**TEXT: Deuteronomy 32:4** 

TITLE: "God is Righteous!" (Series: Attributes of

God)

- → God is righteous in at least 7 ways!
- → We have been studying the attributes of God. So far, we have seen that God is Holy, Eternal, Present Everywhere (Omnipresent), Faithful, Gracious, Immutable, Love, Sovereign, All-Powerful Omnipotent), All-Knowing (Omniscient), True, Wise and today, Righteous.

## **How is God Righteous?**

### 1. In His C

\* God is Rock, perfect, upright just, truth, righteous, upright and Father.

**Deuteronomy 32:4** *He is* the Rock, His work *is* perfect; For all His ways *are* justice, A God of truth and without injustice; Righteous and upright *is* He.

### 2. In His J

- \* God is THE Righteous Judge:
- A. Over Sodom and Gomorrah

**Genesis 18:25** "Far be it from You to do such a thing as this, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous should be as the wicked; far be it from You! Shall not the Judge of all the earth **do right**?"

- **B.** Over Pharaoh and the Egyptians
- \* God was righteous to judge the Egyptians and to spare Israel—vv. 24-26.

**Exodus 9:27** And Pharaoh sent and called for Moses and Aaron, and said to them, "I have sinned this time. **The LORD** *is* **righteous**, and my people and I *are* wicked.

#### C. Over the Disobedient Israelites

# \* God was just to let His covenant people fall to enemy hands.

**Nehemiah 9:33** However **You are just** in all that has befallen us; For You have dealt faithfully, But we have done wickedly.

### 3. In His W

- A. His Word matches His Character
- \* God is righteous and so is His Word—Judgments!

**Psalm 119:137** Righteous *are* You, O LORD, And upright *are* Your judgments.

## B. The judgments of Yahweh are completely righteous!

**Psalm 19:9** The fear of the LORD *is* clean, enduring forever; The judgments of the LORD *are* true *and* righteous altogether.

#### C. God's Word is righteous!

**Psalm 119:123** My eyes fail *from seeking* Your salvation And Your righteous word.

# D. God's commandments are holy, just (righteous) and good!

**Romans 7:12** Therefore the law *is* holy, and the commandment holy and just and good.

#### 4. In His M

## A. The Messiah Has Many Descriptions

**Acts 3:13** "The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified <u>His Servant Jesus</u>, whom you delivered up and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let *Him* go.

**Acts 3:14** "But you denied the Holy One and the Just, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you,

Acts 3:15 "and killed the Prince of life, whom God raised from the dead, of which we are witnesses.

- 1. His Servant Jesus
- 2. The Holy One
- 3. The Just
- 4. Prince of Life

#### **B.** The Messiah Was Foretold

Acts 7:52 "Which of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? And they killed those who foretold the coming of the Just One, of whom you now have become the betrayers and murderers,

#### **C. The Messiah Changes Lives**

**Acts 22:14** "Then he said, `The God of our fathers has chosen you that you should know His will, and see **the Just One**, and hear the voice of His mouth.

#### 5. In His S

**Romans 3:25-26** whom God set forth *as* a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate <u>His righteousness</u>, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed, <sup>26</sup> to demonstrate at the present time <u>His righteousness</u>, that <u>He might be just (righteous)</u> and <u>the justifier (declare righteous)</u> of the one who has faith in Jesus.

- **1 Peter 3:18** For Christ also suffered once for sins, <u>the just for the unjust</u>, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit,
  - A. Jesus (Just) Died in the Place of Us (Unjust)
  - **B. God is Righteous because Sin Debt Was Paid**
  - C. God can Declare Righteous those Who Believe in Jesus

#### 6. In His F

\* God is righteous to forgive us our sins when we confess.

**1 John 1:9** If we confess our sins, <u>He is faithful and just</u> to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

#### **7. In His F**

**Isaiah 24:16** From the ends of the earth we have heard songs: "**Glory to the Righteous!**" But I said, "I am ruined, ruined! Woe to me! The treacherous dealers have dealt treacherously, Indeed, the treacherous dealers have dealt very treacherously."

**Revelation 15:3** They sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying: "Great and marvelous *are* Your works, Lord God Almighty! **Just and true** *are* Your ways, O King of the saints!

**Revelation 16:5** And I heard the angel of the waters saying: "You are <u>righteous, O Lord</u>, The One who is and who was and who is to be, Because You have judged these things.

**Revelation 16:7** And I heard another from the altar saying, "Even so, Lord God Almighty, true and <u>righteous</u> are Your judgments."

## **APPLICATION:**