



Oceans of Justice

Song Devotional Summary

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God's justice is not my form of it.

This song is likely one of the most important I've ever written. It's probably not the sharpest lyric ever, but certainly the most pointed: God says *more* than once in the Old Testament and *many* times with the entire message of Jesus in the New Testament that he is *very* tired of our *mis*interpretation of His justice.

What is God's justice? James says it this way in chapter 1 and verse 27:

“Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.”

The book of Amos in chapter 5:21 through verse 24 says it this way:

21 “I hate, I despise your religious festivals;



*your assemblies are a stench to me.
22 Even though you bring me burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them. Though you bring choice fellowship offerings,
I will have no regard for them.
23 Away with the noise of your songs!
I will not listen to the music of your harps.
24 But let justice roll on like a river,
righteousness like a never-failing stream!*

So, I ask myself, "What can I do for you today, Lord God? Sing more songs?" Sigh. Sometimes I pray for a better understanding of who I am and what I can do in this life.

When will we *stop* misrepresenting who God is and His plan? When will we *stop* trying to justify *our* greed on moral and religious grounds? Let us *recognize, admire, acknowledge and serve* a God who calls us to be righteous according to *His* justice, not *ours*.

Enjoy my song, Oceans of Justice.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, how great is Your name. May Your kingdom come to earth. Ignite my heart to follow Your justice, not mine. Thank you for the victory over sin and death so I can live my life to the full.