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A Study of the Attributes of God
 Would You Rather Have An Unjust God?
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Righteousness and Justice

Psalm 89:14 Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne; steadfast love and faithfulness go before you.

Definitions:

God's Righteousness: God always _____ what is right, always _____ to His law, and is Himself the final _____ of what is right.

God's Justice: The expression of His righteousness as He requires all to adhere to His standards of rightness and _____ or _____ accordingly.

Exploring Righteousness and Justice:

1. God is always _____ and always _____. (Ps 145:17, 11:7, 92:15)

Rule #1: God is always right and just.

- God's law and commands are as _____ as He is. (Psalm 19:8-9, 119:138)
- God's justice means He gives us what we truly _____.
(Rev 16:5-7; Ecc 12:13-14)

Rule #2: If He appears wrong or unjust, _____.

- We aren't seeing the full picture. (Ps 73:11-17; Ez 18:25-29)
 - The justice of God must not be evaluated on a _____ basis!
 - God's sovereignty is allowing it for now for _____.
 - The final verdict is justice.

2. God's justice requires that evil will be dealt with: God's _____
(Ps 7:11-17)

Wrath of God: His right, just, and loving eternal detestation and _____ of all unrighteousness.

A. Sin is rebellion against God's authority and cannot be _____.
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B. God in holiness and righteousness, always _____ sin and reacts against it (11-13; Nahum 1:2-3; Rom 1:18, 22-24)

Does that make God mean, evil, and arbitrary?

C. God's just wrath ultimately leads to _____ punishment of the soul for all who do not believe.

3. God has _____ what He demands!

"How canst Thou justify a wicked man and still be just?" - Anselm

A. The _____ of God

B. Christ bears _____ in our place. (Rom 3:23-26; John 3:36)

Resolving love and justice:

Our Response:

A. Love the _____ - detest _____. (Amos 5:15; Deut 4:23-24, 7:9-11)

B. Leave _____ to God. (Rom 12:19)

C. Praise God for His justice and deliverance. (Rom 5:8-10; 1 Thes 1:10)

Equipping - Memorization:

Jer 9:24 but let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows me, that I am the Lord who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth. For in these things I delight, declares the Lord."