

Return to Me #6

All We Want is Justice

Word

Scripture Reference

Zechariah 6:1-8

Discussion Questions

1. Why do you think most people want justice to be served immediately? Discuss.
2. Read Zechariah 6:1-8. The four chariots represent the four angels of God's judgment on the earth. The different colors of the horses signify God's arsenals or God's aspects of judgment. The red horse symbolizes war and bloodshed, black symbolizes famine and death, white symbolizes God's victory over evil, and dappled gray symbolizes plagues and diseases. God is angry at sin and at the wicked, and His anger is expressed in judgment. When He enacts judgment, it is complete. We tend to focus on God's character of love and mercy, but anger and judgment are part of His righteous character as well. The very nature of God will not allow evil to prevail. This passage teaches us that when God's people return to Him, the injustices we experience will be dealt with. What injustices have you experienced, or are currently going through? What do people usually mean when they say that they want justice?
3. God's justice is complete, and will definitely be fulfilled (v. 1-3). Do you prefer God's complete justice, or do you prefer your own? Discuss what makes God's justice different from the world's justice. Do you think your justice for others would really be satisfying? Why or why not? Why should you not be judgmental of others?
4. God's justice should change the way you live your life (v. 4-6). Do you really trust God's justice? Discuss the possible results when you take your hands off and allow God to enact justice on your behalf. Do you trust God enough not to complain how He will execute His judgment in His time? What would be the result when you trust God and allow Him

to deal with your problem as He pleases?

5. God's justice is final; there is no higher court (v. 7-8). Are you more afraid of God's justice or man's justice? How do you feel about God's judgment knowing that He knows everything and sees the hearts of men and women? What character of God should you always remember in order to instill a healthy and balanced understanding of who He is? Have you ever desired to exact personal revenge on a person whom you believe has done you injustice, but then decided to trust God instead to deal with that person? How did it help you grow in your walk with the Lord? Share your testimony with the group.

Walk

The world cries, "What do we want? JUSTICE! When do we want it? NOW!" But as followers of Jesus Christ, our rally cry should be, "What do we want? GOD'S JUSTICE! When do we want it? LET HIM DECIDE!"

It takes maturity not to fight back when you are being unfairly treated, and it takes maturity as well to choose, trust and fear God's judgment. How are you growing in this aspect of your spiritual life? Do you allow God to judge the person who didn't treat you right? Do you believe that God will judge in His time? Would you rather fear God's judgment than be afraid of somebody else's? Pray that the Lord will teach you to have the right attitude in dealing with the injustices around you. Ask God to search your heart and let you realize if you were the one who have treated another person unfairly.

Worship & Prayer

Father, I thank You for being loving, gracious, and merciful. Most of the time I tend to focus on those aspects of your character and forget that you are also the God of justice. Forgive me for the times I've complained about how You deal with other people's wrongdoing and taken things in my own hands because I didn't trust You enough to let You be the judge in Your own way, at Your own time. I pray that You would enable me to have a forgiving heart towards those who have wronged me, and develop a trusting heart towards You, knowing that nothing happens that You don't allow. I place my hope in Jesus Christ, in whom I have the assurance that Your justice will prevail in the end. In His mighty name I pray these things. Amen.