

# THE PROMINENT ASPECTS OF THE GLAD TIDINGS

## Part 1d: RIGHTEOUSNESS – VARIOUS SCRIPTURES ON RIGHTEOUSNESS

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### Various Scriptures on Righteousness:

#### Old Testament:

1. *“Jehovah will not suffer the soul of the righteous to famish; But he thrusteth away the desire of the wicked.”* (Pr 10:3 ASV)
2. *“<sup>4</sup> Riches profit not in the day of wrath; But righteousness delivereth from death. <sup>5</sup> The righteousness of the perfect shall direct his way; But the wicked shall fall by his own wickedness. <sup>6</sup> The righteousness of the upright shall deliver them; But the treacherous shall be taken in their own iniquity.”* (Pr 11:4-6 ASV)
3. *“<sup>18</sup> The wicked earneth deceitful wages; But he that soweth righteousness hath a sure reward. <sup>19</sup> He that is stedfast in righteousness shall attain unto life; And he that pursueth evil doeth it to his own death.”* (Pr 11:18-19 ASV)
4. *“In the way of righteousness is life; And in the pathway thereof there is no death.”* (Pr 12:28 ASV)
5. *“Righteousness guardeth him that is upright in the way; But wickedness overthroweth the sinner.”* (Pr 13:6 ASV)
6. *“Righteousness exalteth a nation; But sin is a reproach to any people.”* (Pr 14:34 ASV)
7. *“The way of the wicked is an abomination to Jehovah; But he loveth him that followeth after righteousness.”* (Pr 15:9 ASV)
8. *“Better is a little, with righteousness, Than great revenues with injustice.”* (Pr 16:8 ASV)
9. *“He that followeth after righteousness and kindness Findeth life, righteousness, and honor.”* (Pr 21:21 ASV)
10. *“Thou meetest him that joyfully works righteousness, those that remember thee in thy ways. Behold, thou wast angry, and we sinned; in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved?”* (Isa 64:5 RSV)
11. *“<sup>15</sup> until the Spirit is poured upon us from on high, and the wilderness becomes a fruitful field, and the fruitful field is deemed a forest. <sup>16</sup> Then justice will dwell in the wilderness, and righteousness abide in the fruitful field. <sup>17</sup> And the effect of righteousness will be peace, and the result of righteousness, quietness and trust for ever.”* (Isa 32:15-17 RSV)
12. *“In righteousness you shall be established; you shall be far from oppression, for you shall not fear; and from terror, for it shall not come near you.”* (Isa 54:14 RSV)
13. *“And they that are wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.”* (Da 12:3 ASV)
14. *“In thy name do they rejoice all the day; And in thy righteousness are they exalted.”* (Ps 89:16 ASV)
15. *“He restoreth my soul: He guideth me in the paths of righteousness for his name’s sake.”* (Ps 23:3 ASV)
16. *“Mercy and truth are met together; Righteousness and peace have kissed each other.”* (Ps 85:10 ASV)
17. *“For thou wilt bless the righteous; O Jehovah, thou wilt compass him with favor as with a shield.”* (Ps 5:12 ASV)

#### New Testament:

1. Righteousness is a gift, hence, not earned or deserved, regarding its reception AND continuance: *“For if, by the trespass of the one, death reigned through the one; much more shall they that receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one, even Jesus Christ.”* (Ro 5:17 ASV)
2. Righteousness = life (spiritual): *“And if Christ is in you, ... the spirit is life because of righteousness.”* (Ro 8:10b ASV)
  - a. *“Is the law then against the promises of God? God forbid: for if there had been a law given which could make alive, verily righteousness would have been of the law.”* (Ga 3:21 ASV)

3. *“in the word of truth, in the power of God; by the armor (weapons) of righteousness on the right hand and on the left,”* (2Co 6:7 ASV)
4. *“being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are through Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God.”* (Php 1:11 ASV)
5. *“10 This is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws into their minds, and write them on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. 11 And they shall not teach every one his fellow or every one his brother, saying, ‘Know the Lord,’ for all shall know me, from the least of them to the greatest. 12 For I will be merciful toward their iniquities, and I will remember their sins no more.”* (Heb 8:10-12 RSV)
6. *“9 ¶ And he spake also this parable unto certain who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and set all others at nought: 10 Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican. 11 The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as the rest of men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican. 12 I fast twice in the week; I give tithes of all that I get. 13 But the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote his breast, saying, God, be thou merciful to me a sinner. 14 I say unto you, This man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be humbled; but he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.”* (Lu 18:9-14 ASV)
7. *“Being therefore justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ;”* (Ro 5:1 ASV)
8. *“Much more then, being now justified by his blood, shall we be saved from the wrath of God through him.”* (Ro 5:9 ASV)
9. *“Who shall lay anything to the charge of God’s elect? It is God that justifieth;”* (Ro 8:33 ASV)
10. *“that, being justified by his grace, we might be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.”* (Tit 3:7 ASV)
11. *“For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set me free from the law of sin and death. 3 For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, 4 in order that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.”* (Ro 8:2-4 RSV)
12. *“Because Christ also suffered for sins once, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God; being put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit;”* (1Pe 3:18 ASV)
13. *“Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He that hath ears, let him hear.”* (Mt 13:43 ASV)
14. *“So shall it be in the end of the world: the angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among the righteous,”* (Mt 13:49 ASV)
15. *“For the eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, And his ears unto their supplication: But the face of the Lord is upon them that do evil.”* (1Pe 3:12 ASV)
16. *“inasmuch as he hath appointed a day in which he will judge the world in righteousness by the man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead.”* (Ac 17:31 ASV)
17. *“for what does the scripture say? And Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness. 4 Now to him that works the reward is not reckoned as of grace, but of debt: 5 but to him who does not work, but believes on him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is reckoned as righteousness.”* (Ro 4:3-5 Darby)
18. *“For not through the law was the promise to Abraham or to his seed that he should be heir of the world, but through the righteousness of faith.”* (Ro 4:13 ASV)
19. *“For Christ is the end of the law unto righteousness to every one that believeth.”* (Ro 10:4 ASV)
20. *“...out from faith we await the hope which proceeds from righteousness.”* (Ga 5:5 LIT)
21. *“Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness,”* (Eph 6:14 ESV)
22. *“For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.”* (Heb 12:11 ESV)
23. *“who his own self bare our sins in his body upon the tree, that we, having died unto sins, might live unto righteousness; by whose stripes ye were healed.”* (1Pe 2:24 ASV)

## Blessings of the righteous:

1. Ps 5:12 *For thou, LORD, wilt bless the righteous; with favour wilt thou compass him as with a shield.*
2. Ps 37:16 *A little that a righteous man hath is better than the riches of many wicked.*
3. Ps 37:17 *For the arms of the wicked shall be broken: but the LORD upholdeth the righteous.*
4. Ps 37:25 *I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread.*
5. Ps 34:19 *Many are the afflictions of the righteous; but the LORD delivereth him out of them all.*
6. Pr 11:5 *The righteousness of the perfect shall direct his way; but the wicked shall fall by his own wickedness.*
7. Pr 11:6 *The righteousness of the upright shall deliver them; but transgressors shall be taken in their own naughtiness.*
8. Pr 12:28 *In the way of righteousness is life; and in the pathway thereof there is no death.*
9. Pr 14:9 *Fools make a mock at sin: but among the righteous there is favour.*
10. Pr 28:1 *The wicked flee when no man pursueth: but the righteous are bold as a lion.*

## REVIEW:

1. Understanding the importance of righteousness: This is the *most* prominent aspect of the Glad Tidings. It is spoken of more than any other aspect, and in more ways than any other aspect. It is so dominantly important that the Scriptures give it as the reason for Jesus Christ's ministry: 1 Jn. 3:5a *"You know that he appeared in order to take away sins."*
2. And it is documented as God's power to produce life, his kind of life with all of its fullness for those who believe: Rom. 1:16a-17 (Murdock) *"For I am not ashamed of the gospel; for it is the power {or: energy} of God unto life, {or: salvation} to all who believe in it; ... For in it is revealed the righteousness of God, from faith to faith; as it is written, The righteous by faith, shall live."*
  - a. *"For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God."* (1Co 1:18 ESV)
3. Why so many are at least hindered, if not stalled, in their spiritual growth: *"For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the basic principles of the oracles of God. You need milk, not solid food, <sup>13</sup> for everyone who lives on milk is unskilled (not accustomed to, inexperienced) in the word of righteousness, since he is a child. <sup>14</sup> But solid food is for the mature, for those who have their powers of discernment trained (exercised – gymnazo) by constant practice to distinguish good from evil."* (Heb 5:12-14 ESV)
4. God is the Just Judge over all the earth.
5. Heb 2:2 RSV *"For if the message declared by angels was valid and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution"*
6. The horridness of sin's produce.
7. God's master stroke of all of time was Jesus Christ's substitutionary death for our sins!
8. God has rendered us righteous now and forever based on Jesus Christ's sacrifice for all sins simply because we believe (trust in) his plan of salvation through Christ.
9. God favors the righteous: Hos. 10:12, Ps. 5:12, Pr. 14:9, Rom. 5:21

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1. The Jehovah Titles, Part 7: Jehovah our Righteousness
2. Jesus Christ our Mercy Seat