

Practical input

The Bible, justice and poverty – a brief overview

General statements about God's view of justice and the poor:

Psalm 33:5; Psalm 89:14; Psalm 140:12; Proverbs 14:31; Proverbs 19:17; Isaiah 11:1-4; Isaiah 61:1-2; Isaiah 61:8; Luke 4:18-19

What the Lord requires:

Isaiah 58:6-9; Micah 6:8; Zechariah 7:9-10; Psalm 82:2-4; Proverbs 31:8-9; Luke 14:12-14

Making provision for the poor:

Exodus 23:10-11; Leviticus 19:9-10; Leviticus 23:22; Deuteronomy 15:7-15; Deuteronomy 24:19-21; Matthew 25:31-46

Treating the poor with respect / not humiliating / not taking advantage of the poor's powerlessness/ fair pay/ remembering the vulnerability of the poor:

Deuteronomy 24:10-13; Deuteronomy 24:17-18; Proverbs 22:22; Deuteronomy 24:14-15; Matthew 20:1-16

The poor and religious observance:

Isaiah 58:6-10; Matthew 25:35-40; 1 John 3:17; James 1:27

Judgement on those who don't care:

James 5:1-5; Ezekiel 16:49; Proverbs 21:13; Proverbs 22:8-9; Jeremiah 5:28-29; Ezekiel 16:49; Ezekiel 22: 29-31; Amos 4:1-2; Amos 5:11-13; Matthew 25: 31-46

God's intention to establish justice, and an end to suffering, through his kingdom now, and later:

Isaiah 42:1-4; Revelation 21:1-4; Revelation 22:1-5

The radical example of the early church:

Acts 4:32-36