

Part 5

Christian Virtues - Justice

Isaiah 61:1-11

1. What do you think justice means for each of the parties in the opening story?
2. Read [Isaiah 61](#). In [Isaiah 61:1-3](#) the prophet describes his call to serve. What groups are listed, and in what way do they need justice?
3. What common elements do you see among these groups?
4. What current situations do you know of that fit these categories of need?
5. How would meeting these needs for others be a sign of God's work in you ([Isaiah 61:3](#))?
6. Because Israel sinned and turned away from God, God allowed them to be conquered. How might [Isaiah 61:4-9](#) be a source of joy to them?
7. Notice the contrast in [Isaiah 61:8](#) between what the Lord loves and hates. What do this verse and [Isaiah 61:1-3](#) tell you about God's concerns?

8. In [Isaiah 61:10-11](#) the ruler describes God's work in him. What is God doing for him?

9. Compare the actions we are called to in [Isaiah 61:1-3](#) with the physical appearance of the ruler in [Isaiah 61:10](#). What is the relationship between right actions (justice) and being a righteous person?

10. Jesus applied [Isaiah 61:1-2](#) to himself ([Luke 4:16-21](#)). How does he also fulfill the promise of [Isaiah 61:11](#)?

11. What keeps you from pursuing justice?

12. How can this passage be an encouragement to you?

13. What actions can you take to bring justice to the needy?

14. Pray about the injustice you see around you and around the world. Ask God to teach you how he views justice.