

# JUSTICE & MERCY

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**WARM UP QUESTION:** What can cause you to compromise your beliefs or convictions?

**READ:** Amos 9:8-12 (ESV)

**FOCUS:** The Lord's judgements are inescapable; even for His own. But in the end, He will restore mankind.

**OBSERVE:**

- God is on a mission and sin has its penalty.
- True worship produces compassion for the poor and needy. Our worship towards God should always lead to justice, righteousness and loving our neighbor. We should never exploit the poor or display an improper attitude towards the marginalized.
- Idolatry is the result of moral decay and unfaithfulness to God and His covenant. Practicing idolatry causes people to lose sight of the one true God, lose touch with good morals and produces mistreatment of people. People who keep rejecting God's words will eventually not find them. God is patient and does not desire any to perish.
- Injustice is the result of no longer having righteousness: righteousness can only be received from God. God will target and punish the people of His own house if needed. The Lord never lowers His standards or compromises His holiness. Our thinking must coincide with God's word. Christ is the head of all rulers and authority (Colossians 2:10). The Lord will shake the house of Israel among all nations, meaning that a remnant will be exiled and scattered throughout the world (Amos 9:9).
- God's ways are holy and right. He is just and perfect and must judge sin. He will deal with any and all injustices and rebuild the exiled and restore the repentant from every nation. No one will escape God's judgment (Romans 2:3).
- God is just and His judgements always lead to restoration. The Lord's mission is to restore mankind. God always plans to bring back the lost. In the end, God will judge the world. The people of every nation will be gathered in front of Him. (Matthew 25:31-32)

**REFLECT:**

- Do you need to be restored from something? Will you tell God about it?

**TAKE ACTION:**

- Seek the Lord. Worship the Lord fully. Learn more about God every day.

**PRAY:** *Holy and Righteous Father, we ask that You would help us to turn from sin and make You the God of our lives in every area. Help us to hold fast to Your Word, stand by our fundamental Christian convictions and to never compromise our integrity. We need Your strength to enable us to strive to keep Your standards. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.*