



# CBC Men's Fellowship

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## *The Holiness of God*

### Chapter 6 – **Holy Justice**

#### **Key quotes from chapter 6 –**

The justice of God is always and ever an expression of His holy character. (p.132)

God's internal righteousness is the moral excellence of His character. It is rooted in His absolute purity...As a holy God, He is utterly incapable of an unholy act.

God's justice is never divorced from His righteousness. He never condemns the innocent. He never clears the guilty. He never punishes with undo severity. He never fails to reward righteousness. His justice is perfect justice.

The right to life is forfeited by sin.

The greatest mass killer of all is nature. Everyone falls victim to nature, which does not operate independently from God. Nature is merely the avenger of a holy God.

We have come to expect God to be merciful. From there the next step is easy: We demand it. When it is not forthcoming, our first response is anger against God, coupled with the protest: "It isn't fair."

I may be innocent before other people, but I am guilty before God.

Only justice can be deserved. God is never obligated to be merciful. Mercy and grace must be voluntary or they are no longer mercy and grace.

I will receive only justice or mercy from God. I never receive injustice from His hand.

When God's justice falls, we are offended because we think God owes perpetual mercy. We must not take His grace for granted. We must never lose our capacity to be amazed by grace.

**Questions that will help and influence our discussion on chapter 6 -**

*\*When we sin, we not only commit treason against God, but we also do violence to each other.*

*Look up the following passages of Scripture and write down the different words or phrases that are used to describe sin.*

1. Leviticus 16:21 \_\_\_\_\_
2. 2 Samuel 12:9-10 \_\_\_\_\_
3. 1 Kings 13:21 \_\_\_\_\_

\* Does the above quotation agree with the descriptions of sin found in these verses?

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Look up 1 John 1:9. What does God promise? \_\_\_\_\_

God did not choose Israel because Israel was already holy. He chose them to make them holy. Is this not true of Christians as well? \_\_\_\_\_

What did God say about His mercy in Exodus 33:19? \_\_\_\_\_

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Has God's wrath mellowed with the passage of time? \_\_\_\_\_

Explain your answer? \_\_\_\_\_

With respect to illness or tragedy, how would you explain to someone that God is not being unjust when He chooses to withhold His mercy? \_\_\_\_\_

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Of all the difficult passages in Scriptures relating to God's justice, love, wrath, and holiness, none is more revealing than the crucifixion. Read the crucifixion narratives – (Matthew 27:27-66 and John 19:1-42) How do you balance justice, love, wrath and holiness in light of these narratives?

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**Questions at the end of chapter 6 –**

1. In what ways does God's justice frighten you? \_\_\_\_\_

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In what ways does it comfort you? \_\_\_\_\_

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2. What is response when you realize that you deserve to die because of your sin? \_\_\_\_

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3. What is your response when you realize that God's justice demanded Christ's death for you? \_\_\_\_\_

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4. In what ways has God demonstrated His mercy to you? \_\_\_\_\_

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