Justice Comes Out Perverted

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INTRODUCTION

- Habakkuk expresses the sentiment that we sometimes feel in our culture in our times of the evil all around him among those who should know better.
- Therefore the law is ignored, and justice is never upheld. For the wicked surround the righteous.

1 Justice Comes Out Perverted

- Most of America, it seems, believes that she was guilty of killing her young toddler Cayley. And they were aghast at the innocent verdict.
- Still, somebody should have to own up to the death of this innocent little girl.
- And we are alarmed when we see justice perverted. Or when we think people are getting off when they should be punished for what they have done.
- This is just one of a multitude of spiritual atrocities that occur all the time.

2 The Danger of Decrying the Error Everywhere Else

Psalm 72:1–4

- May he vindicate the afflicted of the people, save the children of the needy, and crush the oppressor.
- The danger of decrying the error everywhere else and missing the personal responsibility that we all have.
- But what I can do is affect where I stand and where we stand as a local church of God's people.
- It is very comforting at times and easier at times to think about where everybody else has gone wrong.

3 What About Us? Are We Bearing Our Cross?

Matthew 16:24; Ephesians 5:1–2

- Instead of just throwing up our arms in outrage about the errors of others. Are we bearing our cross?
- That means daily in my life, I have to remove whatever obstacle stands in my way and follow the dictates of Christ's will for me.
- If I allow stains and blemishes to go unchecked in my life, and yet I stand in outrage when justice comes out perverted, am I any better off?
- It's so much easier to look at ourselves and say, I'm better. Than to do the work of being imitators of God as beloved children.

4 Bridle the Tongue and the Whole Body

James 3:8

- I think we constantly need to be challenged. And the reason why I think we constantly need to be challenged is because I constantly need to be challenged.
- If a man is able to control or bridle his tongue, he is able to control or bridle the whole body as well. And we need to bridle both of those.
- One of the more difficult things that believers are called to do on a daily basis is simply to exercise that one particular fruit of the Spirit, self-control.
- Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but esteem others as better than yourself.

5 When It Comes to Sin, We All Are Guilty

- One day we will face perfect judgment that will not fail. And if we are guilty, we will not walk free.
- Because the fact is, when it comes to sin, we all are guilty.
- The only difference is we have to acknowledge our guilt. And we have to meet his terms of pardon.
- If I can be forgiven, Casey Anthony can be forgiven. Sin is sin.

6 God Knows What People Have Done

Jeremiah 23:23–24; Ezekiel 8:12; Luke 12:2–3

- Can a man hide himself in hiding places so that I do not see him? declares the Lord. Do I not fill the heavens and the earth?
- Do you see what the elders of the house of Israel are committing in the dark, each man in the room of his carved images, for they say, The Lord does not see us.
- There is nothing covered up that will not be revealed and hidden that will not be known.
- Nobody gets away with it.

THE CHALLENGE

What does he see in you?

MY NOTES