

Digging Deeper

Verses Addressing Justice and Human Trafficking

The abuse of one's identity and freedom is a justice issue. The Biblical mandate for justice is spread throughout scripture. The passages provided in this downloadable resource will assist you in your journey of understanding God's heart for justice.

GOD BLESSES THOSE WHO SEEK JUSTICE

Psalm 34:15	The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their cry.
Psalm 106:3	Blessed are they who maintain justice, who constantly do what is right.
Psalm 112:5	Good will come to him who is generous and lends freely, who conducts his affairs with justice.
Proverbs 14:31	He who oppresses the poor shows contempt for their Maker, but whoever is kind to the needy honors God.
Ecclesiastes 8:12	Although a wicked man commits a hundred crimes and still lives a long time, I know that it will go better with God-fearing men, who are reverent before God.
Jeremiah 22:13-17	Woe to him who builds his palace by unrighteousness, his upper rooms by injustice, making his countrymen work for nothing, not paying them for their labor. He says, 'I will build myself a great palace with spacious upper rooms.' So he makes large windows in it, panels it with cedar and decorates it in red. 'Does it make you a king to have more and more cedar? Did not your father have food and drink? He did what was right and just, so all went well with him. He defended the cause of the poor and needy, and so all went well. Is that not what it means to know me?' declares the LORD.

GOD HAS COMPASSION ON VICTIMS

Exodus 22:26-27	If you take your neighbor's cloak as a pledge, return it to him by sunset, because his cloak is the only covering he has for his body. What else will he sleep in? When he cries out to me, I will hear, for I am compassion-ate.
Psalm 34:18	The LORD is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.
Psalm 116:5	The LORD is gracious and righteous; our God is full of compassion.
Psalm 145:8-9	The LORD is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love. The LORD is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made.
Isaiah 30:18	Yet the LORD longs to be gracious to you; he rises to show you compassion. For the LORD is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for him!
Hosea 14:3b	For in you the fatherless find compassion.
Mark 1:41	Filled with compassion, Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. "I am willing," he said. "Be clean!" Immediately the leprosy left him and he was cured.
John 11:35	Jesus wept.

GOD LOVES JUSTICE AND HATES INJUSTICE

Psalm 5:4	You are not a God who takes pleasure in evil; with you the wicked cannot dwell.
Psalm 11:5,7	The LORD examines the righteous, but the wicked and those who love violence his soul hates. For the LORD is righteous, he loves justice; upright men will see his face.
Psalm 33:5	The LORD loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of his unfailing love.
Psalm 99:4	The King is mighty, he loves justice—you have established equity; in Jacob you have done what is just and right.
Isaiah 61:8a	For I, the LORD, love justice; I hate robbery and iniquity.
Amos 5:7, 10-12, 15a, 21-24	You who turn justice into bitterness and cast righteousness to the ground. You hate the one who reproves in court and despise him who tells the truth. You trample on the poor and force him to give you grain. For I know how many are your offenses and how great your sins. You oppress the righteous and take bribes and you deprive the poor of justice in the courts. I hate, I despise your religious feasts; I cannot stand your assemblies. Even though you bring me burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them. Though you bring choice fellowship offerings, I will have no regard for them. Away with the noise of your songs! I will not listen to the music of your harps. But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!
Malachi 2:16-17	I hate a man's covering himself with violence as well as with garment." says the LORD Almighty. You have wearied the LORD with your words. How have we wearied him?" you ask. By saying, "All who do evil are good in the eyes of the LORD, and he is pleased with them" or "Where is the God of justice?"

GOD IS JUST AND ACTS JUSTLY

Deuteronomy 10:17	For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality and accepts no bribes.
Job 40:6-8	Then the LORD spoke to Job out of the storm: "Brace yourself like a man; I will question you, and you shall answer me. "Would you discredit my justice? Would you condemn me to justify yourself?"
Psalm 9:8	He will judge the world in righteousness; he will govern the peoples with justice.
Psalm 36:6	Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your justice like the great deep.
Psalm 45:6	Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever; a scepter of justice will be the scepter of your kingdom.
Psalm 89:14	Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne; love and faithfulness go before you.
Psalm 101:1	I will sing of your love and justice; to you O LORD, I will sing praise.
Isaiah 42:1, 3b, 4, 6a-7	Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight; I will put my spirit on him and he will bring justice to the nations. In faithfulness he will bring forth justice; he will not falter or be discouraged till he establishes justice on earth. In his law the islands will put their hope. "I, the LORD, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand ... to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness.
Isaiah 51:4-5	Listen to me, my people; hear me, my nation: The law will go out from me; my justice will become a light to the nations. My righteousness draws near speedily, my salvation is on the way and my arm will bring justice to the nations. The islands will look to me and wait in hope for my arm.
Jeremiah 9:24	But let him who boasts boast about this: that he understands and knows me, that I am the LORD, who exercises kindness, justice and righteousness on earth, for in these I delight," declares the LORD.
Zephaniah 3:5	The LORD within her is righteous; he does no wrong. Morning by morning he dispenses his justice, and every new day he does not fail, yet the unrighteous know no shame.
Romans 2:11	For God does not show favoritism.

GOD HEARS THE CRIES OF THE OPPRESSED AND RESPONDS

Exodus 22:23	If you [mistreat an alien or oppress him or take advantage of a widow or an orphan] and they cry out to me, I will certainly hear their cry.
Psalms 9:12	For he who avenges blood remembers; he does not ignore the cry of the afflicted.
Psalms 10:14	But you, O God, do see trouble and grief; you consider it to take it in hand. The victim commits himself to you; you are the helper of the fatherless.
Psalms 10:17-18	You hear, O LORD, the desire of the afflicted; you encourage them, and you listen to their cry, defending the fatherless and the oppressed, in order that man, who is of the earth, may terrify no more.
Psalms 34:6	This poor man called, and the LORD heard him; he saved him out of all his troubles.
James 5:4,11b	Look! The wages you failed to pay the workmen who mowed your fields are crying out against you. The cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord Almighty. The LORD is full of compassion and mercy.

GOD CALLS CHRISTIANS TO RESPOND TO INJUSTICE

Psalms 34:14	Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.
Psalms 72:1-2,4	Endow the king with your justice, O God, the royal son with your righteousness. He will judge your people in righteousness, your afflicted ones with justice. He will defend the afflicted among your people and save the children of the needy; he will crush the oppressor.
Psalms 82:3-4	Defend the cause of the weak and fatherless; maintain the rights of the poor and oppressed. Rescue the weak and needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked.
Proverbs 24:11	Rescue those being led away to death; hold back those staggering toward slaughter.
Proverbs 29:7	The righteous care about justice for the poor, but the wicked have no such concern.
Proverbs 31:8-9	Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy.
Isaiah 1:17	Learn to do right! Seek justice; encourage [rescue] the oppressed. Defend the cause of the fatherless, plead the case of the widow.
Isaiah 56:1	This is what the LORD says: Maintain justice and do what is right, for my salvation is close at hand and my righteousness will soon be revealed.
Isaiah 58:3b,6-7,9b-10	“Yet on the day of your fasting, you do as you please and exploit all your workers. Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke? Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter- when you see the naked, to clothe him, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood? “If you do away with the yoke of oppression, with the pointing finger and malicious talk, and if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday.”
Jeremiah 7:5-8	If you really change your ways and your actions and deal with each other justly, if you do not oppress the alien, the fatherless or the widow and do not shed innocent blood in this place, then I will let you live in this place, in the land I gave your forefathers forever and ever. But look, you are trusting in deceptive words that are worthless.
Jeremiah 21:12	O house of David, this is what the LORD says: 'Administer justice every morning; rescue from the hand of his oppressor the one who has been robbed, or my wrath will break out and burn like fire because of the evil you have done- burn with no one to quench it.
Jeremiah 22:3	This is what the LORD says: Do what is just and right. Rescue from the hand of his oppressor the one who has been. This is what the LORD says: Do what is just and right. Rescue from the hand of his oppressor the one who has been robbed. Do no wrong or violence to the alien, the fatherless or the widow, and do not shed innocent blood in this place.
Hosea 12:6	But you must return to your God; maintain love and justice, and wait for your God always.

Micah 6:8	He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To do justice and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.
Zechariah 7:8- 10	And the word of the LORD came again to Zechariah: This is what the LORD Almighty says: 'Administer true justice; show mercy and compassion to one another. Do not oppress the widow or the fatherless, the alien or the poor. In your hearts do not think evil of each other.'
Zechariah 8:16- 17	These are the things you are to do: Speak the truth to each other, and render true and sound judgment in your courts; do not plot evil against your neighbor, and do not love to swear falsely. I hate all this, declares the LORD.
Matthew 7:12	So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you.
Matthew 25:35-40	For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me. "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?' "The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'
Luke 6:36	Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate.
Romans 12:9,15	Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good...mourn with those who mourn.
2 Corinthians 7:11	See what this godly sorrow has produced in you...what readiness to see justice done.
Colossians 3:12	Clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.
Hebrews 13:3	Remember those in prison as if you were their fellow prisoners, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering.
James 1:27	Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.
James 3:18	Peacemakers who sow in peace raise a harvest of righteousness.
1 John 3:16-18	This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers. If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth

GOD JUDGES AND HOLDS OPPRESSORS ACCOUNTABLE

Psalm 5:6	You destroy those who tell lies; bloodthirsty and deceitful men the LORD abhors.
Psalm 9:16	The LORD is known by his justice; the wicked are ensnared by the work of their hands.
Psalm 10:12-13,15	Why does the wicked man revile God? Why does he say to himself, "He won't call me to account"? Break the arm of the wicked and evil man; call him to account for his wickedness that would not be found out.
Psalm 34:16	The face of the LORD is against those who do evil, to cut off the memory of them from the earth.
Proverbs 21:13	If a man shuts his ears to the cry of the poor, he too will cry out and not be answered.
Ecclesiastes 3:17	I thought in my heart, "God will bring to judgment both the righteous and the wicked, for there will be a time for every activity, a time for every deed."
Ecclesiastes 8:13	Yet because the wicked do not fear God, it will not go well with them, and their days will not lengthen like a shadow.
Ecclesiastes 12:14	For God will bring every deed into judgment, including every hidden thing, whether it is good or evil.
Isaiah 3:14-15	The LORD enters into judgment against the elders and leaders of his people: "It is you who have ruined my vineyard; the plunder from the poor is in your houses. What do you mean by crushing my people and grinding the faces of the poor?"
Isaiah 5:23	Woe to those . . . who acquit the guilt for a bribe, and deny justice to the innocent.
Isaiah 29:20-21	The ruthless will vanish, the mockers will disappear, and all who have an eye for evil will be cut down--those who with a word make a man out to be guilty, who ensnare the defender in court and with false testimony deprive the innocent of justice.
Jeremiah 6:6	This is what the LORD Almighty says: "Cut down the trees and build siege ramps against Jerusalem. This city must be punished; it is filled with oppression."
Habakkuk 2:9,12	Woe to him who builds his realm with unjust gain to set his nest on high, to escape the clutches of ruin! Woe to him who builds a city with bloodshed and establishes a town by crime!
Zephaniah 3:1- 4	Woe to the city of oppressors, rebellious and defiled! She obeys no one, she accepts no correction. She does not trust in the LORD, she does not draw near to her God. Her officials are roaring lions, her rulers are evening wolves, who leave nothing for the morning. Her prophets are arrogant; they are treacherous men. Her priests profane the sanctuary and do violence to the law.
Malachi 3:5	So I will come near to you for judgment. I will be quick to testify against . . . perjurers, against those who defraud laborers of their wages, who oppress the widows and the fatherless, and deprive aliens of justice, but do not fear me," says the LORD Almighty.
Matthew 23:23	"Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You give a tenth of your spices--mint, dill and cum- min. But you have neglected the more important matters of the law--justice, mercy and faithfulness. You should have practiced the latter, without neglecting the former.
1 Timothy 1:10	Law is made . . . for slave traders and liars and perjurers.

GOD CONDEMNS INJUSTICE AND CALLS PEOPLE TO ACT JUSTLY

Exodus 22:21-22	Do not mistreat an alien or oppress him, for you were aliens in Egypt. Do not take advantage of a widow or an orphan.
Exodus 23:6-9	Do not deny justice to your poor people in their lawsuits. Have nothing to do with a false charge and do not put an innocent or honest person to death, for I will not acquit the guilty. Do not accept a bribe, for a bribe blinds those who see and twists the words of the righteous. Do not oppress an alien; you yourselves know how it feels to be aliens, because you were aliens in Egypt.
Leviticus 19:13-16	Do not defraud your neighbor or rob him. Do not hold back the wages of a hired man overnight. Do not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block in front of the blind, but fear your God. I am the LORD. Do not pervert justice; do not show partiality to the poor or favoritism to the great, but judge your neighbor fairly. Do not go about spreading slander among your people. Do not do anything that endangers your neighbor's life.
Leviticus 19:33-34	When a foreigner lives with you in your land, don't take advantage of him. Treat the foreigner the same as a native. Love him like one of your own. Remember that you were once foreigners in Egypt. I am GOD, your God.
Deuteronomy 16:19-20	Do not pervert justice or show partiality. Do not accept a bribe, for a bribe blinds the eyes of the wise and twists the words of the righteous. Follow justice and justice alone, so that you may live and possess the land the LORD your God is giving you.
Deuteronomy 24:14-15,17	Do not take advantage of a hired man who is poor and needy, whether he is a brother Israelite or an alien living in one of your towns. Pay him his wages each day before sunset, because he is poor and is counting on it. Otherwise he may cry to the LORD against you, and you will be guilty of sin. Do not deprive the alien or the fatherless of justice, or take the cloak of the widow as a pledge.
Deuteronomy 25:13-16	Do not have two differing weights in your bag, one heavy, one light. Do not have two differing measures in your house, one large, one small. You must have accurate and honest weights and measures, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you. For the LORD your God detests anyone who does these things, anyone who deals dishonestly.
Proverbs 18:5	It is not good to be partial to the wicked or to deprive the innocent of justice.
Ezekiel 16:49	Now this was the sin of your sister Sodom: She and her daughters were arrogant, overfed and unconcerned; they did not help the poor and needy.
Ezekiel 2:2a,6-7,12,27,29	"Son of man, will you judge her? Will you judge this city of bloodshed? "See how each of the princes of Israel who are in you uses his power to shed blood. In you they have treated father and mother with contempt; in you they have oppressed the alien and mistreated the fatherless and the widow. In you men accept bribes to shed blood; you take usury and excessive interest and make unjust gain from your neighbors by extortion. And you have forgotten me, declares the Sovereign LORD." Her officials within her are like wolves tearing their prey; they shed blood and kill people to make unjust gain. The people of the land practice extortion and commit robbery; they oppress the poor and needy and mistreat the alien, denying them justice."
Daniel 4:27	Therefore, O king, be pleased to accept my advice: Renounce your sins by doing what is right, and your wickedness by being kind to the oppressed.
Amos 1:6	This is what the LORD says: "For three sins of Gaza, even for four, I will not turn back my wrath. Because she took captive whole communities and sold them to Edom.
Amos 2:6-7a	This is what the LORD says: "For three sins of Israel, even for four, I will not turn back my wrath. They sell the righteous for silver, and the needy for a pair of sandals. They trample on the heads of the poor as upon the dust of the ground and deny justice to the oppressed.

GOD INTERVENES AND RESCUES VICTIMS

Deuteronomy 10:18	He defends the cause of the fatherless and the widow, and loves the alien, giving him food and clothing.
Psalms 9:9	The LORD is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.
Psalms 12:5	Because of the oppression of the weak and the groaning of the needy, I will now arise, says the LORD. I will protect them from those who malign them.
Psalms 35:10	My whole being will exclaim, "Who is like you, O LORD? You rescue the poor from those too strong for them, the poor and needy from those who rob them."
Psalms 68:5	A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in his holy dwelling.
Psalms 72: 12- 14	For he will deliver the needy who cry out, the afflicted who have no one to help. He will take pity on the weak and the needy and save the needy from death. He will rescue them from oppression and violence, for precious is their blood in his sight.
Psalms 103:6	The LORD works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed.
Psalms 140:12	I know that the LORD secures justice for the poor and upholds the cause of the needy.
Psalms 146:7-9	He upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets prisoners free, the LORD gives sight to the blind, the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down, the LORD loves the righteous. The LORD watches over the alien and sustains the fatherless and the widow, but he frustrates the ways of the wicked.
Proverbs 23:10-11	Do not move an ancient boundary stone or encroach on the fields of the fatherless, for their Defender is strong; he will take up their case against you.
Isaiah 25:4	You have been a refuge for the poor, a refuge for the needy in his distress, a shelter from the storm and a shade from the heat. For the breath of the ruthless is like a storm driving against wall.
Jeremiah 20:13	Sing to the LORD! Give praise to the LORD! He rescues the life of the needy from the hands of the wicked.
Ezekiel 34:16	I will search for the lost and bring back the strays. I will bind up the injured and strengthen the weak, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy. I will shepherd the flock with justice.
Daniel 6:27	He rescues and he saves; he performs signs and wonders in the heavens and on the earth.
Luke 4:18-19	The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.
Exodus 3:7-8	The LORD said, "I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians.

GOD KNOWS THE WORLD'S INJUSTICE

Genesis 4:10	The LORD said, "What have you done? Listen! Your brother's blood cries out to me from the ground."
Nehemiah 5:5-6	Although we are of the same flesh and blood as our countrymen and though our sons are as good as theirs, yet we have to subject our sons and daughters to slavery. Some of our daughters have already been enslaved, but we are powerless, because our fields and our vineyards belong to others. When I heard their outcry and these charges, I was very angry.
Job 24:9-10	The fatherless child is snatched from the breast; the infant of the poor is seized for a debt. Lacking clothes, they go about naked; they carry the sheaves, but still go hungry.
Psalms 10:2, 8-11	In his arrogance the wicked man hunts down the weak, who are caught in the schemes he devises. He lies in wait near the villages; from ambush he murders the innocent, watching in secret for his victims. He lies in wait like a lion in cover; he lies in wait to catch the helpless; he catches the helpless and drags them off in his net. His victims are crushed, they collapse; they fall under his strength. He says to himself, "God has forgotten; he covers his face and never sees."
Psalms 37:14	The wicked draw the sword and bend the bow to bring down the poor and needy, to slay those whose ways are upright.
Psalms 58:2	No, in your heart you devise injustice, and your hands mete out violence on the earth.
Psalms 64:6	They plot injustice and say, "We have devised a perfect plan!" Surely the mind and heart of man are cunning.
Ecclesiastes 3:16	And I saw something else under the sun: In the place of judgment-wickedness was there, in the place of justice-wickedness was there.
Ecclesiastes 4:1	Again I looked and saw all the oppression that was taking place under the sun: I saw the tears of the oppressed- and they have no comforter; power was on the side of their oppressors- and they have no comforter.
Ecclesiastes 5:8-9	If you see the poor oppressed in a district, and justice and rights 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. The increase from the land is taken by all; the king himself profits from the fields.
Ecclesiastes 8:11	When the sentence for a crime is not quickly carried out, the hearts of the people are filled with schemes to do wrong.
Isaiah 5:7	The vineyard of the LORD Almighty is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah are the garden of his delight. And he looked for justice, but saw bloodshed; for righteousness, but heard cries of distress.
Isaiah 32:7	The scoundrel's methods are wicked, he makes up evil schemes to destroy the poor with lies, even when the plea of the needy is just.
Isaiah 53:3	He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.
Isaiah 59:4,8-9,11-16a	No one calls for justice; no one pleads his case with integrity. They rely on empty arguments and speak lies; they conceive trouble and give birth to evil. The way of peace they do not know; there is no justice in their paths. They have turned them into crooked roads; no one who walks in them will know peace. So justice is far from us, and righteousness does not reach us. We look for light, but all is darkness; for brightness, but we walk in deep shadows. We all growl like bears; we moan mournfully like doves. We look for justice, but find none; for deliverance, but it is far away. For our offenses are many in your sight, and our sins testify against us. Our offenses are ever with us, and we acknowledge our iniquities: rebellion and treachery against the LORD, turning our backs on our God, fomenting oppression and revolt, uttering lies our hearts have conceived. So justice is driven back, and righteousness stands at a distance; truth has stumbled in the streets, honesty cannot enter. Truth is nowhere to be found, and whoever shuns evil becomes a prey. The LORD looked and was displeased that there was no justice. He saw that there was no one, he was appalled that there was no one to intervene.
Jeremiah 5:27-28	Like cages full of birds, their houses are full of deceit; they have become rich and powerful and have grown fat and sleek. Their evil deeds have no limit; they do not plead the case of

	the fatherless to win it, they do not defend the rights of the poor.
Lamentations 3:34-36	To crush underfoot all prisoners in the land, to deny a man his rights before the Most High, to deprive a man of justice—would not the Lord see such things?
Lamentations 5:11-13	Women have been ravished in Zion, and virgins in the towns of Judah. Princes have been hung up by their hands; elders are shown no respect. Young men toil at the millstones; boys stagger under loads of wood.
Ezekiel 9:9	He answered me, “The sin of the house of Israel and Judah is exceedingly great; the land is full of bloodshed and the city is full of injustice. They say, ‘The LORD has forsaken the land; the LORD does not see.
Joel 3:3	They cast lots for my people and traded boys for prostitutes; they sold girls for wine that they might drink.
Amos 6:12	Do horses run on the rocky crags? Does one plow there with oxen? But you have turned justice into poison and the fruit of righteousness into bitterness.
Amos 8:4-6	Hear this, you who trample the needy and do away with the poor of the land, saying, “When will the New Moon be over that we may sell grain, and the Sabbath ended that we may market what?—skimping the measure, boosting the price and cheating with dishonest scales, buying the poor with silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, selling even the sweepings with the wheat.
Micah 2:2	They covet fields and seize them, and houses, and take them. They defraud a man of his home, a fellowman of his inheritance.
Micah 7:2-3	The godly have been swept from the land; not one upright man remains. All men lie in wait to shed blood; each hunts his brother with a net. Both hands are skilled in doing evil; the ruler demands gifts, the judge accepts bribes, the powerful dictate what they desire—they all conspire together.
Habakkuk 1:3-4	Why do you make me look at injustice? Why do you tolerate wrong? Destruction and violence are before me; there is strife, and conflict abounds. Therefore the law is paralyzed, and justice never prevails. The wicked hem in the righteous, so that justice is perverted.
Acts 8:33	In his humiliation he was deprived of justice.