**How Great is our God – God of Righteousness & Justice**

Ps. 89:14 – *Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne, lovingkindness and truth go before You.*

“*When world passes their time in rebellious joy and the godly in tears, it is a good time to meditate on God’s righteousness and justice “*

Do you think that God is harsh and unfair in what He allows to happen in the world today?

Are you wondering why God does not judge the wickedness of people today?

Does God have the right and authority to do whatever He chooses in the world today?

**Focal Truth: God is Righteous and Just**

**Observations**

1. **God is absolutely righteous – 89:14**

*Righteousness… the foundation of Your throne*

1. God’s sovereignty is described as His Throne – God reigns universally & absolutely in

 all the created order and among all peoples

1. God’s sovereignty is based on His perfect righteousness = Heb. word = “rightness or straightness”
2. God cannot do anything that is against His holy, pure, righteous & perfect character
3. Gen. 18:25 – *shall not the judge of all the earth do justly?* – Abraham prayer for Sodom
4. Ps. 145:17 – *the Lord is righteous in all His ways, and kind in all His deeds*
5. 2 Tim. 2:13 – *if we are faithless, He remains faithful, for He cannot deny Himself*
6. **God is the absolute righteous judge of all – 89:14**

*Righteousness and justice are the foundations of Your throne*

1. God’s sovereignty is based on his perfect justice – Heb. word = “acts of judgment”
2. God sovereignly rules with complete authority & impartiality
3. Acts 10:34 – *God is not one to show partiality…*
4. Isa. 30:18 – *for the Lord is a God of justice, how blessed are those who long for Him*
5. Deut. 32: 3,4 - *I will proclaim the name of the Lord. Oh, praise the greatness of our God! He is the Rock, His works are perfect, and all His ways are just. A faithful God who does no wrong, upright and just is He.*
6. Rev. 15:3 – *great and marvelous are Your works, Lord God Almighty, just and true are Your ways, O king of saints*
7. **God’s judgement is based on His perfect will – 89:14**

 *Righteousness and justice are the foundations of Your throne*

1. God’s purposes are done in the world according to His will
2. Eph. 1:11 – *who works all things after the counsel of His will*
3. Rev. 4:11 – *You have created all things, and for your pleasure they are and were created*
4. Rom. 11:36 – *all things are of Him, from Him, and to Him be the glory forever Amen*
5. God’s will is inflexible
6. God’s will is unchangeable
7. God’s will is eternal
8. God’s will is unstoppable
9. **God’s judgment of the world is through Jesus Christ – Acts 17:31**

 *He has fixed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness through a Man whom He has appointed, having furnished proof for all men by raising Him from the dead.*

1. John 5:22 – *for not even the Father judges anyone, but He has given all judgment to the Son*
2. Rom. 2:16 – *one day God will judge the secrets of men through Christ Jesus*
3. 2 Thess. 1: 6 -7 – *for it is only just for God to repay with affliction those who afflict you, and to give relief to you who are afflicted and to us as well when the Lord Jesus will be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels in flaming fire*
4. **God’s greatest act of justice was in the death of Jesus Christ on the cross – Rom 3: 25 -26**

*whom God displayed publicly as a propitiation in His blood through faith. This was to demonstrate His righteousness…for the demonstration of His righteousness at the present time, so that He would be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus*

1. Isa. 53:4, 10 – *our griefs He Himself bore, & our sorrows He carried, we esteemed Him stricken, smitten of God and afflicted…but the Lord was pleased to crush Him, putting Him to grief…*

**Things to Remember**

1. God always does what is right
2. Justice of God comes from the righteousness of God
3. God’s just demand for sin was satisfied by Christ death on the cross
4. Everyone will answer to Jesus Christ as their judge
5. God’s judgment delayed in not justice ignored

**Daily Use**

1. Surrender to God’s will in your life
2. Trust in God’s perfect purposes
3. Accept God’s timing for His actions in the world