

UNDER GOD?

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Liberty and Justice for All

Instructions for a King

¹ Give your love of justice to the king, O God, and righteousness to the king's son. ² Help him judge your people in the right way; let the poor always be treated fairly. ³ May the mountains yield prosperity for all, and may the hills be fruitful. ⁴ Help him to defend the poor, to rescue the children of the needy, and to crush their oppressors.

Psalm 72:1-4 (NLT)

- The king was to love justice because _____ loves justice

God's justice condemns the actions of His people.

⁶ This is what the LORD says: "The people of Israel have sinned again and again, and I will not let them go unpunished! They sell honorable people for silver and poor people for a pair of sandals. ⁷ They trample helpless people in the dust and shove the oppressed out of the way.

Amos 2:6-7a (NLT)

- Condemns turning people into a _____.

¹ Listen to me, you fat cows living in Samaria, you women who oppress the poor and crush the needy, and who are always calling to your husbands, "Bring us another drink!"

Amos 4:1 (NLT)

- Condemns living in _____ by oppressing others

¹⁰ How you hate honest judges! How you despise people who tell the truth! ¹¹ You trample the poor, stealing their grain through taxes

and unfair rent. Therefore, though you build beautiful stone houses, you will never live in them. Though you plant lush vineyards, you will never drink wine from them. ¹² For I know the vast number of your sins and the depth of your rebellions. You oppress good people by taking bribes and deprive the poor of justice in the courts.

Amos 5:10-12 (NLT)

- Condemns the perversion of _____

Justice is the Stage for Liberty

¹² He will rescue the poor when they cry to him; he will help the oppressed, who have no one to defend them. ¹³ He feels pity for the weak and the needy, and he will rescue them. ¹⁴ He will redeem them from oppression and violence, for their lives are precious to him.

Psalm 72:12-14 (NLT)

- God values us and offers us _____

³¹ Jesus said to the people who believed in him, "You are truly my disciples if you remain faithful to my teachings. ³² And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." ³³ "But we are descendants of Abraham," they said. "We have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean, 'You will be set free'?" ³⁴ Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave of sin. ³⁵ A slave is not a permanent member of the family, but a son is part of the family forever. ³⁶ So if the Son sets you free, you are truly free.

John 8:31-36 (NLT)

My Next Step Today Is To...

- Meditate on Psalm 72:12-14
- Live my belief that others are precious to God by being just and bringing liberty to those I encounter.
- Ask God to reveal any area of my life where I have become part of a culture of injustice.
- Receive the true liberty that can only come from God by receiving Jesus as my Savior and Lord.