

1. Scripture declares that "God is Just". The Song of Moses **Dt. 32:3-4** says, "just and right is He." What does this mean? **Jeremiah 50:7** that He is the "**habitation of justice**," and **Ps. 89:14** as sovereign and King **Rev. 15:3**. He has "purer eyes than to behold evil, and cannot look on iniquity" **Habakkuk 1:13**. **Gen 18:25** He is called the "judge of all the earth." It is to be just, upright, fitting, honest, true. And **2 Tim. 2:13** tells us the one thing God cannot do.

2. **Isaiah 45:18**. *A number of claims about God are made here. Ps. 145:17 that "The Lord is righteous in all His ways and holy in all His works."*

The justice of God may be considered as it exists in himself, or secondly as it manifests towards his creatures. "Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?" (Gen. 18:25). "Arise, O God, judge the earth," (Ps. 82:8) and in Hebrews He is the "God, the Judge of all" (Heb. 12:23). (Hab. 1:12 says "He has appointed them to judge; and thou, O Rock, hast established them to correct.") God's justice toward humans is based upon His character of being Just. He "shall bring every work into judgment with every secret thing, whether it be good or whether it be evil" Eccles. 11:9, 12:14.

3. What does this mean?

1. He has authority.

2. He is identified with that which is good and right.

3. He has wisdom and discerns truth.

4. Finally he has the Power to execute sentence or reward. "Nothing is too difficult for Me," says the Lord. He can enforce His justice.

In looking at and combining these four areas one could say, God's Justice is based on His: all powerfulness. Sovereign, good, wise and powerful equals justice

4. Justice may be twofold: negatively as what justice does not disapprove of –God's Justice is based on giving to His creatures "Just Desert", giving them what they deserve. This is JUSTICE, getting what one deserves: the right reward or punishment in the right proportion. "The wages of sin is death."