

“Mercy Came a Runnin’ (10): Whatever Happened to Justice?”

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☐ Luke 18:1-8

- ◆ “_____ is Mine, I will _____ ,’ says the Lord.” (Romans 12:19; Hebrews 10:30; from Deuteronomy 32:35)
- ◆ Have _____ —there is _____ !
- ◆ “Shall not God _____ His own elect [His friends] who cry out day and night to Him?” (Luke 18:7)

☐ Injustice today:

- ◆ Gary A. Haugen: “The outcome in the twentieth century could be described . . . an open-mouthed grave: an entire generation of European youth composting the World War I battlefields of Verdun and the Somme, Hitler’s six million Jews, Stalin’s twenty million Soviet citizens, Mao’s tens of millions of political enemies and peasant famine victims, Pol Pot’s two million Cambodians, the Interhamwe’s million Tutsi Rwandans, and the millions of lives wasted away during apartheid’s forty-year reign. We can easily forget that the same spirit of darkness rules our present age. . . . Outside the affluent West, however, in the Two-Thirds World where most of the children God created actually live, the Fall is being played out in ways more familiar to the biblical writers: it is manifest in a world of brutal _____ .” (*The Good News About Injustice*, 47, 48)
 - Joel 3:3
 - Psalm 37:14
 - Romans 3:15-18
- ◆ “A state of exception is a form of governance characterised by suspension of the democratic legal process in favour of ‘extra-judicial state violence’ against specified groups. It depends upon a certain political climate and may arise in any democracy. . . . Guantanamo stands as a direct consequence of [that] form of governance However, the Guantanamo case is not limited to the current political ambience. *It is a potential prelude to situations that may deny the political convictions and civic values of given minority groups.*” (“The State of Exception,” Engen Obucic and Sarah Lobegeiger, emphasis supplied)
 - Habakkuk 1:4
 - Micah 3:9
 - Ecclesiastes 5:8

☐ Justice *and* mercy today—Romans 3:23-26 TNIV:

- ◆ (23) “For_____ have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”
- ◆ (24) “And all are justified freely by his _____ through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.”

- ◆ (25) “God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his _____ , because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished.”
- ◆ (26) “He did it to demonstrate his justice at the present time, so as to be _____ [justice] and the one who _____ [mercy] those who have faith in Jesus.”
- ◆ *Desire of Ages*: “Through Jesus, God’s mercy was manifested to men; but mercy does not set aside _____. The law reveals the attributes of God’s character, and not a jot or tittle of it could be changed to meet man in his fallen condition. God did not change His law, but He sacrificed _____, in Christ, for [our] redemption.” (762)
- ◆ Which is why _____ justice and mercy triumphed at Calvary!

*When one comes a runnin’,
the other can’t be far behind!*

Answers: Vengeance, repay, mercy, justice, avenge, injustice, all, grace, justice, just, justifies, justice, Himself, both