“A Cry for Justice”

James 5:4 & 9 TPT

“Listen! Can’t you hear the cries of the laborers over the wages you fraudulently held back from those who worked for you? The cries for justice of those you’ve cheated have reached the ears of the Lord of armies! ... Since each of you are part of God’s family never complain or grumble about each other so that judgement will not come on you, for the true Judge is near and very ready to appear!”

Have you ever wrestled with God over the injustices in your life? Have you complained that life isn’t fair? It is almost an overwhelming force that you have to slam the door shut on to be able to function around others. Why is this such a driving force? Why would God allow you to feel this way?

God’s Path of Redemption

This is a complicated issue but I hope to redirect this drive to God’s path of redemption. I remember that everything in my life was black and white to me. Things were right or wrong and I hated grey areas. I knew I was right because I had the word of God on my side. Saul was the same way until he met Jesus on the road to Damascus. Saul was killing Christians and believed he was doing God’s work. Then Jesus showed up and knocked him off his horse and allowed him to be temporary blinded. This was done so he could see the whole truth beyond his religious training.

My road to Damascus experience happened when I was teaching the word of God. Holy Spirit told me that I wasn’t seeing things in the right way. Since the word of God says teachers will be judged stricter, I fell to me knees and cried out for God to open my eyes. God showed me that because of my hurts; wounds and rejection, I was looking through a tainted view of life. This was a major turning point in my life. I asked God for His view instead of my own.

I called His view as putting on my God Glasses. It brought me to a new level of seeing how God sees.

When you have a prophetic personality, your heart’s cry is for justice. A prophetic personality is someone who looks through the eyes of what is right and just. Things appear as right or wrong. Problems arise when your cry for justice is with an Old Testament view of the Word of God. Sin had to be paid for and the price was high. Exodus 21:24 says “an eye for eye, tooth of tooth, hand for hand” but Matthew 5: 38-39 show the New Testament view.

“You have heard that it was said, ‘Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.’ But I tell you, do not resist an evil person. If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also.”

Mercy and Grace Defined

It is hard to be merciful if you don’t understand God’s grace. Mercy is forgiveness and the removal of deserved punishment. Grace is being blessed despite the fact that we do not deserve it. I had a hard time understanding God’s grace since I was raised under a reap and sow lifestyle.

It would seem unfair to me when I worked hard and got a little. Then someone else did very little and they got blessed. An example of this would be one person studying hard and doing all the right things to get a passing grade in school while another person wouldn’t even read the lesson and they got an A+.

God used the movie, “The Chariots of Fire” to help me understand grace. I rarely watch a movie more than once but I watched this movie three times. This was a movie about the 1934 Olympics. Two men ran track for Britain, but one was a devout Christian, and the other was a determined Jew. I watch this movie fascinated at how hard the Jewish man, Harold Abrahams, worked. The Christian, Eric Liddell, just loved to run. He didn’t plot, plan or hire a trainer. He would just run and enjoy his gift of running that God gave him. At the end of the movie my heart would cry for justice. It isn’t fair that Harold worked so hard and Eric just enjoyed running. My sense of justice would reward the one who worked so hard! I won’t tell you the end of the movie but it is worth watching.
God’s Justice

Here is the lesson I learned about mercy, grace and God’s justice. It isn’t based on fairness; it is based on God’s love for us and the world. We work hard but it isn’t in our own strength. We turn the other cheek because that takes our hands off of what we think is justice and allows God to bring redeeming justice. That is why the word of God says to bless your enemies. God’s blessings bring deliverance not permission to sin. It allows him to be a loving father to bring correction in whatever way will reach that person.

When you walk in love and mercy it releases God’s grace for you to forgive that person. When you forgive him, this allows God to bring you justice and allows God to set the other person free from the lies that has blinded him. You may not see that person change but forgiving and trusting God for his justice opens doors of blessing from other avenues for you.

Think about what this scripture means. James 2:12-13 TPT “So we must both speak and act in every respect like those who are destined to be tried by the perfect law of liberty, and remember that judgment is merciless for the one who judges others without mercy. So, by showing mercy you take dominion over judgment!” Wow! Dominion of judgment means to me that I am no longer control by the “that isn’t fair” or the “driving force of that isn’t right” attitude. Instead, I am able to take my hands off the injustice and walk in the blessings of God. What a wonderful way to live!

Prayer:

Father God,

Forgive me for allowing the desire for justice to take me on the wrong path of death instead of life. By your grace I choose to walk in your mercy. I am trusting you to bring justice for these injustices. I ask that you redeem what was stolen, bring your justice to these areas of damage, and help me to trust you. Your word says we can speak to the mountains of human obstacle and they will become level ground, when we release your grace. I forgive those who have wronged me, I blessed them by turning them over to you, a loving Father, who can reach in and touch their lives with your redeeming love. I look to you for justice and not to them. Jesus’s grace made a way for me. Thank you!

Scriptures:


References:

1 https://www.gotquestions.org/mercy-grace.html

Outhouse Ministries is a web-site for the 90% of people who work outside the church structure. It was setup to provide the tools you need to walk like Jesus walked in the workplaces without being religious. Jesus could eat with tax collectors and talk to outcast like the Samaritan women and bring God’s Kingdom everywhere he went.