

# *Biblical Justice, Mercy, and Compassion*





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# *Insincere Religiosity Exposed*

Zec 7:1–6 Now in the fourth year of King Darius it came to pass that the word of the LORD came to Zechariah, on the fourth day of the ninth month, Chislev, (2) when the people sent Sherezer, with Regem–Melech and his men, to the house of God, to pray before the LORD,...





# *Insincere Religiosity Exposed*

Zec 7:1–6 ...(3) and to ask the priests who were in the house of the LORD of hosts, and the prophets, saying, "Should I weep in the fifth month and fast as I have done for so many years?" (4) Then the word of the LORD of hosts came to me, saying,...





# *Insincere Religiosity Exposed*

Zec 7:1–6 ...(5) "Say to all the people of the land, and to the priests: 'When you fasted and mourned in the fifth and seventh months during those seventy years, did you really fast for Me—for Me? (6) When you eat and when you drink, do you not eat and drink for yourselves?...





# *Insincere Religiosity Exposed*

Mat 23:23–26 NKJV "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faith. These you ought to have done, without leaving the others undone..."





# *Insincere Religiosity Exposed*

Mat 23:23–26 NKJV "... (24) Blind guides, who strain out a gnat and swallow a camel! (25) "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you cleanse the outside of the cup and dish, but inside they are full of extortion and self-indulgence. (26) Blind Pharisee, first cleanse the inside of the cup and dish, that the outside of them may be clean also.





# *Give Genuine Obedience to God's Word*

Zec 7:7 ...(7) Should you not have obeyed the words which the LORD proclaimed through the former prophets when Jerusalem and the cities around it were inhabited and prosperous, and the South and the Lowland were inhabited?... ' "





# *Give Genuine Obedience to God's Word*

Deu 6:5–7 NKJV You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. (6) "And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. (7) You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.





# Give Genuine Obedience to God's Word

Rom 10:6–11 NKJV But the righteousness of faith speaks in this way, "DO NOT SAY IN YOUR HEART, 'WHO WILL ASCEND INTO HEAVEN?' " (that is, to bring Christ down from above) (7) or, " 'WHO WILL DESCEND INTO THE ABYSS?' " (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). (8) But what does it say? "THE WORD IS NEAR YOU, IN YOUR MOUTH AND IN YOUR HEART" (that is, the word of faith which we preach):...





# *Give Genuine Obedience to God's Word*

Rom 10:6–11 NKJV ...(9) that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. (10) For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. (11) For the Scripture says, "WHOEVER BELIEVES ON HIM WILL NOT BE PUT TO SHAME."





# *Do Biblical Justice, Mercy, and Compassion*

Zec 7:8–10 ...(8) Then the word of the LORD came to Zechariah, saying, (9) "Thus says the LORD of hosts: 'Execute true justice, Show mercy and compassion Everyone to his brother. (10) Do not oppress the widow or the fatherless, The alien or the poor. Let none of you plan evil in his heart Against his brother...'





# *Do Biblical Justice, Mercy, and Compassion*

Isa 58:5–9 NKJV Is it a fast that I have chosen,  
A day for a man to afflict his soul? Is it to bow  
down his head like a bulrush, And to spread out  
sackcloth and ashes? Would you call this a fast,  
And an acceptable day to the LORD? (6) "Is this  
not the fast that I have chosen: To loose the  
bonds of wickedness, To undo the heavy  
burdens, To let the oppressed go free, And that  
you break every yoke?...





# *Do Biblical Justice, Mercy, and Compassion*

Isa 58:5–9 NKJV ...(7) Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, And that you bring to your house the poor who are cast out; When you see the naked, that you cover him, And not hide yourself from your own flesh? (8) Then your light shall break forth like the morning, Your healing shall spring forth speedily, And your righteousness shall go before you; The glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard...





# *Do Biblical Justice, Mercy, and Compassion*

Isa 58:5–9 NKJV ... (9) Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; You shall cry, and He will say, 'Here I am.' "If you take away the yoke from your midst, The pointing of the finger, and speaking wickedness,





# *Refusal to Repent of Injustice and Apathy Brought Judgment*

Zec 7:11–14 ...(11) But they refused to heed, shrugged their shoulders, and stopped their ears so that they could not hear. (12) Yes, they made their hearts like flint, refusing to hear the law and the words which the LORD of hosts had sent by His Spirit through the former prophets. Thus great wrath came from the LORD of hosts...





# *Refusal to Repent of Injustice and Apathy Brought Judgment*

Zec 7:11–14 ...(13) Therefore it happened, that just as He proclaimed and they would not hear, so they called out and I would not listen," says the LORD of hosts. (14) "But I scattered them with a whirlwind among all the nations which they had not known. Thus the land became desolate after them, so that no one passed through or returned; for they made the pleasant land desolate."





# *Refusal to Repent of Injustice and Apathy Brought Judgment*

Mat 23:37–39 NKJV "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing! (38) See! Your house is left to you desolate; (39) for I say to you, you shall see Me no more till you say, 'BLESSED is HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD!' "





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# Scripture References

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