

July 5

“Justice and How to Chase it”

Luke 4:14–30, James 1:19

Sermon:

Mishpat: the rule of law through which disputes are settled as well as restorative justice that cares for those who are being taken advantage of.

Administer true justice (*mishpat*), show mercy and compassion to one another. Do not oppress the widow, or the fatherless, the immigrant or the poor.

Zechariah 7:10-11

Tzadekah: the ethical standard that determines right relationships between people.

I rescued the poor who cried for help, and the fatherless who had none to assist him. The man who was dying blessed me; I made the widow’s heart sing. I put on righteousness (tzadeqah) as my clothing; justice (mishpat) was my robe and turban.

Job 29:12-13

Be careful not to practice your acts of righteousness in front of others to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven. “So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets.

Matthew 6:1-2

Have I reduced the full meaning of righteousness to moral behavior or maximized the pursuit of justice with the absence of moral goodness?

Listen for the purpose of understanding.

Understand this, my dear brothers and sisters: You must all be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry.

James 1:19