

# Biblical Call to Justice: EYES WIDE SHUT

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## l) Biblical Perspective on Justice and Injustice

1. In Hebrew words there are two words that are translated (sometimes) as \_\_\_\_\_ but more often as \_\_\_\_\_

- *tsadaq*
- *mishpat* (from *shapat*)

### 2. References

- Psa 103:6
- Psa 72:2,4
- Psa 119:137
- Psa 82:3-4
- Psa 89:14
- Psa 37:6
- Psa 37:30
- Psa 140:12
- Pro 21:3
- Isa 1:17
- Isa 61:8
- Isa 56:1
- Jer 9:24
- Jer 22:15-17
- Jer 21:12

3. Biblically, the concepts of justice and righteousness are \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_ means being in accordance with moral standards of "right" living

5. Biblical instructions to "do justice" are often coupled with words about \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

- Amos 2:6-8:
- Amos 5:12:
- Micah 7:3:
- Isa 59:1-16a

6. Working definition of **INJUSTICE**: the \_\_\_\_\_ to take from others \_\_\_\_\_.

## II) Statistical Information

- The \_\_\_\_\_ is both enormous and difficult to quantify.
  - The worldwide estimate is more than \_\_\_\_\_ million
  - Some estimates have that many in \_\_\_\_\_ alone
- The type of trafficking varies by \_\_\_\_\_
  - South East Asia is mostly \_\_\_\_\_ related
  - India and \_\_\_\_\_ is mostly bonded labor
  - Africa is a mix and has more state and militia problems
- Perpetrators go to great effort to \_\_\_\_\_ their activities
  - Many factory slaves are forbidden \_\_\_\_\_ the factory
  - Sex captives may not see the sun \_\_\_\_\_ at a time
  - Sometimes the practice is so widespread that \_\_\_\_\_ participates
- The problem is not confined to the \_\_\_\_\_ of the world.
  - In the US, there are \_\_\_\_\_ victims freed every year
  - Likewise, there are nearly as many \_\_\_\_\_
  - But one survey indicated that these are the \_\_\_\_\_
  - The ILO estimate indicates ten victims currently \_\_\_\_\_

## III) Stories from our Travels:

### 1. Uganda: Property Expropriation & Corruption

- Uganda's land ownership is complicated
  - Every piece of property has \_\_\_\_\_ deeds of ownership, with different rights;
  - Recording change in ownership requires \_\_\_\_\_ visits to records offices
  - Consequence: most transactions are \_\_\_\_\_.
- Marriage is also complicated and bound up in tribal traditions.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ may take multiple \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Long term monogamous couples may not be \_\_\_\_\_ by the government.

- Formal employment is \_\_\_\_\_.
- Newly-joined couples support their families by living on and working land provided by \_\_\_\_\_.
- Widows & orphans under this system are \_\_\_\_\_ by both families.

## 2. India: Forced Labor & Trafficking

- The predominate problem in India is \_\_\_\_\_
  - Historically, lower castes are \_\_\_\_\_ farmers
  - Increasingly, slaves work \_\_\_\_\_ factories
- Most bondage is tied to some sort of \_\_\_\_\_
  - The "owners" control the \_\_\_\_\_
  - In farming areas and at brick kilns, \_\_\_\_\_ are inherited, father to son
- Indian \_\_\_\_\_ is fighting slavery
  - "Owners" are forced to \_\_\_\_\_ their activities
  - Armed conflict with \_\_\_\_\_
  - Ironically, \_\_\_\_\_ for the slaves
- The living and working conditions are usually \_\_\_\_\_
- Victims, when freed, are often \_\_\_\_\_

## IV) Biblical Responses to Injustice:

### 1. Purpose of Suffering

- Follow \_\_\_\_\_:
  - Mat 16:24 NLT -
  - 1Pe 2:20-21 NLT
  - Phil 3:10
- Learn to \_\_\_\_\_: 2 Cor 1:8-10
- Christ
  - 1Pe 4:12-13 NLT -
  - 2 Cor 4:10-11
- \_\_\_\_\_: Heb 12:10
- God uses it \_\_\_\_\_: Romans 8:28
- Keeps us \_\_\_\_\_: Ps. 119:67
- \_\_\_\_\_: James 1:3-4

## 2. Compassion = Co-suffering

- Compassion is a \_\_\_\_\_, invented (?) by Paul
  - Greek = *sympaschō*
  - Latin =
- Used three times in the NT, twice by Paul, once by Peter
  - 1 Cor 12:26 NIV - ***If one part suffers, every part suffers with it;*** if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.
  - Rom 8:17 NIV - Now if we are children, then we are heirs--heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed ***we share in his sufferings*** in order that we may also share in his glory.
  - 1Pe 3:8 NLT - Finally, all of you should be of one mind. ***Sympathize with each other.*** Love each other as brothers and sisters. Be tenderhearted, and keep a humble attitude.
- Compassionate response to suffering requires \_\_\_\_\_, not \_\_\_\_\_
- Specific, biblical examples of compassionate response to suffering:
  - 2 Cor 1:11 :
  - \_\_\_\_\_ - Share each other's burdens. (also Phl 4:14)
  - 2 Cor 1:3-7: \_\_\_\_\_ as you have been
  - \_\_\_\_\_ - When God's people are in need, be ready to help them. Always be eager to practice hospitality.
  - Rom 12:15 : \_\_\_\_\_
  - 2 Tim 1:16-18: \_\_\_\_\_

## 3. Injustice is not sanctioned by God

- God is offended by \_\_\_\_\_.
- Both \_\_\_\_\_ fight against Injustice

## V) Preview: The International Justice Mission Story

- Go to IJM.org for more information
- IJM was started by Gary Haugen, after an extensive study of \_\_\_\_\_ witnessed by missionaries and those serving the poor.
- IJM study findings: Violence against the weak/poor is not driven by \_\_\_\_\_ of the perpetrators, or by the absence \_\_\_\_\_; it is driven by the \_\_\_\_\_ of the victims, and by the perception (on the part of perpetrators) that no one will care to stop them. This violence can be (and has been) stopped when \_\_\_\_\_ on behalf of those who need it, and when \_\_\_\_\_ contribute their financial and professional resources to insisting it stop.
- IJM currently employs more than \_\_\_\_\_ 400 Christian professionals, mostly lawyers, investigators and social service workers, \_\_\_\_\_ of whom are nationals of the countries in which they serve.
- IJM has operations in 16 cities in Cambodia, the Philippines, Thailand, India, Kenya, Rwanda, Uganda, Zambia, Bolivia and Guatemala, and also has Casework Alliance Partnerships in Ecuador and Peru.