

No. 33 Will We Ever See True Justice?

PLEASE NOTE: With sympathy, persuade victims of injustice that rebellion is not the answer.

Present the Bible's promise of an end to injustice in the future, and give practical suggestions for dealing with injustice now. If you wish, you may use the artwork provided to illustrate points where indicated

WE LIVE IN A WORLD FILLED WITH INJUSTICE (3 min.)

Mankind has a long history of injustice [Read Ecclesiastes 4:1]

Injustice, prejudice, abuse, and oppression continue to abound in our day (Ec 8:9)

If you have suffered injustice, you no doubt yearn for relief and comfort

IS REBELLION THE ANSWER? (4 min.)

It is natural to want to seek relief from oppression (Job 35:9)

Some rebel, trying to lessen injustice (g 7/13 7-8) [Image 1]

Rebellion does not correct the root cause of injustice (Ec 1:15)

Injustice is caused by people failing to follow God's just and righteous ways (De 32:4, 5)

Mankind's attempts to bring about true justice apart from God are doomed to fail (Ps 146:3; Jer 10:23)

WHAT IS GOD'S SOLUTION TO INJUSTICE? (12 min.)

God has established a heavenly Kingdom that will bring complete justice (Da 7:13, 14)

This Kingdom will soon replace human governments and rule over the entire earth

Jesus Christ is the Ruler of God's Kingdom; his rule will bring about "justice and righteousness" [Read Isaiah 9:6, 7] (Isa 32:1; w07 8/15 25 ¶14-15)

During his earthly ministry, Jesus did not promote social or political reforms; he taught his followers to put faith in the Kingdom (Mt 4:23; 6:9, 10)

His miracles showed what he would do as King of God's Kingdom (Mt 14:17-21; Lu 18:35-43)

Under the Kingdom's rule, injustice, prejudice, abuse, and oppression will be eliminated (Ps 72:12-14) [Image 2]

Everyone will share earth's resources, eliminating economic injustice (Ps 72:16)

All races and ethnicities will be treated equally (Ac 10:34, 35)

Religious differences will be removed as all are taught to worship Jehovah unitedly (Isa 11:9)

The home and family will be havens of peace

HOW CAN YOU COPE WITH INJUSTICE NOW? (11 min.)

You may be able to find relief from some forms of injustice or mistreatment even now

Learn to recognize and, if possible, avoid situations in which mistreatment is likely (Pr 22:3)

If you have been victimized, it is not wrong to seek justice through the legal system (Ro 13:4)

If you are denied justice, pour out your feelings to Jehovah God in prayer [Read 1 Peter 5:6, 7]

He will comfort and strengthen you (Ro 12:12)

At his chosen time, he will punish the wicked (Ro 12:19)

Cultivate such qualities as patience, kindness, and self-control (Ga 5:22, 23)

These qualities can help you to remain calm in the face of injustice and so avoid making matters worse (Ro 12:17)

You may soften the heart of oppressors and reduce their mistreatment (Ro 12:20, 21)

You can find joy and peace now despite injustice (Ro 15:13)

Build your faith in God's Kingdom, which will bring about true justice

[Adhere closely to the outlined material, and observe the indicated timing of each section.

Not all cited texts need to be read or commented on. See *Ministry School* book, pages 52-55, 166-169]

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