

Victoria Fellowship Church
International & Interdenominational
Bible Study Worksheet – March 7, 2021

Theme: The Attributes of God Topic: The Attributes of God: Righteous and Just

Main Text: Deuteronomy 32:1-10; Romans 3:21-31

Key verse: Deuteronomy 32:4 *'He is the Rock, His work is perfect; for all His ways are justice, a God of truth and without injustice; righteous and upright is He.'* (NKJV)

INTRODUCTION: God is righteous meaning He is free from sin; and just meaning that He is right and always does exactly what is right. That is the truth of Deuteronomy 32:4 when it said, "... a God of truth and without injustice; righteous and upright is He." Psalm 89:14 takes this truth even further in saying, '*Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne...*' Foundation is the underlying basis or principle of a person or a thing. This means that God's righteous and just attributes are the fundamental principles on which His throne is built. Therefore, God is always righteous and always just. '*... His work is perfect; for all His ways are justice, a God of truth and without injustice; righteous and upright is He.'* (Deuteronomy 32:4).

1. (a) How would you explain the idea of righteousness and justice being the foundation of God's throne, as Psalm 89:14 put it? (b) God is without injustice; He is righteous and upright. How do you reconcile these truths with some of the things we read in Scripture or of happening in our world, which God is orchestrating or seems to be allowing?

In contrast to God who is righteous and just, His chosen people, had acted corruptly. (Deuteronomy 32:5-6). And they continue to do so, as Romans 3:23 states: '*for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.*' And because God's righteousness cannot be separated from His justice, "... *He has established His throne for judgement. He will judge the world in righteousness; He will govern the peoples with justice* (Ps. 9:7-8 NIV). So, man is destined to face God's judgment (Hebrews 9:27). And that judgement is death: '*... the wages of sin is death*' (Romans 6:23a)

2. Psalm 9:7-8 assures us that *He will judge the world in righteousness; He will govern the peoples with justice* (a) How does knowing and understanding that God will judge the world in righteousness and govern the peoples with justice encourage you? (b) In what ways does God's death sentence on sin help you appreciate His righteous and just attributes? (c) How does our sense of fairness and justice compare with God as righteous and just?

Often, believers and non-believers alike are conflicted by how God chooses to demonstrate His righteous and just attributes. This conflict is heightened when it comes to His way of dealing with sin—His gift of eternal life through Christ Jesus (Romans 6:23b). That it pleased God to make '*... Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him*' (2 Corinthians 5:21) is something many struggle with. God set forth Jesus as the propitiation by His blood and so all who put their faith in Jesus are justified and free from punishment (Romans 3:24-25). Romans 8:33 clearly says that "*Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies.*" Yet we have the responsibility to respond to His gift of right standing with Him and take steps in faith to do righteousness and justice. '*For the Lord is righteous, He loves justice; those who do what is right will see His face* (Psalm 11:7 NLT).

3. Read Romans 3:21-26; 8:33. (a) How is Jesus Christ a demonstration of God's righteous and just attributes? (b) How do these passages help you understand why not receiving Jesus Christ is perhaps the greatest sin in God's sight according to John 3:18? (c) How can we reconcile Psalm 103:6, knowing that so many people are living in oppression and there seems to be no justice for them?

Prayer: Righteous and just Father, we ascribe greatness to You for you are the One who executes righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed. May we be comforted by this truth. Amen.