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DUE: Saturday, April 12, 2014

D1: My heart ... His Justice

Remember to always carefully consider the wider context of each passage below.

1. From the following passages, what does it mean that "God is just"? **Psalms 28:3-5; Isaiah 59:17-19; Jeremiah 16:14-18; Jeremiah 51:24; 1 Thessalonians 1:6-8; 1 Peter 3:18.** Make as many observations as you can about God in light of His justice.

"In the deceitfulness of our hearts, we sometimes play with temptation by entertaining the thought that we can always confess and later ask forgiveness. Such thinking is exceedingly dangerous. God's judgment is without partiality. He never overlooks our sin. He never decides not to bother, since the sin is only a small one. No, God hates sin intensely whenever and wherever He finds it."

Jerry Bridges

"The vague and tenuous hope that God is too kind to punish the ungodly has become a deadly opiate for the consciences of millions."

AW Tozer

"When men talk of a little hell, it is because they think they have only a little sin, and believe in a little Saviour; it is all little together. But when you get a great sense of sin, you want a great Saviour, and feel that, if you do not have Him, you will fall into a great destruction, and suffer a great punishment at the hands of the great God."

Charles Spurgeon

2. Our sin renders every one of us guilty before our holy God. Write down what the following passages tell us about man's attempt to justify himself: **Isaiah 64:6; Romans 3:19,20; 4:1,2; Galatians 2:15.** Why is our best attempt unacceptable to God?

3. Read the following passages and write down what it is that justifies a sinner before God: **Romans 3:21-26; 4:3-5; 5:1,9; 1 Corinthians 6:11; Titus 3:7; James 2:21-25**. Be sure to take note of the James passage that mentions Abraham and Rahab.

"God is not content to leave all people under His wrath. Nor can he simply sweep sin under the rug of the universe. Therefore His love and His justice conspire to make a way for sinners to be saved and God's justice to be vindicated. The answer is the death of Jesus Christ."

John Piper

4. Read the following passages and write down what God demands of believers in the area of justice: **Proverbs 21:3; Isaiah 1:16,17; Micah 6:6-8; Colossians 4:1; Titus 1:8**. In what ways is this similar to God's justice, and in what ways is it different?
5. What opportunities do you have to impart justice to those around you? Are there some in your own home towards whom you need to be more just? What about at work? Are there any cautions you need to keep in mind as you consider this?
6. Have you ever taken time to think through your justified position before God? Ponder God's grace that, despite once being hopelessly bound to your sin and God's judgment of that sin, you now stand justified before God because of the work of Jesus at the cross. Write out a short prayer expressing your response to God's kindness to you.