

## What God Loves

Knowing God = learning what He Loves

1) Righteousness, Truth, Justice (Expression of Righteousness)

Judgement (Tool of Righteousness)

2) Mercy

These are in Conflict – solved at the Cross

(Ps 85:10-11) <sup>10</sup>Mercy and truth have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed.

<sup>11</sup>Truth shall spring out of the earth, and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

relationship: Truth and Righteousness (chiastic) Jn 18:37

(Je 9:24) <sup>24</sup>But let him who glories glory in this, that he understands and knows Me, that I am the LORD, exercising lovingkindness (mercy), judgment (justice), and righteousness in the earth. For in these I delight,” says the LORD.

(Isa 61:8) <sup>8</sup>“For I, the LORD, love justice;

(Ps 45:7) <sup>7</sup>You love righteousness and hate wickedness;

(Mi 7:18) <sup>18</sup>He delights in mercy.

(Ps 89:14) <sup>14</sup>Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne; mercy and truth go before Your face.

His Kingdom is founded on Righteousness and Justice.

Always considering from perspective/lens of Truth and Mercy.

(Isa 11:3-4) <sup>3</sup>His delight is in the fear of the LORD, and He shall not judge by the sight of His eyes, nor decide by the hearing of His ears; <sup>4</sup>but with righteousness He shall judge the poor,

Jesus’ delight in fear of the Lord expressed as Righteous Judgement

(Isa 42:1-4) <sup>1</sup>“Behold! My Servant whom I uphold, My Elect One in whom My soul delights! I have put My Spirit upon Him; He will bring forth justice to the Gentiles...He will bring forth justice for truth. <sup>4</sup>He will not fail nor be discouraged, till He has established justice in the earth;”

Father delights in Jesus executing Justice

(vs 3) relationship: Truth and Justice

(Isa 59:4, 14-15) <sup>4</sup>No one calls for justice, nor does any plead for truth...<sup>14</sup>Justice is turned back, and righteousness stands afar off; for truth is fallen in the street, and equity cannot enter. <sup>15</sup>So truth fails, and he who departs from evil makes himself a prey. Then the LORD saw it, and it displeased Him that there was no justice.

principle: failing truth is the cause of injustice

(Isa 26:9) For when Your judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness.

Judgement is a Tool of righteousness (OT history)

(2Pe 3:9) <sup>9</sup>The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

His delight isn't in judging, but repentance (result)

(Ac 3:19) <sup>19</sup>“Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord,

Judgement provokes Repentance, satisfies Righteousness, flips to Mercy (delight).

(Jas 2:13) <sup>13</sup>For judgment is without mercy to the one who has shown no mercy.

Mercy triumphs over judgment.

Mercy Superior to Judgement (exhort to repentance)

(Mi 6:8) <sup>8</sup>He has shown you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?

Good Father doesn't compromise Justice, but eagerly looks for Repentance

so He can show Mercy.

application: (Ps 89:14)

1. What is the Truth?
2. How can I get to Mercy?