

The Power of Vision II

Vision 2020 Open Our Eyes

Consider **John 3:3**

Natural sight is called eyesight, spiritual sight is called vision.

Vision is a pictured goal.

Things of the kingdom are never experienced until you see further than your eyes can look.

Amp John 3:3 Jesus answered him, I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, that unless a person is born again (**anew, from above**), he cannot ever see (**know, be acquainted with, and experience**) the kingdom of God. A kingdom is a realm or domain where a king is in charge.

- The kingdom of God is the new community.
- *The kingdom of God is the community as God imagines it.*

Consider **Isaiah 61:1-3** and **Luke 4:18-19**

Jesus announced *this is what my ministry is about*.

Consider **Psalms 146**

I

The Lord' desire is that we live a life of justice. *Vs 7-9*

The word justice is the word *mishpat*: *to give people their due*.

Justice upholds what is right.

- Justice on the negative side will punish the evil doer.
- Justice on the positive side will uphold the oppressed.

Consider **Lev 24:22, Job 29:11, Job 31:16-22**

The vulnerable quartet are the widow, orphan, immigrant and the poor.

- A life of justice upholds the marginalized.

- A life of justice does not ignore the most vulnerable.

II

He is the God of all power and justice. *Vs 5-6*

He is the God of all power.

The Lord exercises His power on behalf of the most vulnerable.

Consider **Deuteronomy 10:17-18**

The word judgment is *mishpat* justice, to give people their due.

III

How can we become people of justice? *Vs 1-2, 10*

This is a psalm of praise and worship.

In worship we change our affection, motives and actions.

- In worship we get a glimpse of His glory, all He is.

Oh, my soul means my mind, memory and emotion are engaged.

We worship Him for His amazing grace on us. **Isaiah 61:2**

Jesus stops short of the day of punishment to the wickedness.

Jesus did not come to place God's vengeance on us.

Jesus came to take God's vengeance for us.

- Jesus took God's justice for us, amazing grace.

Justice *mishpat* means to give people what is due.

- Jesus took what was due to me, amazing love.

Lord **open our eyes that we might see**.

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