

The Spirit of God and Justice:

The Anointing Spirit III

In the Hebrew Scriptures, prophets, priests, and kings were anointed.

The anointing was symbolic, experiential, and tangible.

The Hebrew Scriptures announce a future king, an ultimate king, and a king of justice.

Justice is one of God's missions through the Spirit of the LORD for all people and His leaders.

There is a link between the Hebrew Scriptures and Christian Scriptures.

NRSV **Isaiah 61:1** The **spirit of the Lord GOD** is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners;

NRSV **Luke 4:18** The **Spirit of the Lord** is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free.

Knowing The Holy Spirit through the Old Testament *Christopher J H Wright*

“God will not be worshiped and cannot be known apart from commitment to **righteousness and justice, faithfulness and love**, the things that define God's own character and are his delight (*Jeremiah 9:23-24; 22:15-17*).”

NRSV **Jeremiah 9:23** Thus says the LORD: Do not let the **wise** boast in their wisdom, do not let the **mighty** boast in their might, do not let the **wealthy** boast in their wealth; ²⁴ but let those who boast boast in this, that **they understand and know me, that I am the LORD; I act with steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth**, for in these things I delight, says the LORD.

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We cannot know Him apart from commitment to righteousness and justice, faithfulness, and love. **Vs 24**

These four words are action words: righteousness and justice, faithfulness, and love.

To know is to have firsthand or personal knowledge of.

h3045. יָדָע yâda‘; a primitive root; to know, to know by experience, be acquainted with,

This word know is the same as ^{NRSV} **Genesis 4:1** Now the man **knew** his wife Eve, and she **conceived** and **bore** Cain, saying, “I have produced a man with the help of the LORD.”

The intimacy shared and known between a man and his wife is regularly paralleled between our intimacy shared and known between YHWH and Israel and Christ and His church.

There are things known between a husband and wife uniquely experienced, shared, and belonging only to them.

To share this level of knowing with another is a violation of the relationship.

To share this level of knowing is a violation of the covenant.

- To experience this level of knowing with another produces pain, agony, and anger in the violated partner.

II

^{NRSV} **Jeremiah 22:15** Are you a king because you compete in cedar? Did not your father **eat and drink and do justice and righteousness**? Then it was well with him.¹⁶ He **judged the cause of the poor and needy**; then it was well. Is not this to know me? Says the LORD.¹⁷ But your eyes and heart are only on your **dishonest gain, for shedding innocent blood, and for practicing oppression and violence**.

You can have resources and still do justice and righteousness. **Vs 15**

You can have resources and still judge the cause of the needy and poor fairly.

The challenge of acquiring resources is we can take on the attitude of the oppressor.

David had resources and still defended justice for the poor.

- David never became like his **oppressors**.

III

Consider ^{NRSV} **Acts 10:38** how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

Satanic oppression can be spiritual, personal, or systemic.

Spiritual oppression is seen in **Acts 8:1-8**

Personal oppression is seen in **Acts 16:16**

Systemic oppression is seen in **Acts 8:9-11** and more clearly in **Exodus**.

When people have resources, do justice, and judge the issues of the poor fairly, it goes well with all those in the community.

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I weep because people talk about being prophets; they quote modern prophets; however, they don't read, study, and teach God's people the prophets.

Didn't it go well with you when you had resources and did justice!

^{NKJV} **2 Chronicles 20:20** So they rose early in the morning and went out into the Wilderness of Tekoa; and as they went out, Jehoshaphat stood and said, "Hear me, O Judah and you inhabitants of Jerusalem: **Believe in the LORD your God, and you shall be established; believe His prophets, and you shall prosper.**"

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