



## #2.5 “Justice: A Two-Sided Coin”

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### Sermon Outline Notes

## The Prophetic Voice REVEALS GOD’S TRUTH FOR THE PURPOSE OF RESTORING JUSTICE

*The LORD reigns forever; he has established his throne for judgment. <sup>8</sup> He rules the world in righteousness and judges the peoples with equity. Psalm 9:7-8*

## Justice is a two-sided coin OF MERCY AND JUDGMENT

*Yet the LORD longs to be gracious to you; therefore he will rise up to show you compassion. For the LORD is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for him! Isaiah 30:18*

### I. Micah 1:8-16

<sup>8</sup> Because of this I will weep and wail; I will go about barefoot and naked. I will howl like a jackal and moan like an owl. <sup>9</sup> For Samaria’s plague is incurable; it has spread to Judah. It has reached the very gate of my people, even to Jerusalem itself.

## The Prophetic Voice HOLDS THE TENSION OF JUSTICE BY DEMANDING ACCOUNTABILITY AND SHOWING COMPASSION

*Speak and act as those who are going to be judged by the law that gives freedom, <sup>13</sup> because judgment without mercy will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful. Mercy triumphs over judgment. James 2:12-13*

## **II. Jonah 4:1-11**

<sup>1</sup> But to Jonah this seemed very wrong, and he became angry. <sup>2</sup> He prayed to the LORD, “Isn’t this what I said, LORD, when I was still at home? That is what I tried to forestall by fleeing to Tarshish. I knew that you are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love, a God who relents from sending calamity. <sup>3</sup> Now, LORD, take away my life, for it is better for me to die than to live.”

The need for EXTERNAL Comfort

**Undermines COMPASSION AND CAUSES OUR HEARTS TO HARDEN**

*When the teachers of the law who were Pharisees saw him eating with the sinners and tax collectors, they asked his disciples: “Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?” <sup>17</sup> On hearing this, Jesus said to them, “It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.” Mark 2:16-17*

## **III. Exodus 33:12-23**

<sup>12</sup> Moses said to the LORD, “You have been telling me, ‘Lead these people,’ but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. You have said, ‘I know you by name and you have found favor with me.’ <sup>13</sup> If you are pleased with me, teach me your ways so I may know you and continue to find favor with you. Remember that this nation is your people.” <sup>14</sup> The LORD replied, “My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.” <sup>15</sup> Then Moses said to him, “If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here.

The need for INTERNAL Comfort

**Undermines ACCOUNTABILITY AND OFTEN LEADS TO THE DESTRUCTION OF A PERSON AND/OR THEIR COMMUNITY**

*<sup>9</sup> If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup> If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us. 1 John 1:9-10*