2 Thess. 2:10-12 and with all wicked deception for those who are perishing, because they refused to love the truth and so be saved. ¹¹ Therefore God sends them a strong delusion, so that they may believe what is false, ¹² in order that all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

Isa. 30:15 For thus said the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel, “In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength.” But you were unwilling,

Rev. 21:8 But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death.”

III. Victory Over Falsehood

Isa. 30:18 Therefore the LORD waits to be gracious to you, and therefore he exalts himself to show mercy to you. For the LORD is a God of justice; blessed are all those who wait for him.

Isaiah 30:19 For a people shall dwell in Zion, in Jerusalem; you shall weep no more. He will surely be gracious to you at the sound of your cry. As soon as he hears it, he answers you.

Isaiah 30:21 And your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, “This is the way, walk in it,” when you turn to the right or when you turn to the left.

A. Justification in Christ

Romans 3:23-26 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God’s righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶ It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

Ephesians 1:6-7 To the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace,

John 14:6 Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

B. Sanctification in Christ

Romans 12:1-2 I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.² Do not be conformed to this world, but **be transformed by the renewal of your mind**, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

2 Corinthians 10:4-5 For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds.⁵ We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and **take every thought captive to obey Christ**,

Sanctification

Moving from lies to the truth.

- From a false meaning of life to the meaning of life in Christ
- From false values to the values of Christ
- From false feelings to Christ-like feelings
- From false desires to the desires of Christ
- From false pleasures to true satisfaction in Christ
- From false goals to true purpose in Jesus Christ
- From false hope to true hope in Jesus Christ
- From bondage to sin to freedom in Christ
- From self-confidence to confidence in Christ
- From fleeing self-significance to real significance in Christ
- From anxiety to peace in Christ
- From focusing on self to focusing on Christ

Ps. 25:8-9 Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.⁹ **He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.**

C. Deliverance in Christ

Isaiah 11:1-3 There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.² And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.³ And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear,

Isaiah 11:4-5 **but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,** and decide **with equity** for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.⁵ **Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins.**

Rev. 19:1-2 After this I heard what seemed to be the loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, crying out, "Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God,² **for his judgments are true and just;** for he has judged the great prostitute who corrupted the earth with her immorality, and has avenged on her the blood of his servants."

Rev. 19:11 Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and **in righteousness he judges and makes war.**

Rev. 21:8 But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, **and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur,** which is the second death."

Rev. 21:27 But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Christianity defined by our relation to the truth.

- We are justified by Christ—brought into harmony with God's truth in Jesus Christ.
- We are being sanctified by Christ— being transformed into obedience to God's truth through Jesus Christ.
- We will be set free by Christ and enjoy complete harmony with God's truth, thanks to Jesus Christ.

Ps. 92:13-15 They are planted in the house of the LORD; they flourish in the courts of our God. ¹⁴ They still bear fruit in old age; they are ever full of sap and green, ¹⁵ to declare that the LORD is upright; he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.