

WHAT THE HOLY SCRIPTURES SAY ABOUT:

Social Justice

Do not withhold good from those who deserve it, when it is in your power to act.

Proverbs 3:27

Righteousness and justice are the foundation of His throne.

Psalm 89:14, 95:11

Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy.

Proverbs 31:8

Maintain the rights of the poor and oppressed. Rescue the weak and needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked.

Psalm 82:3b-4

These are the things you are to do: Speak the truth to each other, and render true and sound judgment in your courts; do not plot evil against your neighbor and do not love to swear falsely. I hate all this," declares the Lord.

Zechariah 8:16

He who walks righteously and speaks what is right, who rejects gain from extortion and keeps his hand from accepting bribes, who stops his ears against plots of murder and shuts his eyes against contemplating evil- this is the man who will dwell on the heights, whose refuge will be the mountain fortress.

Isaiah 33: 15

"Administer justice every morning; rescue from the hand of the oppressor."

Jeremiah 21:11b

This is what the Lord says: "Maintain justice and do what is right."

Isaiah 56:1

Seek justice, encourage the oppressed.

Isaiah 1:17

WHAT THE HOLY SCRIPTURES SAY ABOUT:

Lawlessness

Summary from Habakkuk

How long, O Lord, must I call for help, or cry out to you, “Violence!” but you do not save? Why do you make me look at injustice? Why do you tolerate wrong? Destruction and violence are before me: there is strife, and conflict abounds. The wicked hem in the righteous, so that justice is perverted.

Habakkuk 1:2-3,4b

Law is Thwarted

Therefore, the law is paralyzed, and justice never prevails.

Habakkuk 1:4

Impulsive Lawbreakers

Ruthless and impetuous people. They are a law unto themselves and promote their own honor.

Habakkuk 1:6a,7b

Failure to Defend Their Own Family

On the day you stood aloof while strangers carried off [your brothers] wealth.

Obadiah 11

Luxury and Appetite

He gathers them [victims] up by his net. For by his net he lives in luxury and enjoys the choicest food.

Habakkuk 1:16b

Continual Plundering

Is he to keep on emptying his net, destroying nations without mercy?

Habakkuk 1:17

Unquenchable Appetites

Because he is greedy like the grave... he is never satisfied, he gathers to himself all the nations and takes captive all the peoples.

Habakkuk 2:5b

Bloodshed and Crime

Woe to him who builds a city with bloodshed and establishes a town by crime!

Habakkuk 2:12

Link between Oppression and Addiction

His desires are not upright. Indeed, wine betrays him: he is arrogant and never at rest.... And like death is never satisfied.

Habakkuk 2:4a,5a

Causing Addiction and Trafficking

Woe to him who gives drink to his neighbors, pouring it from the wineskin till they are drunk, so that he can gaze on their naked bodies.

Habakkuk 2:15

Rely on Own Strength Instead of God's Power to End Guilty Wrongdoing

Guilty men whose strength is their own God.

Habakkuk 1:11b

Exploiting Labor for Unjust Gain and Finery

Has not the Lord Almighty determined that the peoples labor is only fuel for the finery, that the nations exhaust themselves for nothing?

Habakkuk 2:13

Targeting and Conspiring

You have plotted the ruin of many people.

Habakkuk 2:10

“So I will come near to you for judgment. I will be quick to testify against sorcerers, adulterers and perjurers, against those who defraud laborers of their wages, who oppress the widows and the fatherless, and deprive aliens of justice, but do not fear me,” says the Lord Almighty.

Malachi 3:5

Redeem me from the oppression of men, that I may obey your precepts. Make your face shine upon your servant and teach me your decrees. Streams of tears flow from my eyes, for your law is not obeyed.

Psalms 119: 134-136

They cast lots for my people and traded boys for prostitutes; they sold girls for wine they might drink.

Joel 3:3

This is what the Lord my God says: “Pasture the flock marked for slaughter. Their buyers slaughter them and go unpunished. Those who sell them say, ‘Praise the Lord, I am rich!’ So I pastured the flock marked for slaughter, particularly the oppressed of the flock.”

Zechariah 11:4-5a,7a

Then one of the Twelve - the one called Judas Iscariot - went to the chief priests and asked, “What are you willing to give me if I hand him over to you?” So they counted out for him thirty silver coins. From then on Judas watched for an opportunity to hand him over.

Matthew 26:14-16