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## THE JUSTICE OF GOD: OUR POINT OF CONTACT

The contact point of Adam and ISHAH with God was the love and grace of God. All the blessing of the Garden came from this point of contact. Justice was not man's point of contact with God for several reasons:

- ◆ They were perfect individuals
- ◆ They were sinless
- ◆ Their environment was perfect
- ◆ Justice was not yet challenged by rejection of divine authority

Adam and ISHAH were simply the perfect work of the perfect God, and they would stay that way as long as they did not reject God's authority. Only one reference to the justice of God existed in the Garden. This was a warning that justice would become their point of contact if they ate from the forbidden tree of the knowledge of good and evil. The nature of this tree, like that of the tree of life, has been long misunderstood.

The tree of good and evil embodied Satan's plan. The connective "and" is not a contrast, but a link of two similar concepts. Good and evil was and is the sum total of Satan's policy for ruling the world and for proving himself to be as good as God: to eat from this tree was to agree and accept the demonic doctrine.

Adam was the ruler of the earth during the Age of perfection. They were created and placed in the Garden to resolve the angelic conflict; they were protected from Satan's influence as long as they had positive volition toward God and His doctrine. Now, the two trees in the middle of the Garden represented the opposing sides in the angelic conflict. Adam and ISHAH joined the rebel's group.

Satan is the sovereign of the world (John 12:31, 14:30, 16:11, 2 Corinthians 4:4, Ephesians 2:2), and he rules through the policy, which he naturally calls "good", but which God calls "evil" (Galatians 1:4). Evil is the sum total of Satan's genius; it is his thinking totally opposed to the mind of Christ- the Bible doctrine.

Every person born into this world (except the perfect humanity of Christ) is a natural citizen of the devil's world. We are all born under divine condemnation: physically alive but spiritually dead. All because Adam rejected God's provisions in the Garden and decided to eat from the tree of knowledge of Satan's plan, and plunged the entire human race into spiritual death –under Satan's regime. Every person born into this world is a certified enemy of God living in the enemy's territory and also serving the enemy.

At the fall, Adam and ISHAH came under a new system. No longer perfect, no longer sinless, no longer qualified to stay in a perfect Garden. Their point of contact ceased to be His love. Their new, depraved condition demanded justice, and justice immediately went into action.

Righteousness is the principle of His integrity. Justice is the function. Love is the motivation of the policy of divine integrity:

Righteousness demands righteousness - Justice demands justice

What the righteousness of God demands, the justice of God executes in love.