

GOD'S JUSTICE SYSTEM (*Episode 1*)

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the Giver of life, wisdom, and revelation,
without whom there is no message, no grace, and no ministry.
All praise, honour, and thanksgiving belong to Him forever.*

And with heartfelt honour,

*This book is dedicated to **Apostle Femi Lazarus**,
a faithful servant of Christ,
whose yielded life, teaching, and obedience
continue to bless the Body of Christ
and advance the Kingdom of God in our generation.*

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Main Message

God's Justice System

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Series Introduction

We are beginning a new series today titled **God's Justice System.**, I would like you to pick up your Bibles with me as I show you some things from the Word of God.

One of the reasons it is important for me to teach across all our centres is to establish the foundation of this series. And the foundational establishment this morning is **the foundation of doctrine.**

We like to get into the doctrine of the subject matter. Justice—or the system of God's justice—refers to a system of **fairness and equity.** To be just is to be fair.

Knowing God as a Just God

Many of us have not paid attention to this aspect of God. We know Him as a good God, as a powerful God, and as a loving Father. But you also need to know God as a **just God**.

On Tuesday, I showed you something from Scripture: when God was making a promise to Abraham about the children of Israel, He said they would serve in a foreign land for 400 years. Then He promised to bring them back to the land, saying, *“For the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet full”* (Genesis 15:16).

What was God saying? That He loves you does not mean He will rob Peter to pay Paul. Whatever He wants to do for you, He wants to have a reason. He wants to be fair.

Even the system of favour is fairness. Never make the mistake of thinking that God does not have a reason for what He does. The fact that you do not know the reason does not mean it does not exist.

The Misconception of Special Treatment

There are myths that the nation of Israel was simply a special nation that God used to rule over other nations. But no—Israel was even disciplined more severely.

When God says, *“I love you,”* pause and meditate. I once heard this from Daddy G.O., and it blessed my heart. He said if God tells a baby Christian, *“I love you,”* that baby will rejoice, because love comes with gifts and blessings. But if God tells a mature Christian, *“I love you,”* that person will become sober, because the child whom the Father loves He also chastens (Hebrews 12:6).

If God tells a warrior, a “bone-breaker,” that He loves him, that man will weep—because the one whom the Father loves, He sacrifices.

So, love begins as entitlement, then matures into responsibility, and finally becomes consecration unto sacrifice—yet it is the same love. It all depends on where you are.

God Is Fair and Just

Say it again with me: **God is fair. God is just.**

This is a very serious truth. Because many Christians do not understand the justice system of God, they end up frustrated.

Many have expected prayer to solve all their problems. Prayer is the master key, but it is not the only key. Prayer alone does not solve everything.

The Football Illustration

Let me illustrate. Suppose Nigeria were to play Argentina. Imagine we all gather, pray in the name of Jesus, and put a goalkeeper in position. After the prayer, would that guarantee victory? If we lack ability and preparation, Argentina would score four goals against us, despite our prayers.

Crying to God does not exempt you from responsibility. Prayer can never be a cover-up.

In the UK, for example, they catch young people early and train them with discipline. In Nigeria, however, you may play on the streets until you are 34, then try to enter a system by shaving your beard and claiming to be 18. That is not a system—it is deception.

But in countries with structured systems, it is almost impossible to lie about age. That is why, in female football, Nigeria's women's team has become ten-time African champions—they developed a system.

So, while I was growing up, I often wondered why, despite praying before matches, once the game started, we would still concede goals. People became

angry and discouraged. But the truth is this: **prayer is powerful, yet it cannot replace structure, fairness, and responsibility.**

Supporting One Another

God is just. And that also means testimonies must be understood in the light of His justice.

I thank God for the testimonies this morning. That young boy we prayed for, the lone survivor with the neck injury, being alive has a reason in God's justice system. And when people fail to live according to God's reason for sparing them, it becomes a problem.

His neck is still healing, and as a church, we must support him. If there is anywhere he can undergo the final surgery so that he may live a normal life again, we must help him. This week, we will verify the details and bring the matter up again for action.

A Complete Ecosystem

Consider the testimony of the sister who was about to sit in one place, but God instructed her not to. She moved, and what was coming passed her by.

Our world is a complete ecosystem. Let me explain. If you go on a safari in Kenya to observe wildlife, you might see a lion chasing a deer. Perhaps you feel pity for the deer, but it is not your business to interrupt nature. It is their ecosystem, and for the food chain to be balanced, they must eat themselves.

In the same way, God can sit in heaven and see everything happening, yet He gives you a heads-up to escape danger. If you fail to listen, His plans for you may be cut short. And yet, He is still God—because He warned you.

So, why didn't God stop the accident? The truth is this: **God's children must learn to listen to Him.**

The Testimony of Diligence

I also appreciated the testimony of the sister with the NGO. Did you notice what she said? They did their homework. They presented documents in order.

If you carry disorganised paperwork and come to a Holy Ghost meeting, saying, “Father, let them approve it by fire,” and yet what you presented is not tidy, you will likely try again. Why? Because God is just.

That you are applying for something alongside a Muslim does not mean you should automatically get it simply because you are a Christian. God is fair.

Lessons from My Struggles

When I was growing up, I had a learning disorder. I could not read well. Until around 2017, I used to hold a pen awkwardly, and I struggled throughout my early schooling. The letters danced before me, and I often wondered who invented mathematics at all!

But by senior secondary school, things began to improve. Strangely, I started performing well. However, there was a girl in my class whom I could never beat. She was excellent, and the competition was fierce.

One day, my teacher, seeing that I was discouraged, called me aside and said, “Stop disturbing yourself. That girl will soon be distracted—once boys start coming around her, you will have your chance.”

And indeed, that was what happened. She dropped to seventh or ninth position, and the boys occupied the front row.

There is a lesson in that: **men should not allow emotions to hinder productivity**. A man may love you, but he will still go to work. He will finish his responsibilities. Do not allow distractions to destroy your pursuit.

God Requires a Reason

The truth is this: we do not have an advantage simply because we are believers. We must do what is required. For the God we serve is not only good—He is just and fair.

He requires a reason to answer what you ask. I have learned this in ministry: praying for financial increase is not the only way to attract it. Show God that you are committed to soul-winning. Show Him that you are willing to go as far as He wants you to go. Then He will rush resources in your direction.

This year alone, I have had more than 290 ministrations. I labour because the reward of faithfulness is more work. And some may sit back and accuse, saying, “Oh, those apostles are just lucky.” No—stop lying to yourself. Results follow sacrifice and diligence.

Avoiding False Confidence

Do not deceive yourself with false practices. Do not let anyone trick you into believing that pouring oil on your car engine or silencer guarantees safety. It is not the oil—it is God’s hand that protects.

Yes, life is spiritual, and yes, we need God’s covering. But never abuse the anointing. You can destroy God’s plan for your life with one careless decision.

No prophecy is self-fulfilling.

The Justice of God in the Greatest Story of Love

Now, let me show you the justice of God in the greatest love story of Scripture.

Turn your Bibles with me to John 3:16–17:

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.”

Notice two key personalities here: the **world** and the **Son**.

- The world receives the **gift** of God’s Son.
- The Son, because of that love, must **sacrifice** Himself.

When you see Jesus hanging on the Cross, it is not only the love of God on display, it is also the **justice of God**. It shows the extent to which God will go to judge sin.

If man sinned, then man must pay. The Cross is God’s justice system revealed in His greatest act of love.

The Fall of Man

Yes, man sinned. Genesis chapter 3 records the fall. And I love the way Paul puts it in 1 Timothy 2. Let us read from verse 13:

“For Adam was first formed, then Eve. And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression.” (1 Timothy 2:13–14)

Notice this: Adam was not deceived—he chose to rebel. That is the story of the fall of man. He knew the word of God; he knew that *“the soul that sinneth, it shall die”* (Ezekiel 18:4), but he still made the choice.

Dominion Lost Through Disobedience

One of my sisters, Pastor Tomi Favour, wrote something that blessed me deeply concerning dominion. She explained:

- Dominion and rights are what mankind gave away by failure and disobedience.
- The man gave it away by choice—rebellion.
- The woman gave it away by deception—submission to the serpent.

When Adam yielded in Genesis 3:6, he handed over God-given dominion to the serpent. When Eve yielded, she became an incubator for illegitimate seed. This opened the way for the Nephilim—offspring of fallen angels and the daughters of men (Genesis 6:4).

By this act, *illegal beings gained legal status* on Earth. They became eligible for mercy because “*whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing, and obtaineth favour of the Lord*” (Proverbs 18:22).

The Power of Man and Woman

Pastor Tomi wrote further:

- Man’s power is in **authority**.
- A woman’s power is in **submission and tenderness**.

Adam fell by choice; he was strong but chose rebellion. Eve fell by deception; she yielded because of the tenderness of her heart.

This explains Paul’s words: Adam was not deceived, but Eve was. Adam, the strong vessel, chose to follow his bride into disobedience, and at that moment, death entered.

Seed and Flesh

Now look at this mystery. In childbearing:

- The man gives the **seed**—the life form in cellular structure.
- The woman gives the **flesh**—the body that houses the life.

If the seed is lifeless, the woman cannot incubate it.

So, when the Holy Ghost overshadowed Mary, what she contributed was the flesh. But the life came from the Father. That is why Jesus is the Son of God—*“the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us”* (John 1:14).

But the devil also tries to counterfeit this. People visit shrines, and evil spirits energise seeds. Women then incubate those seeds, producing children who manifest the works of their father, the devil.

The Strategy of Fallen Angels

Let me explain further. When angels fell, they looked upon the daughters of men and cohabited with them (Genesis 6:1–4).

Why did they do this? It was not mere emotion; it was strategy. The devil’s agenda, as declared in Isaiah 14:13, was, *“I will exalt my throne above the stars of God.”* In Job 38:7, the stars of God are described as angels.

So, Satan’s plan was to introduce his own kind into mankind, producing hybrids—the Nephilim. This would complicate God’s redemptive plan.

If God were to attempt to rescue mankind, He would also have to consider rescuing these hybrid beings. That was the devil’s strategy: to create eligibility for salvation for his own seed.

God's Response: Judgement by the Flood

Therefore, God had two options:

1. Allow the hybrids to multiply, and mankind would be doomed.
2. Wipe out that corrupted generation, preserve His own seed, and continue His plan of redemption.

God chose the second. He wiped the earth with water in Noah's day (Genesis 7). It looked brutal, but it was mercy. It was surgical.

It is the same principle in medicine. When a cancerous mass is discovered, you do not pamper it. You cut it out, even removing surrounding tissue that appears healthy, because the cells may already be infiltrated. The cutting looks harsh, but it is mercy—it preserves life.

The Fall and the Law

Adam fell. Everything in his loins died. Through one man, sin entered the world, and death through sin. We were condemned, and they could not get over it.

Then God gave them a system, and that system was to prove a point—the system of the law.

The Law Cannot Save

I wrote here that the law was God's demonstration to man that righteousness could not be earned by works.

Let me show you a few scriptures. Are you ready?

Romans 3:20–22

“Therefore, by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin.

But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets;

Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference.”

Is that in your Bible? Yes! The righteousness of God which is by faith in Christ Jesus.

So what does that mean? You become righteous by believing in the works Jesus did. You do not earn that righteousness because you are sanctimonious.

Sin is sin. Hatred is as powerful as murder. Before God, sin is sin.

Therefore, you could not earn the righteousness status by your works. If you could, Jesus would not have died. You cannot earn it.

Righteous by Faith

I'm not afraid to teach this: you are only righteous because you believed in the finished works. That's why Paul, speaking to the Corinthians, said:

2 Corinthians 5:17

“Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.”

Listen carefully. Everything you have done is gone. God is not holding your charge against you.

It is ignorance for you to think, *“Oh, I made this mistake while I was still in the world, so God is punishing me now.”* That is not God—that is your mind. And the devil will take advantage of that mind to punish you.

The Advocate with the Father

What about the mistakes of those who are now born again? John said:

1 John 2:1

“My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.”

What keeps people in sin is condemnation. Don't sit down, condemning yourself. God has provided an avenue in Himself for you to obtain forgiveness.

Look at the way Paul put it in Romans:

Romans 8:1

“There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.”

Walking not after the flesh means you are no longer according to the old nature. That is what Christ died to provide.

The Sacrifice of Jesus

The sacrifice is so deep that the man on the right side of Jesus, when He was crucified, could hear Jesus say to him, *“Today shalt thou be with me in paradise.”*

Did you notice that when they came to check if the men on the cross were dead, they found Jesus already dead? But those other men—they had to break their legs for them to die.

Meaning, part of that promise Jesus gave was that He Himself would soon die, so that man could obtain life. By the time that thief was breathing his last, he had already been accepted in the Beloved.

How did he get saved? He believed!

That's how salvation comes—by believing.

Romans 10:10

“For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.”

Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.

That's why when people are giving their lives to Christ, we get them to confess Jesus: *“If you believe in your heart and confess with your mouth that Jesus is the Son of God, you shall be saved.”*

No Sin Too Great

Listen carefully: there is no sin that God cannot forgive. None.

We have heard stories, and people in the comment sections would say, *“This one should burn in hell. He should burn!”*

But sorry to burst your bubble—the One who died says, *“I died for this one too.”*

That is why you must not let anyone kill you before your time—because it is true that mercy is available.

Amen.

There is nobody's mistake that can intimidate me. What God frowns at is a heart that is not broken enough to acknowledge that you were wrong and to repent.

A Story of Mercy

I once shared the story. Pastor came—and by the way, he will be with us again during the International Ministers' Conference.

They arrested one of his boys for stealing. And in Nigeria, if they want to deal with you, *anything* can become money laundering or tax evasion.

May we not face such problems.

Identified with Mercy

So before you know it, the police said he stole. Then the pastor left his house and went to the police station to bail his boy.

The police said to him, “*Are you the pastor of the thief?*” And the pastor replied, “*I am the pastor of the thief.*”

The boy was inside, hearing it, and he broke down in tears.

That is the Jesus of the Bible—the One who identified with the woman at the well of Samaria in John 4. But the church of the 21st century? The one whom God forgave will now say somebody else does not deserve it.

What have we become?

Do you think that if forgiveness were subjected to a vote in Nigeria, you would have obtained it? People would say, “*Let him burn in hell!*”

The Curse of the Law

Let’s look at this scripture. **Galatians 3:10–11**

“For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them.

But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, The just shall live by faith.”

So what does that mean? The moment you are under the law and you cannot fulfil everything, there is a curse hanging over you.

And this is the reason why you must never flaunt your righteousness as the reason why you are better than somebody else.

The Grace of God

Let me be honest with you, and this honesty may shock you. I would rather be crucified for it.

I have seen great miracles break out in meetings that I was too discouraged to prepare for. Sometimes, I had things I was going through myself and could not pray the way I should. And yet—explosions of miracles!

That tells us there is a God who will do what He will do.

If we begin to claim that the things we see are because of what we are doing, then we are abusing God's grace.

Who the Law Is For

Look at how Paul described who the law is for:

1 Timothy 1:9–11

“Knowing this, that the law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and for sinners, for unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers,

For whoremongers, for them that defile themselves with mankind, for men stealers, for liars, for perjured persons, and if there be any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine;

According to the glorious gospel of the blessed God, which was committed to my trust.”

And then Paul testified of himself:

1 Timothy 1:12–15

“And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath enabled me, for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry;

Who was before a blasphemer, and a persecutor, and injurious: but I obtained mercy, because I did it ignorantly in unbelief.

And the grace of our Lord was exceeding abundant with faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.

This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.”

What is righteousness? It is the ability to stand accepted before God. You cannot earn it by working. You receive it because Jesus put it on you.

Putting on Christ

Let me give you an illustration.

Can I have two men? One wearing a shirt, another with a suit. The man with the suit takes off his suit and puts it on the one in the shirt.

When Jacob came before Isaac, he put on the skin of an animal and entered boldly before his father to obtain the blessing. Isaac smelled him and said:

Genesis 27:27

“See, the smell of my son is as the smell of a field which the Lord hath blessed.”

Then Isaac began to release the blessing.

That is what happens to us in Christ. Because we are clothed with Him, we can now come boldly before the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in times of need (Hebrews 4:16).

Not because we deserved it, but because we are put on Christ.

The Nature of Christ in You

This may offend Nigerian Christians: the nature of Christ in you does not die because you fell.

There is no such thing as your name being erased from the book of life every time you make a mistake, and then written back when you live right again.

From the moment you believed in the finished works of Christ, you were translated from death to life. That is the truth of the Bible.

The Balance of Grace

John said: *“My little children, I write unto you that ye sin not. But if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father”* (1 John 2:1).

Let's read Hebrews 10:26–27 for clarity.

Hebrews 10:26–27

“For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins,

But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries.”

Anyone who despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses. How much more severe is the judgment for the one who scorns the Son of God, despises the blood of the covenant, and mocks the Spirit of grace?

This is the balance of the message of grace. We must not trample underfoot the blood of redemption.

But if a believer makes a mistake, understand: your Father is able to make you strong.

Do not go about abusing and injuring the Spirit of God within you.

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