



[Revelation 16:5-7](#)

(5) And I heard the angel of the waters saying:

"You are righteous, O Lord,
The One who is and who was and who is to be,
Because You have judged these things.

(6) For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets,
And You have given them blood to drink.

For it is their just due." (7) And I heard another from the altar saying,
"Even so, Lord God Almighty, true and righteous *are* Your judgments."

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There is no injustice with [God](#). His justice is never divorced from His righteousness. He never condemns the innocent; He never clears the guilty without [repentance](#); He never punishes with undue severity; He always rewards righteousness. His justice is perfect justice.

He does not require absolutely perfect obedience, or nobody would make it. The blood of [Jesus Christ](#) is available to cover us ([Revelation 1:5](#)). However, He does not always act with justice because He sometimes acts with mercy. Mercy is not justice, but neither is it injustice, as injustice violates righteousness. Mercy manifests [kindness](#) and grace; it does no violence to righteousness.

Those who live by [faith](#) must seriously consider God's justice. It constantly reminds us that the wages of [sin](#) is death, that sin is disloyalty to God, and that God means what He says. It reminds us of the tremendously precious value of Christ's sacrifice. When we enter into the covenant with God, we are pledging our lives to serve Him in gladness and [faithfulness](#) so that He might create us in His image.

God's grace helps to prod us to live continuously by faith. We must know and appreciate His grace without abusing it. His justice is a reality, and so is sin's penalty, but His mercifully given grace overrides both.

— John W. Ritenbaugh

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