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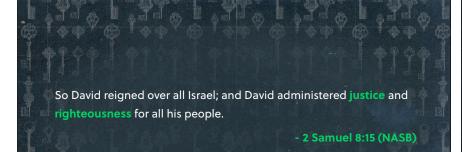
- Psalm 89:14 (NASB)

2 Clouds and thick darkness surround Him; **Righteousness** and **justice** are the foundation of His throne. (NASB)

- Psalm 97:2 (NASB)

For I have chosen him [Abraham], so that he may command his children and his household after him to keep the way of the Lord by doing **righteousness** and **justice**, so that the Lord may bring upon Abraham what He has spoken about him.

- Genesis 18:19 NASB



Blessed be the LORD your God, who has delighted in you and set you on the throne of Israel! Because the LORD loved Israel forever, He has made you king, that you may execute justice and righteousness.

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- 1 Kings 10:9 (NASB)

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For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder, and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore.

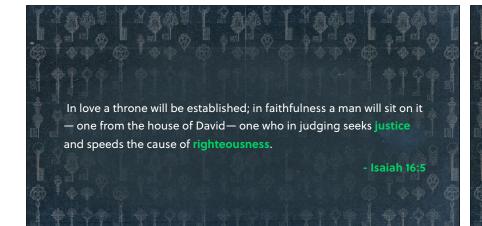
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- Isaiah 9:6 (NASB)

1 Endow the king with your **justice**, O God, the royal son with your **righteousness**. 2 May he judge your people in **righteousness**, your afflicted ones with **justice**.

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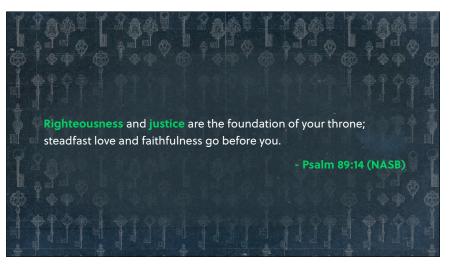
- Psalm 72:1 -2



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18 Timothy, my son, I am giving you this command in keeping with the prophecies once made about you, so that by recalling them you may fight the battle well, 19 holding on to faith and a good conscience, which some have rejected and so have suffered shipwreck with regard to the faith.

- 1 Timothy 1:18-19

# Cries that reach the ears

of the Just God

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### Shed Blood

22 But you have come to Mount Zion, to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem. You have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly, 23 to the church of the firstborn, whose names are written in heaven. You have come to God, the Judge of all, to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, 24 to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

Hebrews 12:22-24

## The cries of Slaves (oppressed)

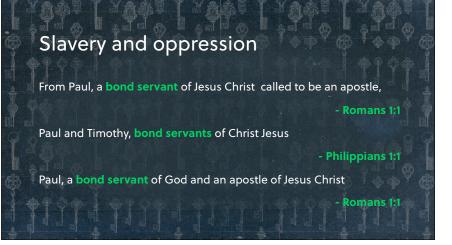
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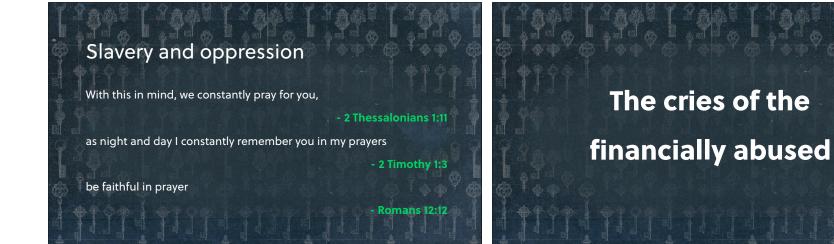
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#### Slavery and oppression

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.

- Exodus 3:7





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#### Financial abuse

[1] Now listen, you rich people, weep and wail because of the misery that is coming on you. [2] Your wealth has rotted, and moths have eaten your clothes. [3] Your gold and silver are corroded. Their corrosion will testify against you and eat your flesh like fire. You have hoarded wealth in the last days. [4] Look! The wages you failed to pay the workers who mowed your fields are crying out against you. - James 5:1-6

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#### **Financial abuse**

The **cries of the harvesters** have reached the ears of the Lord Almighty. [5] You have lived on earth in luxury and self-indulgence. You have fattened yourselves in the day of slaughter. [6] You have condemned and murdered the innocent one, who was not opposing you.

- James 5:1-6

### Financial generosity

10 Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. 11 You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. 12 This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God.

2 Corinthians 9:10-12

#### **Financial generosity**

Cornelius stared at him in fear. "What is it, Lord?" he asked. The angel answered, "Your prayers and gifts to the poor have come up as a memorial offering before God.

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- Acts 10:4

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#### Fasting to get God's attention

'Why have we fasted,' they say,'and you have not seen it? Why have we humbled ourselves, and you have not noticed?' "Yet on the day of your fasting, you do as you please and **exploit all your workers**. 4 Your fasting ends in **quarreling** and **strife**, and in **striking each other** with wicked fists. You cannot fast as you do today and **expect your voice to be heard on high.**5 Is this the kind of fast I have chosen, only a day for people to humble themselves? Is it only for

- Isaiah 58:3-12

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bowing one's head like a reed and for lying in sackcloth and ashes? Is that what you call a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord?6 "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? 7 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 them and not to turn away from your own flesh and

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blood? 8 Then your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will quickly appear; then your righteousness will go before you, and the glory of the Lord will be your rear guard. 9 Then you will call, and the Lord will answer; you will cry for help, and he will say: Here am I. "If you do away with the yoke of oppression, with the pointing finger and malicious talk, 10 and if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed,

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then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday. The Lord will guide you always; he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame. You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail. 12 Your people will rebuild the ancient ruins and will raise up the ageold foundations; you will be called Repairer of Broken Walls, Restorer of Streets with Dwellings.

# Using the keys of justice and righteousness

Isaiah 58:3-12

