

## GOD'S SALVATION IS JUST

### Our Just God

Revelation 15:1-3 – “1 And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvellous, seven angels having the seven last plagues; for in them is filled up the wrath of God. 2 And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God. 3 And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God [CJM – song sung after deliverance from Pharaoh and the Egyptians], and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just [Strong’s G1342] and true are thy ways, thou King of saints.”

Strong’s G1342 –

Original Word: δίκαιος, ἴα, ἰον

Part of Speech: Adjective

Transliteration: dikaios

Phonetic Spelling: (dik'-ah-yos)

Short Definition: just, righteous, impartial

Definition: just; especially, just in the eyes of God; righteous; the elect (a Jewish idea).

Merriam Webster –

: agreeing with what is considered morally right or good

: treating people in a way that is considered morally right

: reasonable or proper

1a : having a basis in or conforming to fact or reason : reasonable <a just but not a generous decision>

1b archaic : faithful to an original

1c : conforming to a standard of correctness : proper <just proportions>

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1. based on or behaving **according to what is morally right and fair.**

Consider the false accusations and false judgments men have made.

### An Example of Justice under the Law of Moses

Deuteronomy 19:1-21 – “1 When the LORD thy God hath cut off the nations, whose land the LORD thy God giveth thee, and thou succeedest them, and dwellest in their cities, and in their houses; 2 Thou shalt separate three cities for thee in the midst of thy land, which the LORD thy God giveth thee to possess it. 3 Thou shalt prepare thee a way, and divide the coasts of thy land, which the LORD thy God giveth thee to inherit, into three parts [CJM – possessions west of the Jordan divided up into 3 parts], that every slayer may flee thither. 4 **And this is the case of the slayer, which shall flee thither, that he may live: Whoso killeth his neighbor ignorantly, whom he hated not in time past;** 5 As when a man goeth into the wood with his neighbor to hew wood, and his hand fetcheth a stroke with the axe to cut down the tree, and the head slippeth from the helve, and lighteth upon his neighbor, that he die; **he shall flee unto one of those cities, and live:** 6 Lest the avenger of the blood pursue the slayer, while his heart is hot, and overtake him, because the way is long, and slay him; **whereas he was not worthy of**

**death**, inasmuch as he hated him not in time past. 7 Wherefore I command thee, saying, Thou shalt separate three cities for thee. 8 And if the LORD thy God enlarge thy coast, as he hath sworn unto thy fathers, and give thee all the land which he promised to give unto thy fathers; 9 If thou shalt keep all these commandments to do them, which I command thee this day, to love the LORD thy God, and to walk ever in his ways; then shalt thou add three cities more for thee, beside these three: 10 **That innocent blood be not shed in thy land**, which the LORD thy God giveth thee for an inheritance, and so blood be upon thee. 11 But if any man hate his neighbor, and lie in wait for him, and rise up against him, and smite him mortally that he die, and fleeth into one of these cities: 12 **Then the elders of his city shall send and fetch him thence, and deliver him into the hand of the avenger of blood, that he may die.** 13 Thine eye shall not pity him, but thou shalt put away the guilt of innocent blood from Israel, that it may go well with thee.”

### **Sin Is Not Imputed Without the Law**

Romans 4:15 – “15 Because the law [CJM – law of Moses] worketh wrath: **for where no law is, there is no transgression.**”

Romans 5:13 – “13 For until the law sin was in the world: **but sin is not imputed when there is no law.**”

Romans 7:6-9 – “6 But now we are delivered from the law, that being dead wherein we were held; that we should serve in newness of spirit, and not in the oldness of the letter. 7 What shall we say then? Is the law sin? God forbid. **Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet.** 8 But sin, taking occasion by the commandment, wrought in me all manner of concupiscence [CJM – covetousness]. **For without the law sin was dead.** 9 **For I was alive without the law once: but when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died.**”

James 4:17 – “17 **Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.**”

Alma 15:56 – “Yea, and I know that good and evil have come before all men; **or he that knoweth not good from evil is blameless**; but he that knoweth good and evil, to him it is given according to his desires; whether he desireth good or evil, life or death, joy or remorse of conscience.”

Luke 23:34 – “33 And when they were come to the place, which is called Calvary, there they crucified him, and the malefactors, one on the right hand, and the other on the left. 34 Then said Jesus, **Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do.** And they parted his raiment, and cast lots.”

Psalms 119:7 – “7 I will praise thee with uprightness of heart, when I shall have learned thy righteous judgments.”

Psalms 119:62-65 – “62 At midnight I will rise to give thanks unto thee because of thy righteous judgments. 63 I am a companion of all them that fear thee, and of them that keep thy precepts. 64 The earth, O LORD, is full of thy mercy: teach me thy statutes. 65 Thou hast dealt well with thy servant, O LORD, according unto thy word.”

### General Knowledge of God and Evil Giving to All (A Warning)

Genesis 2:9 – “9 And out of the ground made the LORD God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil.”

Genesis 3:1-7 – “1 Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? 2 And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: 3 But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. 4 And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: 5 For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil. 6 And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat. 7 And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.”

Romans 1:18-20 – “18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness; 19 Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them. 20 **For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:**”

### Ignorant of the Gospel

1 Timothy 1:12-13 – “12 And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath enabled me, for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry; 13 Who was before a blasphemer, and a persecutor, and injurious: **but I obtained mercy, because I did it ignorantly in unbelief.**”

2 Nephi 6:51-56 – “**51 Wherefore, he hath given a law; and where there is no law given there is no punishment; 52 And where there is no punishment, there is no condemnation; 53 And where there is no condemnation, the mercies of the Holy One of Israel have claim upon them, because of the atonement: 54 For they are delivered by the power of him: for the atonement satisfieth the demands of his justice upon all those who have not the law given to them,** that they are delivered from that awful monster, death and hell, and the devil, and the lake of fire and brimstone, which is endless torment; 55 And they are restored to that God who gave them breath, which is the Holy One of Israel. 56 But wo unto him that hath the law given; yea, that hath all the commandments of God, like unto us, and that transgresseth them, and that wasteth the days of his probation; for awful is his state!”

Mosiah 1:103-108 – “103 And lo, he cometh unto his own, that salvation might come unto the children of men, even through faith, on his name; 104 And even after all this, they shall consider him as a man, and say that he hath a devil, and shall scourge him, and shall crucify him. 105 And he shall rise the third day from the dead; and behold, he standeth to judge the world. 106 And behold, all these things are done, that a righteous judgement might come upon the children of men. 107 **For behold, and also his blood atoneth for the sins of those who have fallen by the transgression of Adam, who have died, not knowing the will of God concerning them, or who have ignorantly sinned.** 108 But wo, wo unto him

who knoweth that he rebelleth against God; for salvation cometh to none such, except it be through repentance and faith on the Lord Jesus Christ.”

Alma 7:17-23 – “17 Now I would that ye should remember, that inasmuch as the Lamanites have not kept the commandments of God, they have been cut off from the presence of the Lord. 18 Now we see that the word of the Lord hath been verified in this thing, and the Lamanites have been cut off from his presence, from the beginning of their transgressions in the land. 19 Nevertheless I say unto you, that it shall be more tolerable for them in the day of judgment than for you, if ye remain in your sins; 20 Yea, and even more tolerable for them in this life, than for you, except ye repent, for there are many promises which are extended to the Lamanites: 21 **For it is because of the traditions of their fathers that causeth them to remain in their state of ignorance; therefore the Lord will be merciful unto them, and prolong their existence in the land.** 22 And at some period of time they will be brought to believe in his word, and to know of the incorrectness of the traditions of their fathers; 23 And many of them will be saved, for the Lord will be merciful unto all who call on his name.”

Mosiah 8:55-65 – “55 And there cometh a resurrection, even a first resurrection; yea, even a resurrection of those that have been, and which are, and which shall be, even until the resurrection of Christ: for so shall he be called. 56 And now, the resurrection of all the prophets, and all those that have believed in their words, or all those that have kept the commandments of God, these shall come forth in the first resurrection; therefore, they are the first resurrection. 57 They are raised to dwell with God who hath redeemed them: thus they have eternal life through Christ, who hath broken the bands of death. 58 And these are those who have part in the first resurrection; **and these are they that have died before Christ came, in their ignorance, not having salvation declared unto them.** 59 And thus the Lord bringeth about the restoration of these; and they have a part in the first resurrection, or have eternal life, being redeemed by the Lord. 60 **And little children also have eternal life.**

God’s love is expressed in His righteous judgments.

### **Little Children**

Matthew 18:1-4 – “1 At the same time came the disciples unto Jesus, saying, Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven? 2 And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them, 3 And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, **and become as little children**, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. 4 Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven.”

Matthew 19:13-15 – “13 Then were there brought unto him little children, that he should put his hands on them, and pray: and the disciples rebuked them. 14 But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: **for of such is the kingdom of heaven.** 15 And he laid his hands on them, and departed thence.”

Matthew 19:14 – “Jesus said, ‘Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.’ ” (NIV)

Mosiah 1:119-123 – “119 For the natural man is an enemy to God, and has been, from the fall of Adam, and will be, for ever and ever; 120 But if he yieldeth to the enticings of the Holy Spirit, and putteth off the natural man, and becometh a saint, through the atonement of Christ, the Lord, and becometh as a

child, submissive, meek, humble, patient, full of love, willing to submit to all things which the Lord seeth fit to inflict upon him, even as a child doth submit to his father. 121 And moreover, I say unto you, that the time shall come, when the knowledge of a Savior shall spread throughout every nation, kindred, tongue, and people. 122 And behold, when that time cometh, none shall be found blameless before God, **except it be little children**, only through repentance and faith on the name of the Lord God Omnipotent; 123 And even at this time, when thou shalt have taught thy people the things which the Lord thy God hath commanded thee, **even then are they found no more blameless in the sight of God**, only according to the words which I have spoken unto thee.”

Moroni 8:4-14, 18-29 (Mormon to son Moroni) – “4 And now my son I speak unto you concerning that which grieveth me exceedingly; for it grieveth me that there should disputations rise among you. 5 For if I have learned the truth, there has been disputations among you concerning the baptizing of your little children. 6 And now my son, I desire that ye should labor exceedingly, that this gross error should be removed from among you; for, for this intent I have written this epistle. 7 For immediately after I had learned these things of you, I inquired of the Lord concerning the matter. 8 And the word of the Lord came to me by the power of the Holy Ghost, saying, Listen to the words of Christ, your Redeemer, your Lord, and your God. 9 Behold, I came into the world not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance; **the whole need no physician**, but they that are sick; **wherefore little children are whole, for they are not capable of committing sin; wherefore the curse of Adam is taken from them in me, that it hath no power over them; and the law of circumcision is done away in me.** 10 And after this manner did the Holy Ghost manifest the word of God unto me; **wherefore my beloved son, I know that it is solemn mockery before God, that ye should baptize little children.** 11 Behold I say unto you, that this thing shall ye teach, repentance and baptism unto they which are accountable and capable of committing sin; yea, teach parents that they must repent and be baptized, and humble themselves as their little children, and they shall all be saved with their little children: and their little children need no repentance, neither baptism. 12 Behold, baptism is unto repentance to the fulfilling the commandments unto the remission of sins. 13 But little children are alive in Christ, even from the foundation of the world; if not so, God is a partial God, and also a changeable God, and a respecter to persons; for how many little children have died without baptism. 14 Wherefore, if little children could not be saved without baptism, these must have gone to an endless hell. ... 18 Behold, I speak with boldness, having authority from God; and I fear not what man can do; for perfect love casteth out all fear; and I am filled with charity, which is everlasting love; wherefore all children are alike unto me; wherefore I love little children with a perfect love; and they are all alike, and partakers of salvation. 19 For I know that God is not a partial God, neither a changeable being; but he is unchangeable from all eternity to all eternity. 20 Little children can not repent; wherefore it is awful wickedness to deny the pure mercies of God unto them, for they are all alive in him because of his mercy. **25 For behold that all little children are alive in Christ, and also all they that are without the law. 26 For the power of redemption cometh on all they that have no law; wherefore, he that is not condemned, or he that is under no condemnation, can not repent; and unto such baptism availeth nothing.**”

Acts 2:38 – “38 Then Peter said unto them, **Repent**, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.”

### Those That Know

Luke 12:43-48 – “43 Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing. 44 Of a truth I say unto you, that he will make him ruler over all that he hath. 45 But and if that servant say in

his heart, My lord delayeth his coming; and shall begin to beat the menservants and maidens, and to eat and drink, and to be drunken; 46 The lord of that servant will come in a day when he looketh not for him, and at an hour when he is not aware, and will cut him in sunder, and will appoint him his portion with the unbelievers. **47 And that servant, which knew his lord's will, and prepared not himself, neither did according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes. 48 But he that knew not, and did commit things worthy of stripes, shall be beaten with few stripes. For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more."**

Mosiah 8:61-65 – "But behold, and fear, and tremble before God; for ye had ought to tremble: for the Lord redeemeth none such that rebelleth against him, and dieth in their sins; 62 Yea, even all those that have perished in their sins ever since the world began, **that have willfully rebelled against God**, that have known the commandments of God, and would not keep them; these are they that have no part in the first resurrection."

3 Nephi 3:19-20 – "19 And thus in the commencement of the thirtieth year, the people having been delivered up for the space of a long time, to be carried about by the temptations of the devil whithersoever he desired to carry them, and to do whatsoever iniquity he desired they should; and thus in the commencement of this, the thirtieth year, they were in a state of awful wickedness. 20 **Now they did not sin ignorantly, for they knew the will of God concerning them, for it had been taught unto them; therefore they did willfully rebel against God."**

2 Peter 2:20-22 – "20 For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning. 21 **For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them.** 22 But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire."

### God's Overall Plan of Justice

Alma 19:64-68 – "64 I say unto thee, my son, that the plan of restoration is requisite with the justice of God; for it is requisite that all things should be restored to their proper order. 65 Behold it is requisite and just, according to the power and resurrection of Christ, that the soul of man should be restored to its body, and that every part of the body should be restored to itself. **66 And it is requisite with the justice of God, that men should be judged according to their works; and if their works were good in this life, and the desires of their hearts were good, that they should also, at the last day, be restored unto that which is good; 67 And if their works are evil, they shall be restored unto him for evil:** therefore, all things shall be restored to their proper order; everything to its natural frame; mortality raised to immortality; corruption to incorruption; raised to endless happiness, to inherit the kingdom of God, or to endless misery, to inherit the kingdom of the devil; 68 The one on the one hand, the other on the other; the one raised to happiness, **according to his desires of happiness; or good, according to his desires of good; and the other to evil, according to his desires of evil;** for as he has desired to do evil all the day long, even so shall he have his reward of evil, when the night cometh."