

OUR WORSHIP CELEBRATION

FEBRUARY 21, 2021

Prelude

~The instrumental cue to gather and prepare for worship

Welcome

***Call to Worship - Psalm 112**

~God's invitation for us to engage in worship in the Holy Spirit

***Weekly Congregational Response**

~Our humble response to God's call to worship

***Prayer of Invocation**

~The giving of thanks for God's promised presence and work among us

***Song of Preparation and Praise - Goodness of God**

~Our celebration of God as our good and faithful Abba Father

***Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon - Luke 14:12-14**

~Our admission of our failures and need for Christ as Savior

***Prayer in Response to Our Assurance of Pardon**

***Song of Comfort - True Religion**

~Our praise of Jesus as our Savior

Pastoral Prayer

~Our prayer for the church gathered near and far

Sermon - Wise Justice

Proverbs 11:1, 14:31, 19:17

Preparation of the Table

Partaking of the Table

~Practiced on a regular basis to make the Word visible.

***Song of Response - Come to the Feast**

~Our commitment to apply God's Word in and through our lives

***Announcements**

~Weekly opportunities to live out the Word read, confessed, prayed, sung, and preached

***Benediction - Colossians 1:9-10**

~God's parting blessing as we are sent out on His redemptive mission

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"WISE JUSTICE"

PROVERBS 11:1, 14:31, 19:17

Key Truth: Wise justice considers the poor in our just commerce and business dealings for their protection and provision and in our generosity as a reflection of our honoring the Lord's image in them.

Introduction:

Q: *What is Jesus' example of wise justice in His treatment of the poor?*

"For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich."
2 Corinthians 8:9

Proverbs 11:1: Just Commerce for the Protection of and Provision for the Poor:

"Hear this, you who trample on the needy and bring the poor of the land to an end, saying, "When will the new moon be over, that we may sell grain? And the Sabbath, that we may offer wheat for sale, that we may make the ephah small and the shekel great and deal deceitfully with false balances, that we may buy the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals and sell the chaff of the wheat?" The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: "Surely I will never forget any of their deeds. Shall not the land tremble on this account, and everyone mourn who dwells in it, and all of it rise like the Nile, and be tossed about and sink again, like the Nile of Egypt. "And on that day," declares the Lord God, "I will make the sun go down at noon and darken the earth in broad daylight. I will turn your feasts into mourning and all your songs into lamentation; I will bring sackcloth on every waist and baldness on every head; I will make it like the mourning for an only son and the end of it like a bitter day."

Amos 8:4-10

Q: *Do you consider the poor in the way you engage in commerce and do business? Is God concerned with how you engage in commerce and do business?*

Proverbs 14:31, 19:17: Just Generosity as a Reflection of Our Honoring the Lord's Image:

"Then the King will say to those on his right, "Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me." Then the righteous will answer him saying, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and gave you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?" And the King will answer them,

"Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me."

Matthew 25:34-40

Q: *What are some ways in which you are actively seeking to be generous to the poor and so honor and be generous to the Lord whose image we all bear? How has Christ been generous to you in your poverty?*

Application:

Proverbs 11:1, 14:31, and 19:17 teaches us that wise justice considers the poor:

- in our just commerce and business dealings for their protection and provision
- in our generosity as a reflection of our honoring the Lord's image in them

Communion

Benediction: Colossians 1:9-10