

Redefining 'Good' (Malachi 2:17; 3:2-5)

"All who do evil are good in the eyes of the LORD..."

Claim #1: We get to define what is _____ and ____.

God's response: He will refine us and ____ what is ____ in us.

The God of Justice (Malachi 2:17; 3:1, 5-7)

"Where is the God of justice?"

Claim #2: God's justice is ______.

Which justice are we talking about?

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(Locke, Hume)				(Marx)	
You are wholly the product of your individual choices				You are wholly the product of social forces and structure	
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LIBERTA	RIAN	LIBERAL	UTILITARIAN	POSTMODERN	
Justice is bas about	ically	Justice is basically about	Justice is basically about	Justice is basically about	
FREEDO	M	FAIRNESS	HAPPINESS	POWER	

God's re	sponse: The God of justice is	·
	l justice: aligns with what God defines as _	
2.	calls us to join God in <i>his</i> work of around us.	the

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Malachi 3:5

Digging Deeper

Jeremiah 22:3 Isaiah 1:15-18; 58:6-10 Matthew 23:23 Luke 18:7-8 James 2:1-13; 5:1-6

"He has shown all you people what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."

Micah 6:8

God has to right the wrong in us before we can right the wrongs around us.

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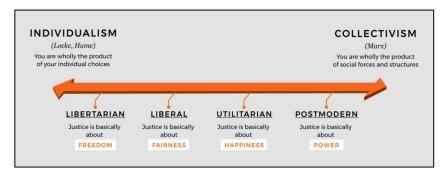
God's response: He will refine us and <u>right</u> what is <u>wrong</u> in us.

The God of Justice (Malachi 2:17; 3:1, 5-7)

"Where is the God of justice?"

Claim #2: God's justice is absent.

Which justice are we talking about?



God's response: The God of justice is present.

Biblical justice:

- 1. aligns with what God defines as good, right, and true.
- 2. calls us to join God in *his* work of <u>righting</u> the <u>wrongs</u> around us.

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