



THE FOUNDATION OF THE THRONE

RIGHTEOUSNESS AND JUSTICE ARE THE FOUNDATION OF HIS THRONE

PSALM 97:2

AMOS

SERMONS
POEMS
VISIONS

A SHEPHERD & FIG-TREE FARMER (SEC 7:14)

SOUTHERN JUDAH

TEKOA

BETHEL

NORTHERN ISRAEL

JEROBOAM II
-WON NEW TERRITORY & GENERATED WEALTH
-ALLOWED IDOLATRY & INJUSTICE

SEE 1 KINGS 12

AMOS

TRUE WORSHIP of GOD should always lead to JUSTICE, RIGHTEOUSNESS, & LOVING OUR NEIGHBOR

EXPLORING THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN GOD'S JUSTICE & MERCY

HE MUST CONFRONT EVIL AMONG ISRAEL & THE NATIONS

HIS LONG-TERM PURPOSES ARE FOR RESTORATION & A NEW FAMILY

1-2 MESSAGE TO THE NATIONS & ISRAEL

1-2a ACCUSATIONS AGAINST THE NATIONS

TYRE
DAMASCUS
AMMON
MOAB
EDOM
GAZA
JUDAH

ISRAEL

1-2b ACCUSATIONS AGAINST ISRAEL

the WEALTHY IGNORE the POOR

...and DENY THEM LEGAL REPRESENTATION

...and SELL THEM INTO DEBT SLAVERY

THE PARTY'S OVER!

3-6 MESSAGE TO ISRAEL & ITS LEADERS

32 "I CHOSE YOU, ISRAEL, FROM AMONG ALL THE FAMILIES OF THE EARTH, AND THIS IS WHY I WILL PUNISH YOU FOR ALL YOUR SIN."

ALLUSION TO GENESIS 12 ISRAEL SHOULD BE A BLESSING TO ALL NATIONS.

EXPOSURE OF RELIGIOUS HYPOCRISY

IT'S ALL A SHAM!

"LET JUSTICE FLOW LIKE A RIVER, AND RIGHTEOUSNESS LIKE AN UNFAILING STREAM..." (5:24)

HEREBREW: **MISHPAT**
ACTIONS TAKEN TO CORRECT INJUSTICE

HEREBREW: **TSEDAQAH**
RIGHT RELATIONSHIPS EQUITY DESPITE SOCIAL DIFFERENCE

GREAT CALLING + GREAT RESPONSIBILITY = GREAT CONSEQUENCES

ACCUSATIONS OF IDOLATRY

(SEE 1 KINGS 12)

ISHerah (SEX)
ANat (WAR)
BAal (WEATHER)

WORSHIP OF THESE GODS LEADS TO INJUSTICE...

... BUT NOT THE GOD OF ISRAEL

"SEEK ME, THAT YOU MAY LIVE." (5:4)

"SEEK GOOD, NOT EVIL, THAT YOU MAY LIVE." (5:14)

ANNOUNCING THE DAY OF THE LORD

AMOS & the PROPHETS

40 YEARS LATER... (SEE 2 KINGS 17)

ARMIES OF ASSYRIA

7-9 AMOS' VISIONS

SYMBOLIC DEPICTIONS OF THE DAY OF THE LORD

SCORCHING FIRE

LOCUST SWARM

OVERRIPE FRUIT

GOD

THIS IS A GLIMMER OF HOPE

HOUSE OF DAVID

FUTURE MESSIANIC KINGDOM

GOD'S KINGDOM OVER ALL NATIONS

AMOS 5:1-25 (NLT)

⁴ Now this is what the LORD says to the family of Israel: “Come back to me and live!

⁵ Don’t worship at the pagan altars at Bethel; don’t go to the shrines at Gilgal or Beersheba. For the people of Gilgal will be dragged off into exile, and the people of Bethel will be reduced to nothing.”

PLACES OF INTEREST

- Bethel
 - Jacob
- Gilgal
 - israel
- Beersheba
 - Abraham

BETHEL

- [Genesis 28:19](#)
 - He named that place **Bethel** (which means “house of God”), although it was previously called Luz.
- [Genesis 31:13](#)
 - I am the God who appeared to you at **Bethel**, the place where you anointed the pillar of stone and made your vow to me. Now get ready and leave this country and return to the land of your birth.”
- [Genesis 35:15](#)
 - And Jacob named the place **Bethel** (which means “house of God”), because God had spoken to him there.

BETHEL

A few years later the prophet [Hosea](#) (8th century BC) speaks (at least according to modern translations) of the "wickedness" of Bethel ([Hosea 10:15](#)) and [Jeremiah](#) (6th century BC) speaks of the "shame" which it brought on Israel ([Jeremiah 48:13](#)). [Hosea 13:1–3](#) describes how the Israelites are abandoning [Adonai](#) for the worship of Baal, and accuses them of making or using images for 'idol' worship. Chief among these, it appears, was the image of the bull at Bethel, which by the time of Hosea was being worshipped as an image of Baal.

BEERSHEBA

¹⁵ When the water was gone, she put the boy in the shade of a bush. ¹⁶ Then she went and sat down by herself about a hundred yards^[c] away. “I don’t want to watch the boy die,” she said, as she burst into tears. ¹⁷ But God heard the boy crying, and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, “Hagar, what’s wrong? Do not be afraid! God has heard the boy crying as he lies there. ¹⁸ Go to him and comfort him, for I will make a great nation from his descendants.”

Genesis 21:16-18

BEERSHEBA

²² About this time, Abimelech came with Phicol, his army commander, to visit Abraham. “God is obviously with you, helping you in everything you do,” Abimelech said. ²³ “Swear to me in God’s name that you will never deceive me, my children, or any of my descendants. I have been loyal to you, so now swear that you will be loyal to me and to this country where you are living as a foreigner.”

Genesis 21:22-23 [Genesis 21:22-23](#)

BEERSHEBA

³¹ Then he named the place Beersheba (which means “well of the oath”), because that was where they had sworn the oath. ³² After making their covenant at Beersheba, Abimelech left with Phicol, the commander of his army, and they returned home to the land of the Philistines. ³³ Then Abraham planted a tamarisk tree at Beersheba, and there he worshiped the LORD, the Eternal God. ³⁴ And Abraham lived as a foreigner in Philistine country for a long time.

Genesis 21:31-34

GILGAL

- [Joshua 4:20](#)
- It was there at **Gilgal** that Joshua piled up the twelve stones taken from the Jordan River.
- [Joshua 5:9](#)
- Then the LORD said to Joshua, “Today I have rolled away the shame of your slavery in Egypt.” So that place has been called **Gilgal** to this day.

AMOS 5:1-25 (NLT)

⁶ Come back to the LORD and live! Otherwise, he will roar through Israel like a fire, devouring you completely. Your gods in Bethel won't be able to quench the flames. ⁷ You twist justice, making it a bitter pill for the oppressed. You treat the righteous like dirt...

⁹ With blinding speed and power he destroys the strong, crushing all their defences.

AMOS 5:1-25 (NLT)

¹⁰ How you hate honest judges! How you despise people who tell the truth! ¹¹ You trample the poor, stealing their grain through taxes and unfair rent. Therefore, though you build beautiful stone houses, you will never live in them. Though you plant lush vineyards, you will never drink wine from them. ¹² For I know the vast number of your sins and the depth of your rebellions. You oppress good people by taking bribes and deprive the poor of justice in the courts.

AMOS 5:1-25 (NLT)

¹⁴ Do what is good and run from evil so that you may live!

Then the LORD God of Heaven's Armies will be your helper, just as you have claimed.¹⁵ Hate evil and love what is good; turn your courts into true halls of justice.

Perhaps even yet the LORD God of Heaven's Armies will have mercy on the remnant of his people.

AMOS 5:1-25 (NLT)

²¹ “I hate all your show and pretence—the hypocrisy of your religious festivals and solemn assemblies.²² I will not accept your burnt offerings and grain offerings. I won’t even notice all your choice peace offerings. ²³ Away with your noisy hymns of praise! I will not listen to the music of your harps.

²⁴ Instead, I want to see a mighty flood of justice, an endless river of righteous living.

BIBLICAL JUSTICE & SOCIAL JUSTICE

“He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?”

[Micah 6:8](#)

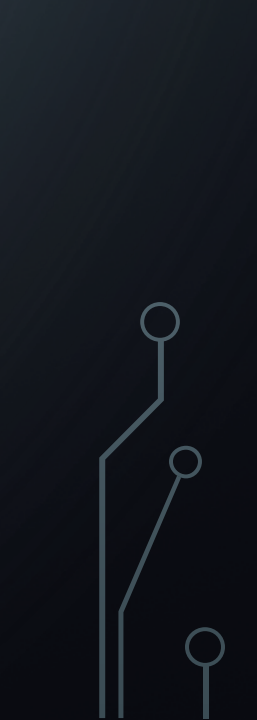

SOCIAL JUSTICE

As the Church, we may partner with those doing the work of social justice in our communities, but let us not be confused about our ultimate mission. Our mission is not about picking up another cause because it sounds appealing and makes us look good. Our mission is about fully embracing the cause of Christ. The end goal of biblical justice is seeing lives reconciled to God and eternally transformed.



ROMANS 14:17 (ESV)

¹⁷ For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.



PUT ON RIGHTEOUSNESS

Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.

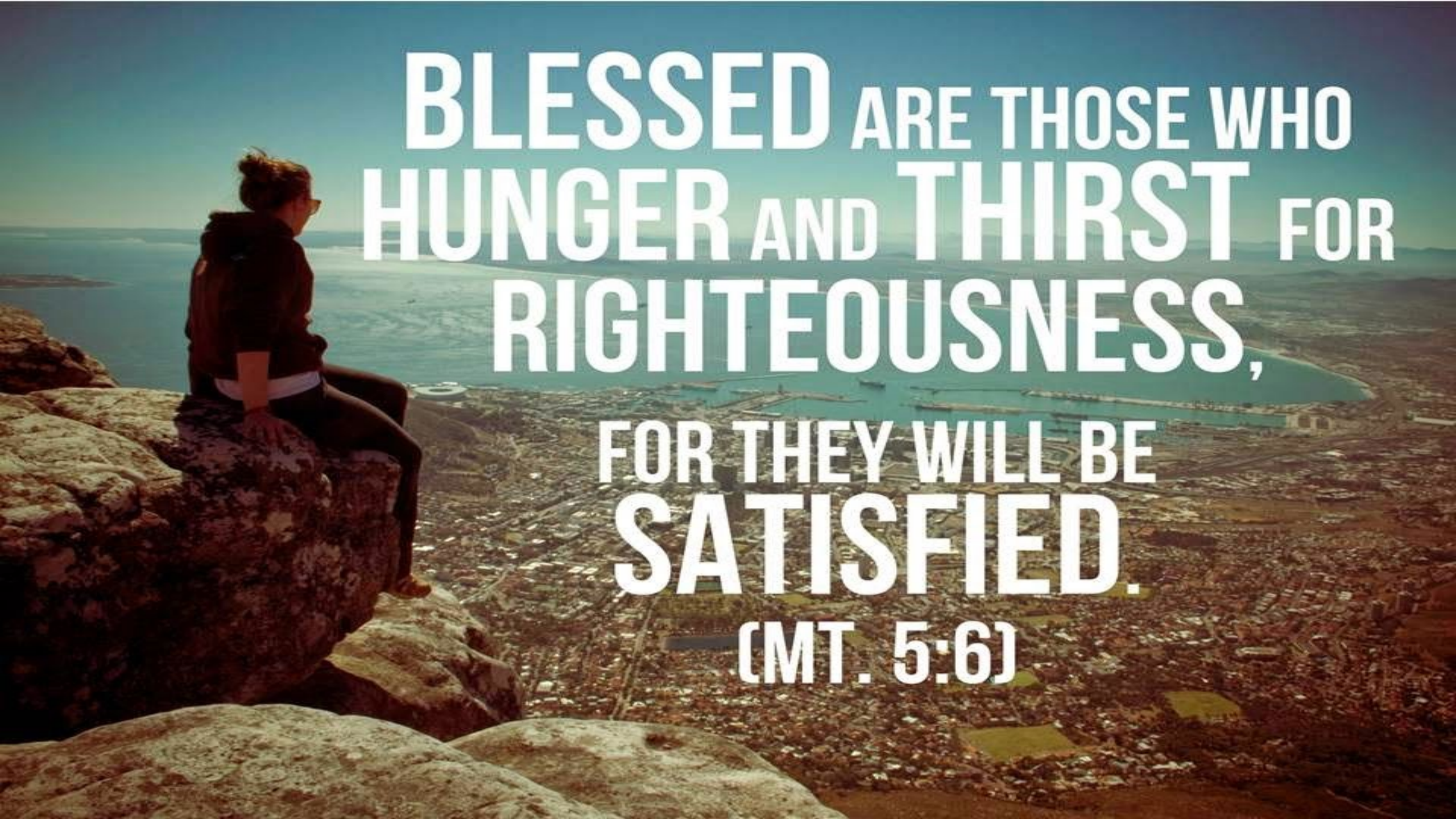
[Matthew 6:33 \(NLT\)](#)

Righteousness

Philippians 3:9

Greek: dikaiosyne

righteousness, what is right, justice, the act of doing what is in agreement with God's standards, the state of being in proper relationship with God.

A person with their hair in a bun, wearing a dark hoodie and pants, sits on a large, light-colored rock. They are looking out over a vast landscape that includes a city, a large body of water (likely a bay or harbor), and distant hills under a clear blue sky. The scene is captured from a high vantage point, looking down and across.

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO
HUNGER AND **THIRST** FOR
RIGHTEOUSNESS,

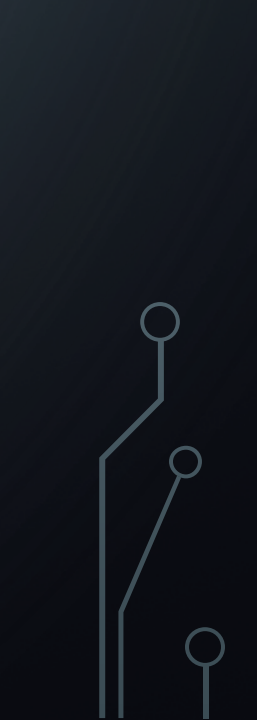

FOR THEY WILL BE
SATISFIED.

(MT. 5:6)



2 CORINTHIANS 5:21 (ESV)

²¹ For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.



JUSTICE & RIGHTEOUSNESS

The Rock, His work is perfect, for all his ways are justice. A God of faithfulness and without iniquity, just and upright is he.” [Deut 32:4](#)

“Give justice to the weak and the fatherless; maintain the right of the afflicted and the destitute,” [Psalms 82:3](#)

“Learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression; bring justice to the fatherless, and please the widow’s cause,” [Isaiah 1:17](#)

Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne. Unfailing love and truth walk before you as attendants.

[Psalm 89:14](#)

Dark clouds surround him. **Righteousness and justice** are the foundation of his throne. **[Psalm 97:2](#)**

The LORD gives **righteousness and justice** to all who are treated unfairly.

[Psalm 103:6](#)

Whoever pursues righteousness and unfailing love will find life, righteousness, and honour. **[Proverbs 21:21](#)**

WHAT IF I AM OUT OF LINE...

I will be patient as the LORD punishes me, for I have sinned against him. But after that, he will take up my case **and** give me **justice** for all I have suffered from my enemies. The LORD will bring me into the light, **and** I will see his **righteousness**. [Micah 7:9](#)