

JUSTICE THE BASIS OF TRUE CHARACTER

Failure to Recognize Justice Has Brought About the Time of Trouble.

Justice the Foundation of God's Throne. Justice the Underlying Principle of the Mosaic Law—Difference Between Justice and Love—The Christian Obligated to Keep the Golden Rule. Justice in the Home, in Business, in the Church—Appreciation of the Rights of Others—Love's Victory Over Justice Through Self-Sacrifice.



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Kind were so fallen that none could keep perfectly His Law. He sent His Son into the world to help our race. Our Lord, being perfect, uncontained with the fallen race of Adam, "Holy, harmless, undefiled and separate from sinners," was able to keep the Divine Law and did so. Then, in obedience to the Divine Will, He offered up Himself in a sacrificial sense. The merit of the life which He sacrificed constitutes a credit which, according to the Father's Plan, our Lord will give for Adam and his race, as their Ransom-price, at the end of the Gospel Age.

As soon as our Lord shall have offered that merit to the Father, the whole world will be turned over to Him; and immediately He will begin His great work of ruling and blessing all the families of the earth. The long delay has been because of another part of the Plan. It was the Divine will that He should select a Church from the world, to share with Him the great future work of blessing humanity. Therefore He will not begin His Reign until the predestinated number of the Church has been selected, tested, and changed by the power of the First Resurrection. Then the Spiritual Seed of Abraham will be complete.

It is well to note that the Spiritual Seed of Abraham is not the natural kind. Even Jesus as a man could never have blessed the world. He could have set up a good human government, but could have no right to give life to the dead. Therefore He could never have rolled away the curse of death, with all its concomitants. So it was for Him to do something more than keep the Divine Law—something that Justice never required, something of self-sacrifice. Keeping the Law merely authorized Jesus to live forever; and if He had set up His Kingdom without giving His life as a Ransom, He could not have blessed mankind; for all sinners under condemnation to death.

Besides keeping the Law, Jesus presented His body a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, and His reasonable service of sacrifice—prompted by love. It is our first duty also to keep the Law, to live up to its standard as nearly as possible. But having enlisted under the banner of Christ, it is additionally our duty to present our bodies a living sacrifice, as those who walk in His steps, faithful unto death. Thus we Christians are obligated beyond all other people. All are obligated to the Golden Rule of Justice, but we by love—something much more than Justice.

If we could, we would be absolutely just in thought, word and deed. But this we cannot do; for none of Adam's race can keep the Divine Law. Selfishness is deeply ingrained in our natural body; and by reason of this fact we are unable to reach full perfection. But when we fall, we are not condemned; and with us the conditions are not the same as with the Jews. (Romans 8:1.) The blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us from all iniquity; the mercy of Christ covers all that we cannot do.

This does not excuse us, however, from doing our very best. If with our hearts we recognize the Golden Rule, we shall seek to conform even our thoughts to it. We shall think and speak as generously of our neighbor as we would wish him to think and speak of us. We shall act as generously toward him as we would wish him to act toward us. This principle would be exercised daily toward all. No matter how imperfect we are to begin with, the work of God's grace should more and more transform us, that we may be more and more like our Lord Jesus.

How Love Fulfills the Law. As far as our hearts are concerned, we must become exact copies of God's dear Son, though not reaching His glorious standard. To that we may not attain while in the flesh. Daily we may need to ask Divine forgiveness for our shortcomings. But He who knoweth the heart is pleased to see us doing the best we can do, seeking to grow in grace, in knowledge and in all the requirements of the Divine standards. This was the disposition of our Lord Jesus; and the Father loves all who manifest the same spirit. It is not enough that we recognize the downward tendencies of sin, and start out to walk in God's ways of righteousness. If we have His Spirit we shall meditate on His character and copy His attributes. Whoever seeks to do good to all will never wish to do less than justice. He would rather do more. Therefore the Apostle says, "Love is the fulfilling of the Law."

When our Lord gave His Church a new commandment (John 13:34), it included everything that pertained to the Law. Whoever has this love will appreciate that it was love, not justice, that led our Lord to leave the Heavenly glory and sacrifice His life on behalf of humanity. The Father did not command the Son to make this sacrifice. God does not command any one to sacrifice his personal interests on behalf of others. He had a Program to be carried out. If the Son desired to carry it out, He would receive the reward promised.

So our Lord was quite willing to endure death itself, even death on the Cross, from love for the Father. Having the Father's disposition, He sympathized with fallen humanity. God had purposed to redeem mankind and to bring all the willing and obedient back to Divine favor and blessing. Our Lord Jesus longed to do this work. This was more than justice. If we have enlisted under His banner, to share with Him in the sufferings of this present life and in the future glory, honor and immortality, then we covenant to follow the Law of Love. "Love worketh no ill to his neighbor." Love would do more than keep the Mosaic Law. Love includes everything along the line of justice; it would lead one to sacrifice for his neighbor, for his friends and for his family. This is more than justice.

Our Obligations to Others. Many of God's people seem not to realize that justice takes precedence of love. God requires justice; and if we have agreed to give Him more than justice, we are not thereby excused from rendering justice. Everywhere around us we find injustice. There are parents who do not deal justly with their children, who take advantage of their children in various ways. A parent owes it to his children not merely to bring them into the world and to get them to work for the family interests, but to provide them with a reasonable education and a religious home training. Each should know what are his own rights in the home and should observe the rights of others.

A good man's sons might run away from home, but very seldom will a rightly trained child do so. In many homes the children are not treated according to the principles of justice. Often parents fail to realize the rights of grown sons and daughters, but continue to treat them as children. Parents should cultivate that broad sympathy which would enable them to help their children to decide all their affairs. As a child matures, there should be an independence of thought. Suddenly it breaks over the boundary; and if the child has been properly trained while the body has been growing, the youth is bound to think and act for himself, but will always seek the guidance of the parents.

There are employers who have failed to give their employes all their reasonable rights. Of course, one cannot give everybody all that each might ask; for some people would demand everything and then not be satisfied. But with the right kind of employer the employe does not find it necessary to ask for his rights. The employer will insist that he shall have them.

Then there are people intent upon managing their friends. They are always telling others what to do and how to do it. We should be modest and respect the rights of others, but should not attempt to force our opinions upon them. "When others ask us what to do and how to do it, then it is time to tell them, should we consider it proper to do so. If people come to me for advice I say to them, 'If I were in your place, I think that I would do thus and so; but the matter is for you to decide.'" By speaking in this way, we put the responsibility upon the proper individual.

Looking From the Opposite Side. We have spoken about the obligations of parents. Let us consider the obligations of children. The Golden Rule would say, As you would that your children should do to you when you become advanced in years, do even so to your parents. Children should get this viewpoint. If every child were taught along this line, when it reached maturity the parent would have no need to worry about the child's manifesting gratitude for the parental love and care which it has received. The parent would say, "My children have had the principles of justice so deeply ingrained from childhood that they would be entirely dissatisfied with anything wrong."

We have spoken of the employer; let us now look at the employe. Imagine their positions reversed. What would each think it right to do for his employer or toward his employe? What would be the right kind of terms, the right kind of feeling? This course would bring about a great change between employers and employes. So as we consider what would be the right thing to do, and are willing to do what is right, we become more just in our dealings with all, including our business associates. Whether we buy or sell, there is a fair, reasonable way of dealing. It is wrong to buy so as to cause those who sell to lose money. We should be satisfied that the man who sells goods to us should make a reasonably fair profit. If we were selling, we should expect to make a reasonably fair profit, not an unjust one. The Golden Rule would regulate the matter.

Justice in the Church. While the whole Church is built upon the principle that the Gospel Church are to lay down their lives for the brethren, nevertheless some of God's dear children fail to recognize the principles of justice in their dealings with each other. Whenever a difficulty arises, we need especially to examine our own hearts and conduct to see whether the fault be ours. These difficulties nearly always result from a violation of the principle of justice. The foundation of God's Throne is Justice. The Church that is built according to His arrangement is based upon this same principle. Each member may yield his own rights, but he must not transgress those of others. We should be very glad to see others act justly toward us; but we should not necessarily stand on our rights anywhere. Love ignores many of its own rights. Our Lord's life on earth was one of sacrifice. In the Church or in the family or in business we should use good judgment in the doing of God's will rather than in taking advantage of others.

As we do this, we are cultivating the spirit of justice. Do we not see how this applies in every direction? For instance, God's Law was originally given to Adam; God's Justice inflicted the death penalty for the breaking of that Law. He would not set aside His Law, His Justice, but He would bring in a blessing through the Lord Jesus Christ. Love gains this victory over Justice, not by violating Justice, but by sacrificing self. So it is for us to sacrifice ourselves in the interest of the Lord, the Truth and the brethren; and by thus doing, we are really conserving our own best interests and are growing in grace, in knowledge and in character-likeness to our God.

ELMWOOD. Leader-Echo.

It has been estimated that from two to three inches of rain fell last Tuesday night.

Mrs. John Morton departed Wednesday on a visit to friends and relatives at Lincoln, Harlam, Wilbur and DeWitt.

G. L. Berger came up from his farm near Greenwood Tuesday to look after business interests and to visit with friends.

Fletcher Senter of Omaha spent the latter part of last week visiting with F. J. Fitch. They run on the Union Pacific a few years ago out of Omaha.

W. T. Hoover and wife of Omaha and Frank Underhill and wife of Lincoln were visitors the fore part of the week with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Miller and other Elmwood relatives.

Joe Hopkins of Woodbine, Iowa, writes to relatives here that a recent cloudburst over there destroyed all but ten or twelve acres of his sixty-acre patch of corn. Mr. Hopkins moved away from here two years ago.

Roy Wade returned Tuesday from a two months' travel with the Cagwin Players, which aggregation exhibited here early in the spring. The company "went to the wall" after a very dull run through central and western Nebraska. Their last stand was made at Burwell, Neb.

Mrs. H. G. Penterman and Miss Grace Shadley departed Wednesday for Selma, Colo., in company with the former's little son, Morris. Miss Shadley will again make her home with her parents at that place, while her sister, Mrs. Penterman, goes to pay them a few weeks' visit. Mr. Penterman will then go to Colorado and join his wife and son in an auto trip through Colorado with some of the relatives there.

Michael Smith returned Thursday morning from Excelsior Springs, Mo., where he went on Monday in company with his mother to see his uncle, Joe Smith, of Cozad, Neb., who is reported to be suffering from leakage of the heart. Mr. Smith was here on a visit about two weeks ago, and his condition of health at that time prompted him to leave immediately and seek relief in the Missouri health resort town. There is as yet no very encouraging news from his bedside.

EAGLE. Beacon.

Miss Nettie Moore of Plattsmouth visited over Sunday at the William Christopherson home.

Mr and Mrs. Charles Renner celebrated their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary Sunday, July 25th.

W. H. Betts of Atkinson, Neb., was a visitor at the home of his brother, E. F. Betts, the latter part of last week.

The Misses Grace and Edna Christopherson of Lincoln visited from Sunday until Tuesday at the home of their brother, William Christopherson and family.

Miss Alpha Andrews and Watson Jones will be married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Andrews, on July 28th. They will live on a farm southeast of Elmwood.

Mrs. A. W. Norris went to Lincoln Tuesday to see her daughter, Noma, who is at the orthopedic hospital. She is suffering from a severe attack of appendicitis just at this time.

Miss Celia Peterson of Defiance, Iowa, arrived here Saturday night for a week's visit at the home of her brother, John Peterson. She is assisting with the invoicing of Mr. Peterson's stock of general merchandise.

Ben Judkins was exhibiting a brown bat on the streets Wednesday afternoon which he captured that morning. Mr. Judkins says it is the only bat of that color that he ever saw, and it sure was a beauty.

Alvin Reiter and family of Bogard, Mo., arrived here last Saturday evening, making the trip overland in a covered wagon. They expect to locate here as soon as Mr. Reiter can rent a farm, but for the present will stay at the Fred Muenchauer, sr., home, north of town.

UNION. Ledger.

John Klaurens left on Tuesday for Hartington to visit his son, Bert, who is reported as being very sick at his home near that town.

Mrs. R. M. Griffin of Aldrich, Mo., arrived last Friday and has been visiting with her daughter, Mrs. J. M. Wil-

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lard and other relatives in this vicinity. Mrs. R. H. Fitch of Rock Bluffs came Sunday to spend some time visiting her daughters, Mrs. R. H. Frans and Mrs. Charles Frans, and her son, Lewis Fitch.

Mrs. William Craig departed last Friday morning for Rosalie, Neb., being called to that place by the very serious illness of her daughter, Mrs. George Watkins.

Oscar Smith of the operators' force at the depot, was a smiling citizen last Friday, due to the fact that Mrs. Smith and their two little daughters arrived from Brownstown, Illinois.

George Chappell is a resident of Nehawka now, having moved his household goods to that place on Wednesday, and will reside with his daughter, Miss Emma, and his son, James. Uncle George is one of the good citizens and we are glad he stays within calling distance.

Miss Mae Clinkenbeard of Des Moines, who has been visiting her relatives here and in Nebraska City, became very ill on Monday at the home of her sister, Mrs. Lynde, in this village, and her condition was quite alarming, but she has been improving slowly the past few days.

Mrs. Alice Adkins of Oberlin, Kansas, spent a week here visiting Mrs. Henry Chilcott. These two ladies were girlhood friends and this was their first meeting since they parted thirty years ago, and this visit was greatly enjoyed by both of them. Mrs. Adkins left yesterday to make visits in Lincoln, Crete and Dorchester.

D. Ray Frans and Miss Zola Frans departed Saturday morning for the Pacific coast, going first to Pasadena, Cal., where Mr. Frans attended the national convention of the Fraternal Union, thence to Turlock, Cal., to visit the families of Will Cross and Will Wolfe for awhile. They will then give their attention to the San Francisco exposition, and will probably return home the latter part of August.

NEHAWKA. News.

Mrs. Nick Klaurens and children of Plattsmouth visited at the home of Henry Gruber Sunday.

Mrs. Stout returned to her home in Lincoln Monday, after visiting a short time at the home of V. P. Sheldon.

Miss Emma Hutton, who has been helping E. M. Pollard at his office, left Friday afternoon for her home in Omaha.

Miss Nettie McCarthy returned to her home in Wyoming Wednesday, after visiting a short time at the home of A. F. Sturm.

Rev. J. F. Hedges went to Mynard Tuesday for a short visit with Rev. J. M. Eads, the pastor of Liberty U. B. church near Plattsmouth.

Mrs. E. M. Pollard and children returned home from Omaha Wednesday, where they have been visiting with relatives since Sunday.

The heavy rains this week have brought the threshing to a standstill and no grain is coming in. There was considerable sold here last week, the highest test made was 62%.

Miss Sue Stout, having her vacation, left Wednesday afternoon for Lincoln, from where she and her mother will leave for Seattle, Wash., and other places along the coast to visit.

John Long of Clarks, the former editor of the News, dropped in town Friday morning and visited until Saturday with his old patrons and friends. He drove his car home accompanied by his daughter, Helen, who had been here since the first of the week. We are glad to say Mr. Long and family are getting along fine in their new location and like it very well there.

WEEPING WATER. Republican.

Tom Henger was consulting Dr. Gifford in Omaha Monday regarding his eye trouble.

Mr. and Mrs. Eli Keckler are the proud parents of a new boy at their home west of Manley.

NEBRASKA STATE FAIR SEPTEMBER LINCOLN 678,910,111 DeLloyd Thompson Barney Oldfield The TUMBLE BUG OF THE AIR The SPEED DEMON AUTOMOBILE RACES HORSE RACES FRIDAY AND SATURDAY SEPT. 10 & 11 SEPTEMBER 6, 7, 8 AND 9 FINISHED PRODUCTS IN HUMAN ANIMAL & VEGETABLE LIFE

The stork visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Harmer Tuesday, July 27, and left a fine fourteen-pound daughter.

Mrs. M. J. Wickersham and her daughter, Miss Berenice, left Tuesday afternoon, as planned, for their Pacific coast visit.

Miss Anna Fry, who is attending summer school at Wesleyan, was an over Sunday visitor at the home of her uncle, Thomas Murtey.

Charles Bill and Miss Gladys McCleery of this city were married Monday evening at the home of the county judge in Lincoln, at 7 o'clock.

Mrs. J. M. Ranney and son, Glenn, returned Monday evening from Illinois, where she was called by the serious illness of her sister, who died a few days after Mrs. Ranney's arrival there.

Mrs. B. H. Cone and youngest daughter returned to her home in Council Bluffs Saturday after several days' visit with her daughter, Mrs. Alfred Nielson and family. Mrs. Cone is planning on returning to the farm east of town in the spring.

A dispatch from Elmwood states that three relatives of A. N. McCrory of that place were in all probability among the Eastland victims of the Chicago river disaster. News was received that the three were drowned on that day. No other details were given, but it is supposed they were on the Eastland.

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Worthman took three stitches in closing it. Robert Urwin, youngest son of Mrs. Thomas Urwin, returned home from the hospital in Omaha Friday, where he had been for three weeks recovering from the effects of an operation for appendicitis. He is looking and feeling fine.

H. E. Pankonin went to the Methodist hospital at Omaha Tuesday to be treated for bladder trouble. As the Courier goes to press we learn that he is to undergo an operation. His many friends will hope for his speedy recovery.

M. N. Drake and son, Charles, left Wednesday for a trip to the Pacific coast. They will visit Mr. Drake's parents in Portland and also take in the expositions at San Francisco and San Diego, with other stops along the way. They will be gone about a month.

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Letter files at the Journal office.

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The Church and the Law. The Scriptures point out that the Church of Christ is the Spiritual Seed of Abraham. (Galatians 3:8, 16, 29.) Therefore they are obligated to keep the Law. To enable them to do what no fallen flesh can do, God has made a special arrangement for the Church, though not for the Jewish nation, the typical people. Knowing that man-