

21.2 Justice and Injustice

I know it is not popular, but let's talk some more about American exceptionalism. This time, let's talk about it in the arena of "Justice."

I know that there are many people who feel the injustices of our land. It may be political. It may be class-related. It may be racial and speak about white privilege. I saw what I assume is a meme on Facebook which spoke of the unjust privileges of being right-handed. I really think things are getting out of hand.

It seems that the elites in our land have a set of rules and we commoners have another set. A sailor on a submarine inadvertently takes a selfie which included a classified structure his sub and is thrown in the Brig. Hillary Clinton illegally used her personal laptop for classified government emails and where is she? Free as the proverbial bird, sitting in the lap of luxury.

Did you know that with all of the threats around mandating the COVID shot that Congress is exempt? Now that's leadership! That's justice! Please hear the sarcasm.

A friend of mine refused to wear his mask while teaching in the government classroom because it is against state law to mandate a mask. He is now in danger of losing his job. YET, the superintendent of the school system violates his own mandate and what happens? Right, absolutely nothing. Joe and Jill Biden were seen in a fancy restaurant in DC, without masks. It's one set of rules for them and one set of rules for us.

Apparently this is the norm in the cultures of history. America has been imperfect in administering justice 100% equally. We know it and now we feel it.

In 1783 **Yale President Ezra Stiles** stated:

"Most states of all ages ... have been founded in rapacity, usurpation and injustice ... The Nimrods ... (were) the first invading tyrants of the ancient ages ... The spirit of conquest had changed the first governments ... All succeeding ones have in general proved one continued series of injustice, which has reigned in all countries for almost 4,000 years."

The attempt our Founders and Framers made was, "liberty and justice for all." Only Israel had such a conviction. Moses told the Hebrews that eventually they would have a king in Israel. One of the most important things he would do was to write his own copy of the Law of Moses. Notice what Moses tells them in **Deuteronomy 17:18-20** (ESV):

¹⁸ "And when he sits on the throne of his kingdom, he shall write for himself in a book a copy of this law, approved by the Levitical priests. ¹⁹ And it shall be with him, and he shall read in it all the days of his life, that he may learn to fear the LORD his God by keeping all the words of this law and these statutes, and doing them, ²⁰ that his heart may not be lifted up above his brothers, and that he may not turn aside from the commandment, either to the right hand or to the left, so that he may continue long in his kingdom, he and his children, in Israel."

Did you hear that the king was not to have preferential treatment? There was not to be a law for the elites and a different law for the people. He was to follow the laws of God just like the people. In Christian circles we say, "**The ground is level at the foot of the cross.**"

This concept is borne out in **Article II Section 4** of the **U. S. Constitution**. It reads:

The President, Vice President and all civil Officers of the United States, shall be removed from office on Impeachment for, and the Conviction of, Treason, Bribery, or other high Crimes and Misdemeanors.

Our leaders should be held to a high standard because of the influence they have. James warned the early believers about taking on the responsibilities of teaching. An application can be made to our Political, Military, and other leaders. He said in **James 3:1** (ESV):

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness.

According to the Constitution, American leaders don't get a "*stay out of jail*" card. They are accountable to the same laws that we, the average citizens are. Maybe if we start meting out justice to our elites, justice would be available for all of us. Injustices could then be properly resolved. It's a matter of conscience.

It seems that if we really followed through with universal accountability America could truly regain our exceptional status. You see, not only are we accountable to the laws of the land, we are accountable to God Himself. He is quite aware of what is going on in our country and who is pulling the strings.

Keep The Light of Accountability and Justice Burning!