

BA9. Believing in God's Evenhanded Justice.

We are to believe in God's evenhanded justice.

This precept is derived from His Word (blessed is He):

Key New Testament Scriptures

Acts 10:34-35

Then Kefa addressed them: "I now understand that God does not play favorites, but that whoever fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him, no matter what people he belongs to.

Colossians 3:25

Don't worry- whoever is doing wrong will be paid in kind for his wrong, and there is no favoritism shown.

Revelation 20:12-13

And I saw the dead, both great and small, standing in front of the throne. Books were opened; and another book was opened, the Book of Life; and the dead were judged from what was written in the books, according to what they had done. The sea gave up the dead in it; and Death and Sh'ol gave up the dead in them; and they were judged, each according to what he had done.

Additional New Testament Scriptures

Matthew 12:17-18, 23:23

Luke 11:42

Ephesians 6:9

2 Thessalonians 1:6

Related New Testament Mitzvot

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RA17 *Not Committing Perjury*

RA20 *Not Prejudging*

RA21 *Judging Without Prejudice or Partiality*

RA22 *First Warning and Then Banning Divisive Persons from Fellowship*

Supportive Tanakh Scriptures

2 Chronicles 19:7

Therefore, let the fear of ADONAI be upon you; be careful what you do; for ADONAI our God does not allow dishonesty, partiality or bribe-taking.

Job 34:12

It is certain that God does nothing wicked; Shaddai will not pervert justice.

Psalms 99:4

Mighty king who loves justice, you established fairness, justice and righteousness in Ya'akov.

Psalms 146:7

He secures justice for the oppressed, he gives food to the hungry. ADONAI sets prisoners free,

Proverbs 1:1-3

The proverbs of Shlomo the son of David, king of Isra'el, are for learning about wisdom and discipline; for understanding words expressing deep insight; for gaining an intelligently disciplined life, doing what is right, just and fair;

Isaiah 30:18

Yet ADONAI is just waiting to show you favor, he will have pity on you from on high; for ADONAI is a God of justice; happy are all who wait for him!

Isaiah 61:8

For I, ADONAI, love justice; I hate robbery for burnt offerings. So I will be faithful to reward them and make an eternal covenant with them.

Comment

Scripture teaches that God's justice is fair and impartial; he shows no favoritism among his created children. Nevertheless, the particulars of *Torah* (God's teaching) are sometimes applied differently according to who a person is – man or woman, parent or child, Jew or Gentile. For example, circumcision is required of all Jewish males (Genesis 17:9-10) but is only required of certain Gentiles (Genesis 17:12-13; Exodus 12:48). Husbands are responsible for being the heads of their wives and not visa-versa (Ephesians 5:22-23). Recognizing such distinctions in the administration of justice is not being partial or unfair. Also, it is not being partial to hold persons who are in positions of authority, or have greater knowledge, to a higher standard of accountability (e.g. Luke 12:47-48 and Hebrews 13:17).

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