

A photograph of a dirt path winding through a lush green forest. Sunlight filters through the trees, creating a bright, hazy atmosphere. The path is covered in fallen leaves and small plants. The text 'PROVERBS' is written in large, white, serif capital letters across the middle of the image. Below it, a thin white horizontal line separates the word 'PROVERBS' from the phrase 'LIVING WISDOM', which is written in smaller, white, serif capital letters.

PROVERBS

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LIVING WISDOM

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# *The Cause of Injustice*

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Genesis 3:6

So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.



We are all guilty of treason and owe an insurmountable debt:

- 1) To God
- 2) To Others
- 3) To Our Image

Psalm 49

<sup>7</sup> Truly no man can ransom another, or give to God the price of his life, <sup>8</sup> for the ransom of their life is costly and can never suffice, <sup>9</sup> that he should live on forever and never see the pit.

<sup>15</sup> But God will ransom my soul from the power of Sheol, for he will receive me.

Selah



# *The Cure for Injustice*

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**We are “the poor” and Jesus was repaid for our injustice  
by being treated with horrendous injustice.**

**And we are repaid for his righteousness.**

1 Timothy 2

<sup>5</sup> For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time.

Matthew 27:46

And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice...“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

**We now have Jesus'  
record and are treated**

Galatians 4

<sup>6</sup> And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" <sup>7</sup> So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

**And this changes my view and pursuit of Justice.**

Isaiah 35:10

And the **ransomed** of the LORD shall return  
and come to Zion with singing;  
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;  
they shall obtain gladness and joy,  
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

# *The Cause of Justice...in my life...*

Romans 12:19-20

Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." <sup>20</sup> To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head."

What would it mean to be freed from forcing justice?

What does it actually mean to love my neighbor?

Matthew 5

<sup>38</sup> "You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.' <sup>39</sup> But I say to you, Do not resist the one who is evil. But if anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also. <sup>40</sup> And if anyone would sue you and take your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. <sup>41</sup> And if anyone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles. <sup>42</sup> Give to the one who begs from you, and do not refuse the one who would borrow from you.



# *The Cause of Justice...on behalf of others...*

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## Matthew 25

<sup>35</sup> For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, <sup>36</sup> I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' <sup>40</sup> And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'

## Micah 6:8

He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

**The price for our self-centeredness has been paid and we've been set free from it's prison, called and empowered to live other-ward.**



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# *The Promise of Justice*

**Justice WILL roll, and we can participate in it now.**

**Amos 5:24**

**But let justice roll down like waters,  
and righteousness like an ever-  
flowing stream.**

**In the end the scales will  
be perfectly balanced.  
Because of that, we can**

**1) Work diligently**

**2) Work peaceably**

**3) Love Freely**

**LIVING WISDOM**

# ***Moving Forward***

- 1) Daily believe that Jesus has declared you “justified” (declared just before God) and adopted you as his cherished child.**
- 2) Personal Justice: Set your offender free. (this is not saying to put yourself in danger or to be victimized, but to plead with God for a heart of forgiveness)**
- 3) Other’s Justice: Who has God specifically called you to fight for?**