

but honours those who obey the Lord.

He always does what he promises,
no matter how much it may cost.

He makes loans without charging interest
and cannot be bribed to testify against the innocent.

Whoever does these things will always be secure.

Make it your aim to do what is right, not what is evil,
so that you may live. Then the Lord God Almighty really will
be with you, as you claim He is. Hate what is evil, love what
is right, and see that justice prevails in the Courts. Perhaps
the Lord will be merciful to the people of this nation who are
still left alive

Let justice flow like a stream, and righteousness like a
river that never goes dry.

(Micah 6:8-15; Luke 3:10-14; Proverbs 14:31-34;

Psalm 15; Amos 5:14-15, 24)

Read more about what God expects of Men in the Bible.

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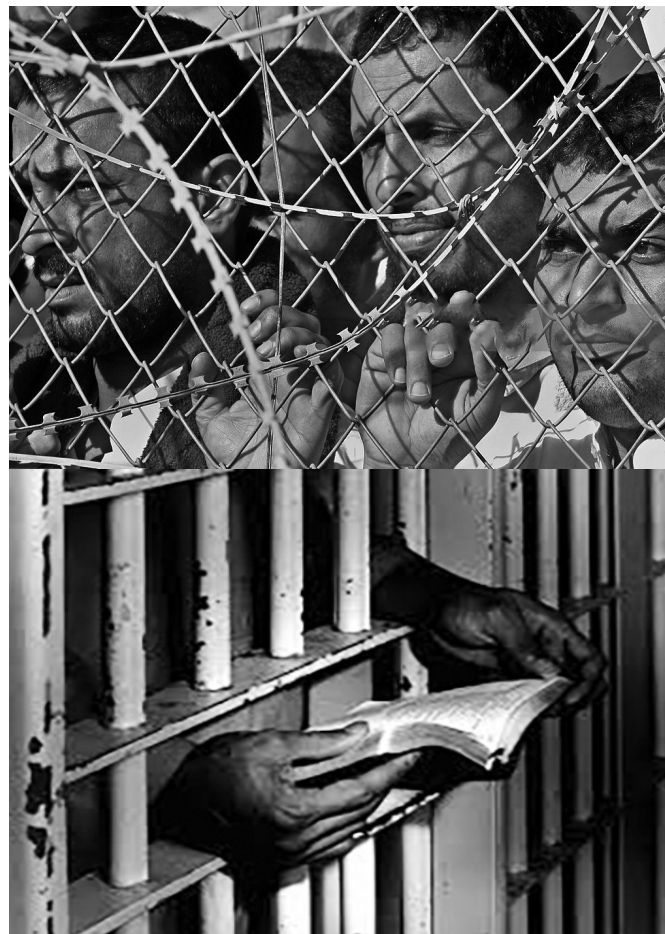
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For many people, religion is a matter of certain prescribed rituals. But the Bible teaches us that God demands that men should deal justly towards their fellow-men. Those who have power and authority are often tempted to act unjustly towards those who are weaker. But God judges all men and all nations on the basis of their behaviour towards others.

Black Money

A Messenger of God, the Prophet Micah wrote :

The Lord has told what is good. What he requires of us is as this: to do what is just, to show constant love, and to live in humble fellowship with our God. It is wise to fear the LORD. God calls to the city, "Listen, you people who assemble in the city. In the houses of evil men are treasures which they got dishonestly. They use false measures, a thing that I hate. How can I forgive men who use false scales and weights? Your rich men exploit the poor, and all of you are liars. So I have already begun your ruin and destruction because of your sins. You will eat, but not be satisfied, in fact you will still be hungry. You will carry things off, but you will not be able to save them; anything you do save I will destroy in war. You will sow corn, but not harvest the crop. You will press oil from olives, but never be able to use it. You will make wine, but never drink it."

Justice in Society

John the Baptist came to prepare the way for the coming of Jesus Christ. His message was that people should give up their evil ways. After hearing his message, the people asked him,

"What are we to do then ?"

He answered, "Whoever has two shirts must give one to the man who has none, and whoever has food must share it."

Some tax-collectors came to be baptized and they asked him, "Teacher, what are we to do ?"

"Don't collect more than is legal," he told them.

Some soldiers also asked him, "What about us ? What are we to do ?" He said to them, "Don't take money from anyone by force or accuse anyone falsely. Be content with your pay."

A Wise man said long ago :

If you oppress poor people, you insult the God who made them; but kindness shown to the poor is an act of worship.

Wicked people bring about their own downfall by their evil deeds, but good people are protected by their integrity.

Wisdom is in every thought of an intelligent man; fools know nothing about wisdom.

Righteousness makes a nation great; sin is a disgrace to any nation.

True Religion

The Psalmist said:

Lord, who may enter your Temple ?

Who may worship on Zion, Your sacred hill ?

A person who obeys God in everything,

and always does what is right,

whose words are true and sincere,

and who does not slander others.

He does no wrong to his friends

and does not spread rumours about his neighbours.

He despises those whom God rejects,