

Ministry Instice

God's Justice / Righteousness

Your righteousness is like the highest mountains, your justice like the great deep. Psalm 36:6

Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne. Psalm 89:14

The LORD loves righteousness and justice. Psalm 33:5



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For the Lord is righteous, he loves righteous deeds. Psalm 11:7

He is the Rock, his works are perfect, and all his ways are just. A faithful God who does no wrong, upright and just is he. Deut 32:4

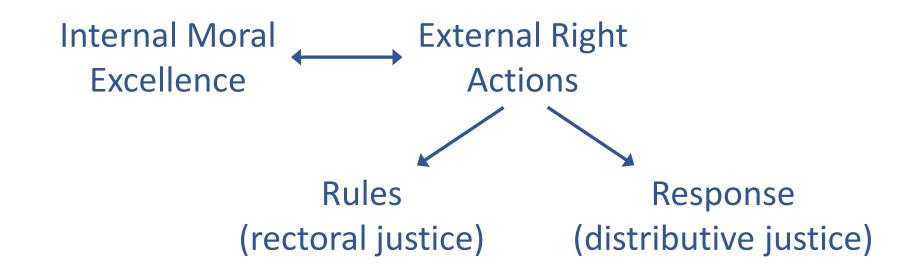
But the Lord Almighty will be exalted by his justice, and the holy God will be proved holy by his righteous acts. Isaiah 5:16

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That virtue by which "God is in himself holy and just and has the constant will of giving to each his due". Turretin (Vol 1, 235)



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God Justice "Underlying the decisions of Jehovah lies his nature. That is the law, not to be sure, above Him, but yet truly within Him...

The law was not made by arbitrary fiat first, it is a righteous law, because conforming to the divine nature, higher than which there is and can be no norm." Gerhardus Vos, Biblical Theology

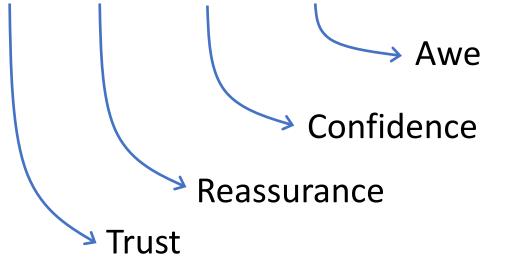
Reflection

- What difference does it make that God is just in this way?

- What questions might that raise?



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Our injustice / unrighteousness

And he looked for justice, but saw bloodshed; for righteousness, but heard cries of distress. Isaiah 5:7

There are those who turn justice into bitterness and cast righteousness to the ground. Amos 5:7



Justice in God Our injustice / unrighteousness

And I saw something else under the sun: in the place of justice – wickedness was there, in the place of righteousness – wickedness was there. Ecc 3:16

If you see the poor oppressed in a district, and justice and righteousness denied, do not be surprised at such things; for one official is eyed by a higher one, and over them both are others higher still. Ecc 5:8

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Indeed, there is no one on earth who is righteous, no one who does what is right and never sins. Ecc 7:20

There is no one righteous, not even one; there is no one who understands; there is no one who seeks God. All have turned away, they have together become worthless; there is no one who does good, not even one. Romans 3:10-12

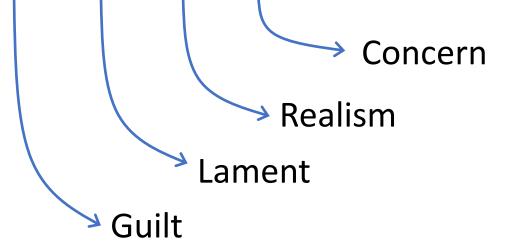
Reflection

- What difference does it make that we are unjust in this way?

- What questions might that raise?



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God's gracious salvation

Zion will be delivered with justice, her penitent ones with righteousness. 1:27

