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Devotional Digest
(Week 12)

CoViD-19

As CoViD-19 persists, it is our duty to join God in His mission even in the confines of our homes, by strengthening the family, interceding for one another, and seeing His glory through the times.

CICC's OIKOS Ministry hopes that through this weekly devotional digest, we share this post to fellow CICC-ers to read and discuss together in our homes as one body and in one Spirit.

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GODLY PERSPECTIVES ON INJUSTICE

The annals of biblical history are littered with oppression and injustice. No one is exempt from experiencing some form of maltreatment. Not surprising, even the people of God became the oppressor.

Life is indeed unfair. When we see injustice's fury leveled on the Son of God, our questions melt in the light of a sovereign and loving God who holds the world together.



DAY 1

A STORY ON RACIAL INJUSTICE

*“For we have been sold, I and my people,
to be destroyed, to be killed and to be annihilated.”*

READINGS:

Esther 3:1-15; 7:1-6, 10; Micah 6:8

QUESTIONS TO PONDER:

1. Why did Haman put down the Jewish race?
2. What injustice could have been perpetrated on them? How did God intervene to prevent this?
3. What similar event on the extermination of the Jews happened in history? What do we learn about the world and about our God?

PRAYER: Sovereign God, we do not understand why injustice exists in this world. If it is in our power to do so, make us agents of change against the injustices we see around us. In the name of Jesus, Amen.



DAY 2

AN ACCOUNT OF PERSONAL INJUSTICE

“Remember the prisoner, as though in prison with them, and those who are ill-treated...”

READINGS:

Genesis 39:4-23; Hebrews 13:3

QUESTIONS TO PONDER:

1. Describe the injustices Joseph experienced in his life as a boy and through adulthood?
2. How did Joseph respond to undeserved cruelty? How did God help through the times of suffering?
3. Share a personal injustice you or someone you know experienced and how it changed one's perspective on God and life.

PRAYER: Loving Lord, You are there in our pain and suffering. We are unable to make sense of injustice. Yet You suffered and died unjustly on the cross. May we learn from Your sacrificial example as we entrust our lives to You. In Your precious name, Amen.



DAY 3

PREJUDICE IN THE CHURCH

“But if you show partiality, you are committing sin...”

READINGS:

James 2:1-9; Proverbs 31:8-9

QUESTIONS TO PONDER:

1. What are some ways we are prejudiced against others? What are the roots of prejudice?
2. Why are the people of God asked to consider the rights of the afflicted? How should we view others who do not fit our own mold?
3. Share some practical steps we can take as a church to welcome those different from us.

PRAYER: Gracious Lord, forgive us for the times we have discriminated others willfully or unconsciously. May we realize that You love each one. Through Your love we can reach out to others also. In the name of Jesus, Amen.



DAY 4

DISPENSING JUSTICE ON OTHERS

“Do justice and righteousness, and deliver the one who has been robbed from the power of his oppressor.”

READINGS:

Jeremiah 22:3-5; Psalm 146:6-10

QUESTIONS TO PONDER:

1. Who are the oppressed people in the passage crying out for justice?
2. What does the Lord characteristically do for those who suffer injustice in Psalm 146:6-10?
3. If God is on the side of the oppressed, what does it imply concerning our attitudes and actions at such a time as today? How can we be agents of justice in this broken world?

PRAYER: Merciful Lord, when we see people oppressed around us, we feel so helpless. Move us with compassion to assist their plight and trust in Your sovereign work in accordance with Your perfect time. In Your glorious name, Amen.



DAY 5

CHRIST AND INJUSTICE

*“He was oppressed and He was afflicted,
yet He did not open His mouth...”*

READINGS:

Isaiah 53:3-12; Matthew 5:9-12

QUESTIONS TO PONDER:

1. What injustices did Christ suffer while He was on this earth?
2. How did He respond to the oppression brought upon Him?
3. What can we learn from Christ’s unjust suffering and death that should transform our attitudes and perspectives regarding justice and oppression?

PRAYER: Eternal God, You have shown us the Person who suffered most unjustly by any human standard--the Lord Jesus Christ. May we learn from His example and follow the way of peace though it may be difficult at this time. For Your name’s sake, Amen.

