

# IMPACT

**I** **M**ust **P**ersonally **A**cknowledge **C**hrist **T**oday  
Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own under-  
standing; *in all your ways acknowledge Him* and He shall direct your path.  
Proverbs 3:5-6

**Passage:** Psalm 145:5-8 “I will meditate on the glorious splendor of Your majesty, And on Your wondrous works. Men shall speak of the might of Your awesome acts, And I will declare Your greatness. They shall utter the memory of Your great goodness, And shall sing of Your righteousness. The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, Slow to anger and great in mercy. *V17 The LORD is righteous in all His ways, Gracious in all His works.*”

**Quote:** “His ways and works are both worthy to be praised. Jehovah cannot be unjust or impure. In the salvation of his people he is as righteous and holy as in any other of his ways and works: he has not manifested mercy at the expense of justice.” Charles Spurgeon

**R**ighteousness is “the character or quality of being ‘right or just’ and was formerly spelled ‘rightwiseness,’ which clearly expresses the meaning. The righteousness of God could be (summarized) as all that God is, all that He commands, all that He demands, all that He approves, all that He provides through Christ in the gospel. God is always righteous and His righteousness causes Him to always think and do what is right or act in perfect goodness in relation to His creation. God’s justice, love and mercy must be harmonized with His righteousness which cannot be compromised. As an attribute of God it is united with His holiness as being essential in His nature.”<sup>1</sup>

In a song of praise, Moses called upon heaven and earth to hear of God’s greatness and perfection. “For I proclaim the name of the LORD: Ascribe greatness to our God. He is the Rock, His work is perfect; For *all His ways are justice, A God of truth and without injustice; Righteous and upright is He.*”<sup>2</sup> “The word just and the word righteous are identical in both the Old Testament and the New Testament. God’s righteousness (or justice) is the *natural expression of His holiness*. If He is infinitely pure, then He must be opposed to all sin, and that opposition to sin must be demonstrated in His treatment of His creatures. When we read that God is righteous or just, we are being assured that His actions toward us are in perfect agreement with His holy

nature.”<sup>3</sup> “It was God’s justice, coupled with His love, His mercy and His compassion, that provided the offering and the sacrifice...necessary” to secure our salvation.<sup>4</sup>

**R**ighteous Father, God of love, granting blessing from above—Help me glorify Your name, honor You, Your truth proclaim. You have made me priest and king through Christ’s cross to which I cling As by grace through faith alone I come boldly to Your throne.

Your great mercy pitied me—rebel, sinner, enemy!  
*Justice satisfied by Him*—Christ the Lamb Who knew no sin. Pardon there secured for me. From guilt’s bondage now I’m free. Condemnation is no more! Gifts of sonship now in store!

Your beloved Christ the Lord drank the cup of wrath outpoured. How I praise You for His life, for His death that ended strife, For His victory o’er the grave, for redemption that it gave, For His interceding pray’r, for the Home He now prepares.

Mercy, justice, love and grace satisfied in one dark place, Where for sin Your Lamb atoned—God-forsaken and alone. Vanquished are both death and hell. Now in Heaven an-thems swell. “Worthy is the Lamb,” saints sing to Your Son, the KING OF KINGS.

*Because God is righteous in all His ways, we can be assured that whatever He brings into our lives, He does so for His glory and our good. When we do not understand His providence, we can rest in Who He is. In the midst of life’s storms, we can rejoice with David, “Righteous are You, O LORD, and upright are Your judgments. Your testimonies, which You have commanded, are righteous and very faithful. Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and Your law is truth. Trouble and anguish have overtaken me, yet Your commandments are my delights.”*<sup>5</sup>

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and just**

1 Precept Ministry 2 Deuteronomy 32:3-4 3 R. Strauss 4 D.M. Lloyd-Jones 5 Psalm 119:137-138, 142-143