

GOD'S JUSTICE SYSTEM (*Episode 4*)

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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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Introduction

This message unveils God's justice system by highlighting two eternal laws that govern life on earth: the **Law of Seed and Harvest** and the **Law of Time and Chance**.

Apostle Femi Lazarus teaches that life responds to the seeds we sow—whether in words, actions, or resources. Every deed produces a harvest, and no one can escape this divine principle.

He warns against sowing corruption, dishonesty, or carelessness, for these seeds return as painful harvests. Instead, believers are called to invest wisely in knowledge, relationships, people, health, finances, and their spiritual lives. These intentional investments create a future of strength, stability, and honour before God and men.

The second law—the **Law of Time and Chance**—reminds us that life unfolds in phases and seasons. Morning is the season of dreams, afternoon is the season of work, and night is the season of harvest and legacy. Missing the right use of time and opportunity is missing destiny itself.

Apostle Lazarus emphasises dignity in labour, responsibility, and discernment in relationships, urging believers not to squander their seasons on entitlement or frivolity.

He concludes with a prophetic charge: that every listener will rise above family limitations, break cycles of poverty, seize divine opportunities, and shine as the light of their generation.

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Main Message

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Opening Prayer

Let everything within you honour Him and magnify Him. He is worthy to be praised and exalted. He is higher than the kings of the earth. Bless Him. Give Him glory. Give Him praise. He deserves the lifting up of our hands and our honour.

We give You glory, Lord, in Jesus' mighty name we pray.

Amen. Hallelujah.

Chapter 1

Understanding God's Nature and Biblical Principles

Turn your Bibles quickly with me. This morning's teaching is very practical, and in some parts, we are going to confront very hard truths. Is that okay? Are you ready? *Yes, sir.* Are you sure? *Yes, sir.*

Then brace up this morning. It is going to be a very, very interesting one.

We have been laying the foundation: God is not just powerful, and He is not just sovereign. Sovereignty is another dimension of God you must understand. Under His sovereignty, certain things might happen that do not follow your usual pattern—because in all of this, God remains God. One of the realities we must all accept is that He is unquestionable.

The Sovereignty of God

Those who have been built up under the Word of Faith often struggle to accept this dimension of His sovereignty. But what does it mean that God is sovereign?

It means that sometimes, under this dimension, you may want to ask, "*But this person was good—why should good people die?*" The truth is, you may not always have a logical explanation.

Do you even know that the mercy of God is under His sovereignty? Scripture says:

"I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion." (Romans 9:15, KJV)

That is His sovereignty. It means someone doesn't have to "deserve" it before God shows mercy. That you think someone doesn't deserve mercy doesn't mean God shares your opinion.

The righteousness of God is also under His sovereignty. *Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness.* (Romans 4:3)

That is the righteousness of God—it is given to you, you cannot earn it. But this does not mean you cannot walk in the reality of it.

Some say, "*Since there's nothing we can do to earn God's righteousness, let's just keep sinning.*" No. Scripture also says, "*He that doeth righteousness is righteous.*" (1 John 3:7) God is sovereign, but He is also righteous.

God Is Good, But Not Always Pleasant

Another dimension is that God is good. But what I showed you earlier this week is this: just because something is good, it doesn't mean it will always be pleasant.

Some things are pleasant but are not good. In fact, there is even a kind of love that is not love at all.

This kind of love is common in Africa. Let me explain. Our society is built on sensationalism and emotionalism. We are very emotional people, and because we are more emotional than we are logical, we are often not ready for development.

For example, if a government wants to clear a portion of the road but the official's sister's husband's uncle has a shop there, they abandon the development. That is the way we are built.

When you don't have a family member in government, government stealing is bad. But if you have someone there, and they fail to "share" what they stole with you, you will be angry. That is the way we think.

Now, let me show you another dimension of "love" that is wicked. It is even more wicked than picking up a knife to stab somebody.

Wicked Love in Disguise

Have you seen people carrying innocent children, placing them under the sun, and using them to beg for money?

If you really love those children, do something else. That is not love—it is wickedness.

Likewise, people put someone in a wheelbarrow to beg for money they will not use to treat the person. That is wicked love.

It is not everyone asking about your situation who loves you. Some are just curious. Some only want information so they can laugh at you later.

This is why Scripture says: *"He that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile."* (1 Peter 3:10)

If you love life, keep your mouth.

God Is Just

One very important attribute of God that we barely talk about is this: **God is just.**

This means He will not contradict His own principles, regardless of your activities—be it prayer or fasting.

Understand this: prayer is not valid where the will of God is not known. Prayer is only valid when it is in the direction of God's will.

"Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss." (James 4:3)

So, any time you pray, saying, *"Lord, if it be thy will..."*, pause first. That is the wrong approach. Leave that prayer and first seek to know His will. Then pray in alignment with His will—that is true prayer.

Faith Must Align With God's Will

You also cannot have faith in a direction that is against the will of God.

For instance, you cannot have faith to marry another man's wife. You cannot just say, *"I still believe I have faith that Pastor Mimi is my wife."* No! That is outside God's will.

You cannot have faith against His will, and you cannot even have faith for what is not a part of your destiny.

So, do you see now that there is a lot of clarity required before you can desire certain things?

Christianity and Personal Responsibility in Society

God is just. If we understand this, then it becomes clear that Christianity is not an escape from the reality of life.

I thank God for testimonies such as, *“I wasn’t qualified for the job, but they gave it to me.”* But you will observe that those kinds of testimonies do not come all the time. It is not the time that you will be unqualified and still get the opportunity. In fact, if you ask those who interviewed you, they will tell you there was something they saw that made them give you the job.

But this idea of saying, *“Lord, I didn’t prepare for the exam, but because the apostle declared, I will pass,”*—you are on your own! It doesn’t work that way. The earlier we tell ourselves the truth, the better our lives will become.

The Word Brings Deliverance

In John 5, we read about the man at the pool of Bethesda, who had been there for 38 years. The miracle in that place was seasonal: the stirring of the waters, and only one person being healed.

But when Jesus came, He introduced a new dimension. His Word became the source of deliverance—so that every time you can access the Word, you can rise.

If all I do here every Sunday is say, *“Receive, receive!”* you will call me a very anointed man of God. But that approach cannot change our situations. It will only raise people who dump all responsibilities on God and remain irrelevant in society.

This is part of the reason why people sometimes dislike our God—because they think that the deeper we go into Him, the more irrelevant we become in society. But Christianity is not the problem. The problem is our culture—the culture of putting everything on God.

Even politicians now tell us to *pray about security*. That shocked me. Why? Because that is who we are as a people—outsourcing all responsibility to prayer.

Forces, Greed, and Ignorance

Now, don't misunderstand me. We do pray. Scripture says:

“For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.” (Ephesians 6:12, KJV)

Yes, spiritual forces operate against nations. But what exactly are those forces exploiting? Greed and ignorance.

If we had better leaders—people of integrity—the forces would become irrelevant.

So we must all agree: just because we are groaning and suffering does not mean we are ready for power. If you still tend to add bribes to contracts, you are not ready for power.

The Deception We Love

Let me speak louder: God is just.

Suppose all of us gather and say, “*PTA, we unanimously support you to be the next president of Nigeria!*” Now, applause may follow, but in reality, if you lack grassroots mobilisation and stakeholder structures, you cannot win.

I don't waste my *amen*. If someone comes to tell me, "*Apostle Lazarus, you will be the next president of Nigeria in 2027!*" I will not be deceived. Why? Because there are realities and structures required.

The problem with us is that we love deception. We even fall in love with those who deceive us because their words give us adrenaline.

Even in relationships, deception is common. Instead of simply saying, "*I like you. I don't know you well enough to call this love. Can we get to know each other?*" people begin with lies because that is what the other person wants to hear.

So when someone tells you what you want to hear, you believe them—even if it is a lie.

Principles That Govern the Earth

God is just. That means some principles govern the earth. And once God put those principles in place, He rested.

Foolishness is attempting to take rest away from God.

Even if prophets declare, "*Enlighten Nation has the covenant of life!*"—if you drive recklessly, you will die. You cannot climb a palm tree with banana leaves and expect God to protect you because of a prophecy.

Say it again: **God is just.**

There are certain things I do not practice because I do not believe in them. I have Scripture to back up what I believe and what I do not believe.

Anointing and Responsibility

For example, I do not anoint biro pens or exam materials. You cannot produce leaders of tomorrow like that.

If a university student brings me a Bible or a biro to anoint for exams, I will seize it. Why? Because it does not work in any sane society.

If you don't build capacity, you will not be useful—neither for God nor even for the devil. The devil, too, needs capacity.

Some principles are just fair. Even the devil will not violate them.

If you are a thief and a lazy thief, you will be caught climbing the fence. Even if you are working for the devil, it does not mean he will assist you. You cannot sin recklessly and expect Satan to shield you.

Some things simply do not work like that.

Four Principles of God's Justice

I want to show you four principles that you can find in the justice system of God. I will show you two in this episode.

Law #1: Seed and Harvest

Under the justice system of God, there are four very important principles. Let us begin with the first one.

“While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.”

(Genesis 8:22, KJV)

The first law is the **law of seed and harvest**. Notice it says *seedtime and harvest*—not harvest time.

The Law of Seed and Harvest

You cannot sow a wrong seed and then decide when to stop reaping it. Once sown, you may live with its consequences for life.

There are scars you should never invite into your life. Some injuries can take away vital parts of your destiny in a single day. Everything you ever dreamed of can suddenly become a mirage.

That is why you must take seedtime seriously.

Misuse of the Principle

Now, when I speak of seed and harvest, I am not talking about the manipulative gimmicks you hear from false teachers. I am not saying, “*Come and touch my feet with a seed.*”

Some people like such theatrics: “*I feel something now, an angel just touched my leg. Somebody, quickly come and touch my feet with one hundred dollars!*”

Sadly, the same people who have been hearing the true Word of God in church will run out on such deceit.

Members who do not know the Word of God become the empowerment of false teachers and false prophets. But if you know the Word of God, nobody can deceive you.

The Certainty of the Law

In life, there is seedtime, and there is harvest.

Some people call it the law of karma—but Scripture makes it plain:

“Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.”

(Galatians 6:7, KJV)

If you sow corruption, you will reap corruption. If you sow good, you will reap good.

This is a spiritual law—it cannot be broken.

Every Action Is a Seed

So, as you go about every day, be careful of the kind of seeds you are sowing. When you speak to people, you are sowing seeds into their hearts. Your actions, your words, your choices—all of them are seeds.

And the harvest is sure.

Personal Application of Seed and Harvest

What kind of seed are you sowing? Will people love God more because of you? Will they become more committed? Will they want to serve Him more? Will they desire to do His will more?

When you post something online, what kind of seed are you scattering?

Posting your cleavages and exposing your body—it does not edify. Tell your neighbour, *“It doesn’t edify.”*

Stop making Christianity difficult for people.

Seeds That Do Not Edify

What about men? What do guys also post that does not edify? Flaunting their bare chest, showing off muscles, or flashing money. You see captions like *“Young and cashing out... big God, young money.”*

But listen: those who have real money are hiding. Yet someone will buy a used car, tear the nylon seats, and start flaunting it on social media. Poverty disguised as relevance!

It is not wrong to celebrate what you have, but the culture of trying to oppress people with things you have not even finished paying for is destructive.

And now, there is even a new trend: men wearing net-like singlets and parading themselves. What kind of seed are you sowing?

Every Action Is a Seed

Be careful. Once you sow a seed, it becomes too late not to reap it. You will reap whatever you sow.

Don't go about breaking people's hearts, causing division, or scattering relationships.

If you are privileged to lead people, sow good seeds in their lives. Don't tear them down, because today's boss can be tomorrow's apprentice—and life doesn't owe you any payback.

Some people live with a funny mentality, saying, "*All this suffering I have suffered, one day tables will turn!*" No. It is not compulsory. Life is not under obligation to repay you.

Survive. Win. Grow. Mature. Because if you die carelessly, they will deal with you and deal with your ghost.

Seeds That Shape Society

Let us also apply this principle to societal development.

We live in a country where reality TV shows that promote immorality reward participants with hundreds of millions, brand endorsements, and cars—without any meaningful intellectual contribution to society. Meanwhile, children growing up are watching and concluding that education is a scam.

We cannot promote such values.

Some soldiers served for 35 years but still struggle to get their pensions. Some died, and their children have not received gratuity. There are teachers who gave their lives to educating us, yet they are neglected.

I was in Kano recently for a Holy Ghost meeting. I visited my primary school and met my teachers who had taught me decades ago. We displayed their

account numbers throughout the conference so people could bless them. That is how you sow honour.

What Do We Celebrate?

We are creating a culture where doing anything legitimate does not seem to pay. But it is not the government alone—the responsibility is on us as a people.

Who do we celebrate? Who do we honour? Do we truly honour legitimate labour?

If we announce a programme to celebrate retired veterans who have not received their gratuities, very few people would attend. Yet the same country will celebrate a governor because he posed with a roadside food vendor—for the sake of the cameras.

It is a bad culture. We cannot sow corruption and expect to reap goodness.

Raising a New Culture

I am praying that through you, intellectual capacity will become the basis for celebration. That you will rise with innovations.

Do not fear that people won't watch or support. Yes, culture may resist you, but how long will you remain a slave to relevance? Sometimes you must move against the tide because of your belief system.

Who will change society if not us? Nothing changes by merely saying "*Amen.*" Those who are reformers must be willing to walk alone.

Societal Application and Reform

It is a very lonely road, yes, but you must be true to your conscience.

The law of seed and harvest applies to nations as well. What are the things we celebrate?

In Nigeria, some programmes could not continue because of a lack of sponsorship. The *Cowbell Mathematics Competition* is one example. Even *Who Wants to Be a Millionaire* has struggled. These are the kinds of things that educate and inspire people. They don't have to be dull; even entertainment can be enriching.

In those days, students used to prepare earnestly for the Cowbell Mathematics Competition. But today, we have all become promoters of what does not build the future, yet we expect that future to be good. We are laying landmines and expecting the road not to scatter.

What We Honour as a People

If I suddenly receive money by any means, society will honour me more.

Imagine you see online: *"Somebody just dashed Apostle a Lamborghini."* You'll say, *"Wow, my pastor, my apostle!"* Or if someone gave me a private jet, you would adjust yourself and start saying, *"That's my Apostle, Apostle Lazarus!"*

Whether the money was stolen or not does not seem to matter anymore. These are the seeds we are sowing. And then we still gather in our churches and pray, *"Lord, change Nigeria!"*

No, it doesn't work that way. If we sow corruption, we will reap corruption.

Honouring Labour

I appeal to our government: just as you gave the Super Falcons \$100,000—which is commendable, and we celebrate that—please, also remember our pensioners.

If we show people that it does not pay to serve Nigeria with honesty, then nobody will. Those who spent their days serving should not spend their nights crying.

Some people died and went to be with the Lord while their children kept knocking on doors, begging for their parents' gratuities. Some officials demand percentages for work they did not do before releasing entitlements.

This is an injustice. Almost everyone knows that when their turn comes, they must "collect their own." But we cannot build a nation that way.

Wherever there is injustice, society cannot thrive. When people labour, there must be a reward.

Hope for Change

This country will change in our lifetime. We will see things become better in the name of Jesus.

Investments That Shape Your Life

1. Investment in Knowledge

The first thing you must invest in is knowledge. Read books; they are not meant for decoration. And please, stop borrowing people's books—buy your own.

Some of you, if the rapture happens, books will hold your legs down because you've borrowed too many and refused to return them. Even Apostle Lazarus's books are with some of you right now, hearing me!

Understand this: any knowledge you cannot pay for, you will not retain. Stop searching only for free tutorials—let it cost you something.

What do you do with your phone? What do you search for on YouTube? Many spend hours watching comedy skits, enriching others with borrowed data, while years of life are slipping away. You have the latest iPhone or Samsung, but no books. Some even take loans to buy phones that do not generate income. Wrong priorities.

Invest in knowledge. Buy books. Attend seminars. Join webinars. Follow people who educate and inspire you, not those who trade in rubbish online. Knowledge is an investment that pays eternally.

2. Investment in Relationships

Secondly, invest in relationships.

Don't be the kind of person who never calls, never texts, and then complains about loneliness. Scripture says: *“He that shows himself friendly will have friends.”*

You are not the next best thing after sliced bread—everyone is not struggling to be your friend. Relationships require intentional investment.

3. Investment in People

Thirdly, invest in people.

When relating with others, don't always ask, *“What can I get?”* Ask instead, *“What can I give?”* Even if you have nothing material to contribute, you can still offer kind words—words that inspire, strengthen, and encourage.

People may forget what you said, but they will never forget how you made them feel. I remember a man I respect deeply to this day. At a time when I had no car and barely anything to my name, he would visit me, encourage me, and say, *“You are strong. God will strengthen you. We are praying for you.”*

Those words live with me forever. Make encouragement a lifestyle. Do good without expecting repayment. Sometimes you sow kindness into a life, but God rewards you through someone entirely different. Don't do good and keep score—you've taken the reward back if you do that.

4. Investment in Health

Fourthly, invest in your health.

The idea of “three square meals” is a myth; you will not be healthy that way. Learn moderation. Have periodic medical check-ups. Even I, as a preacher, go for check-ups. If you live in a place like Abuja, get a family doctor.

Stop abusing sugar. Some people drink Coca-Cola before bed, then wake up to Mountain Dew. You claim Schweppes is “better” because it is less sweet—that is deception. Reduce sugar intake.

Exercise. Register in a gym if you can. If you cannot, start by trekking. Even smartphones now have step counters. If you cannot walk five minutes without panting, that is a sign that you need it more. Health is wealth. Honour the covenant of life by caring for your body.

5. Investment in Financial Stewardship and Future Planning

Fifthly, invest in your future. Do not eat with your ten fingers.

Track your expenses; you will be shocked at what consumes your money each month. Many are financing telecommunication companies with billions through unnecessary data and airtime spending, while their own accounts remain empty.

Avoid risky investments that promise unrealistic returns. If they say you’ll double your money in two days, it’s a lie. Don’t fall for it.

Plan for the future. You will not always be this strong. When you have money, you may be the chairman at every event. But when things change, they will still hold events without you. Build savings and investments you cannot touch.

Be generous, but don’t finance irresponsibility. Train your children early to understand the dignity of labour. Don’t raise them on entitlement; let them taste

hard work so they don't grow lazy. The children of mighty men often fail to continue their father's legacy because they were never taught responsibility.

Structure your finances so that your system is stronger than your emotions. That is true stewardship.

6. Investment in Your Spiritual Life

Finally, invest in your spiritual life.

Scripture says, "*The spirit of a man will sustain his infirmity.*" Strengthen your spirit. Pray. Read the Word. Keep sermons playing even in your busiest moments; let your inner man be constantly edified.

Don't wait until you are in a battle to prepare—by then, it will be too late. Seek the Lord while He may be found. Call upon Him while He is near.

Be part of kingdom advancement. Support evangelism. Contribute to kingdom projects. These are eternal investments that heaven recognises.

Law #2: Time and Chance

Ecclesiastes 9:11 – *“I returned and saw under the sun, that the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, neither yet bread to the wise, nor yet riches to men of understanding, nor yet favour to men of skill; but time and chance happeneth to them all.”*

The second law in God’s justice system is the **Law of Time and Chance**. It is also called the **Law of Times and Seasons**.

Life Phases and Seasons

I have often taught that the word *man* can be seen as an acronym: **Morning, Afternoon, Night**.

- **Morning** is the phase of beauty, dreams, and beginnings. Every child looks adorable because the morning is full of possibilities. Yet, much of what the child will eventually manifest depends on how the parents spend their own *afternoon*.
- **Afternoon** is the phase of work and clarity. This is where dreams are narrowed into focus. There may be free breakfast, but there is no free lunch. In the afternoon, only those who work will eat. If you squander your afternoon season, life will be very hard. Nobody owes you anything—stop deceiving yourself.
- **Night** is the phase of rest and legacy. By then, the seeds of your afternoon will determine whether you can enjoy rest or regret.

Be careful—your decisions do not affect only you, but also your children and generations to come.

Applications of Time and Chance

Many people live under entitlement, thinking that life or that others owe them. No! We all may not have equal opportunities, but whatever you do with your time and season is what determines your outcome.

There is dignity in labour. Stop building your life on emotionalism and dependency. Ladies, don't let a man carry all your responsibilities before marriage; and brothers, don't allow yourself to be crushed by unnecessary family pressure. Love and responsibility in marriage are real, but wisdom must guide them.

Marriage is not destiny—it is a choice. Build yourself first. If you have no certificate, learn a skill. Fashion design, tailoring, catering, technology—God blesses the work of your hands. Whatever you do, ensure your hand is busy doing something.

Yes, there are genuine cases where someone needs help, and God can use you to lift them. But know the battles you can fight and the ones you cannot. May your kindness never be greater than your wisdom.

A Call to Wisdom and Preservation

Beloved, you must discern your times. If you miss seed-time, you miss harvest. Don't play with your seasons. You are coming from a place where your name doesn't yet open doors—don't use it to write nonsense online. Don't follow the second or third generation of wealth blindly; you don't know where they are coming from.

Let me warn you—don't let anybody use your life as a sacrifice. Nigeria will be great, but don't die before that greatness comes. Stay alive. Your family is looking up to you as the light of their hope. Don't cut that light short.

In the name of Jesus, I pray: **You will not miss your season. You will not waste your time. You will live to see the greatness God has ordained for your life.**

Final Encouragement & Prayer

Beloved, don't join the multitude to commit evil or just say things because everyone else is saying them—you may be stoning your helpers without knowing it. Be careful. What goes around surely comes around.

I have been praying and working towards reorienting our people. As far as Africa is concerned, things will change, but it must begin with us. When they wanted to kill David, his men said, *“Do not go with us to battle again, lest the light of Israel be put out.”* You are that light in your family. Some of you are the light of your community, your local government, and even your state. There is a collective investment of heaven on your life—**that light will not be put out, in Jesus' name.**

Time and chance happen to us all, but I want to pray for you from the depths of my heart. None of us is in a perfect situation. Some are more privileged than others, but hear me: **in your lifetime, when they mention the great, your name will be among them.** Your sun will not set suddenly. The Lord who made the heavens and the earth will keep you.

Those of you working so hard—trying to break the cycle of poverty, trying to put food on the table, trying to make your spouse and children happy—you will not die in the process. You are a light, and you will not be turned into darkness.

Life is spiritual. There are people God brings into your life that you may never see their kind again. Maximise every season, take advantage of every opportunity, and when God uses people to lift you, never pay them back with evil. Honour the laws of loyalty and reciprocity—even if it is with a kind word.

I pray for you:

- Your light will not go down.
- Where your parents could not cross, you will cross.
- Where no one in your family has reached, you will surpass that level.
- May the right opportunities locate you.
- May the right doors open for you.
- May the right people cross your path.

In the name of Jesus Christ, it is done. **Amen.**

Let us give Jesus a mighty shout of praise!

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