**WHAT DOES THE LORD REQUIRE?**

**Westview Baptist Church**

**October 25, 2020**

*This is what the Lord says: “For three sins of Israel, even for four, I will not relent. They sell the innocent for silver, and the needy for a pair of sandals. They trample on the heads of the poor as on the dust of the ground and deny justice to the oppressed. Father and son use the same girl and so profane my holy name. They lie down beside every altar on garments taken in pledge. In the house of their god they drink wine taken as fines. Amos 2:6-8 NIV11*

*Hear this word, you cows of Bashan on Mount Samaria, you women who oppress the poor and crush the needy and say to your husbands, “Bring us some drinks!” Amos 4:1 NIV11*

**POINT 1: FEAR OF THE LORD**

*“Our hearts are always captured by something—that’s how God made us. But sin threatens to distract us from the glory of our Creator. All too often, we stand in awe of everything but God.” -Paul Tripp*

*“For I, the LORD, love justice; I hate robbery and wrongdoing. In my faithfulness I will reward my people and make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants will be known among the nations and their offspring among the peoples. All who see them will acknowledge that they are a people the LORD has blessed.” Isaiah 61:8-9 NIV11*

**POINT 2: OBEDIENCE TO GOD’S WORD**

a. We need to recognize what sin is, and what it does.
b. And we need to understand God’s response to sin.

Have nothing to do with a false charge and do not put an innocent or honest person to death, for I will not acquit the guilty.
 Exodus 23:7 NIV11

Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed. Take up the cause of the fatherless; plead the case of the widow. Isaiah 1:17 NIV11

**Lessons from Israel’s past: 2nd Chronicles 7:4 & 17-22**

**POINT 3: GOD’S STANDARD OF SEXUAL PURITY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE**

**Q: What is the object of our focus? SELF/OTHERS**

Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is set on earthly things.
 Philippians 3:19 NIV11

He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humblywith your God. Micah 6:8 NIV11

As Christians, the building blocks of social justice lie in human dignity, human flourishing, and the sacredness of life. The source of social justice is God’s perfect righteousness, justice, and radical love…

…Social justice is about creating kingdom space in the here and now, giving witness to the ultimate just society yet to come. So every time we use our voice and influence to get in the way of injustice — whether it’s human trafficking, economic exploitation, human rights abuses, or infants dying needlessly from disease and malnutrition — we provide a foretaste of God’s kingdom to come. \* World Vision \*

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