

GOD OF JUSTICE

God always does right. He is the source and measure of justice. But He forgives us justly through Jesus.

| SCRIPTURE* | MUSIC† |
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| Job 34:10-23 Psalm 9:1-9 Psalm 96:7-13 Psalm 111 Psalm 119:137-144 Jeremiah 32:16-21 Romans 3:19-26 1 John 1:8-10; 2:1-2 Revelation 16:5-7 | A Mighty Fortress Is Our God Be Still, My Soul By Faith Here Is Love (Forrest) SATB His Robes for Mine Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise My Soul Finds Rest (arr. Courtney) SATB O God, Our Help in Ages Past Our Eyes Are Upon You, Lord Rejoice, the Lord Is King Sing Praise to God Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted There Is a Higher Throne (arr. Larson) Duet This Is My Father's World You Are Always Good |



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* Daily preparatory readings shown in **bold**.

† Published choral and vocal music shown in **bold**.

PRESENTING & PROMOTING THIS THEME

DEFINITION OF JUSTICE

God, not man, defines justice. God always sees, while our perspective is limited. God is the one who will hold people accountable for their actions. The world's idea of justice seeks immediate revenge for all perceived wrong doings, and leaves no room for forgiveness. This is rebellion against God's definition of justice. True justice is determined by God and cannot be perverted. He expects His people to operate under His justice. Under His "system," no one gets away with anything. He will fulfill it in His good time.

IMMIGRANT INTERVIEW

Perform interview of an immigrant to the U.S.A. in the congregation, comparing and contrasting the justice systems of each country. Finish the worship theme with focus on God's ultimate justice.

- 1. What are some ways you experienced injustice when you lived in [country]? (If needed, prompt answers along these lines: shopping, legal system, police, taxes, etc.)*
- 2. Give us some perspective of the differences in social justice between [country] and the United States.*
- 3. What injustice have you seen here in the U.S.A.?*
- 4. What truths about God have helped you as you've experienced injustice in [country] and in the United States?*

SYMBOL OF JUSTICE

Use a visual aid to introduce this theme: justice symbol of a blindfolded woman holding scales. It's interesting that our symbol of justice is wearing a blindfold. This reminds us that we as humans are innately unjust. We might judge someone unfairly because of that person's physical appearance, social status, etc. But God doesn't need a blindfold. He is always just!