

Biblical Justice in a Victimhood Culture

Exodus 23.1 "You shall not circulate a false report. Do not put your hand with the wicked to be an unrighteous witness. 2 You shall not follow a crowd to do evil; nor shall you testify in a dispute so as to turn aside after many to pervert justice. 3 You shall not show partiality to a poor man in his dispute. 4 If you meet your enemy's ox or his donkey going astray, you shall surely bring it back to him again. 5 If you see the donkey of one who hates you lying under its burden, and you would refrain from helping it, you shall surely help him with it. 6 You shall not pervert the judgment of your poor in his dispute. 7 Keep yourself far from a false matter; do not kill the innocent and righteous. For I will not justify the wicked. 8 And you shall take no bribe, for a bribe blinds the discerning and perverts the words of the righteous. 9 Also you shall not oppress a stranger, for you know the heart of a stranger, because you were strangers in the land of Egypt."

* Victimhood culture has produced a brand of justice ...

* God expects his people to ...

* Five principles of biblical justice to guide us:

(1) The facts are often ...

– Prov 18.17 says ...

– Honor culture and victimhood culture are in a hurry to ...

– With victimhood culture, a matter is decided by ...

– Don't have any part of ...

(2) An accusation ...

– Even with a grand jury indictment ...

– According to sociologists Campbell and Manning, much internet justice bears a resemblance to ...

– Repeating an accusation x 1000 = how much evidence?

– What kind of mentality does this manifest?

(3) Outrage is ...

– Who was outraged in Gen 19?

(4) "Identity justice" (class justice) is ...

– Another way "identity (or class) justice" comes up is ...

– The Bible scrutinizes us all in terms of ...

(5) The ends do not ...

– The fact that someone is your "enemy" or "hates you" ...

– You still, before God, owe them ...

– You can't just ...

* Final thoughts.