

Study QUESTIONS

Ep. 1019: Is Mercy Compatible with Justice?

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SHOW NOTES

1. What is the basis for how God works? What are the four attributes of God's character? What is the motive behind everything God does? (See Psalm 89:14, 1 John 4:7-8)
2. How did the creation of man reflect who God is? What four things can we observe about love and justice when man sinned? (See Genesis 1:26, 3:19)
3. What is the long-term goal of true justice? How did God plan from the beginning to achieve this goal? (See 1 John 4:9)
4. What was God's first act of restorative justice? How does this show God's wisdom, mercy, love and justice? What is the driving force behind true justice? (See Revelation 13:8)
5. How can we show justice and mercy in a restorative way to the brotherhood of Christ? How should we look at our fellow Christians? (See Matthew 18:15-16)
6. How is God's mercy expressed in both the Old and New Testaments? What is the common element? (See Micah 6:8, Psalms 36:5-7, 10-11, Matthew 5:7)
7. Upon what is godly mercy based? Why should we not base emotion on our mercy towards others? What is the Bible's instruction on how to apply justice-based mercy in our lives? Does the emotional application of mercy undermine justice in your life? (See Proverbs 16:6, 3:3)
8. What standard of behavior should we live by if we know Jesus? How does this help us to apply justice-based mercy? What perspective should we use when applying godly mercy? (See Matthew 22:36-40)
9. What is the difference between grace and mercy? How does Jesus describe the Golden Rule (grace in action)? How is God's mercy extended and amplified into grace? What is the biblical instruction for the followers of Christ in the treatment of others? How can you extend grace to others in your life? (See Matthew 7:12, Ephesians 2:4-10, Colossians 3:12-15)
10. When someone wrongs us, how should we show justice-based mercy even if our natural tendencies would lead us in the opposite direction? The Pharisees meticulously followed the Law, but what were they NOT doing? Can we be guilty of this? (See Luke 6:35-36, Matthew 9:10-13, Hosea 6:6)
11. If we have given our lives to God, what is our responsibility in practicing justice-based mercy? How do we live by grace? Why must we accentuate the mercy aspect of justice? How can you apply more mercy and grace in your interactions with others? (See 1 Peter 2:9-10, James 2:8-13)