Tzedakah and Mishpat

"The way of the Lord—doing righteousness (tzedakah) and justice (mishpat)" (Gen. 18:19)



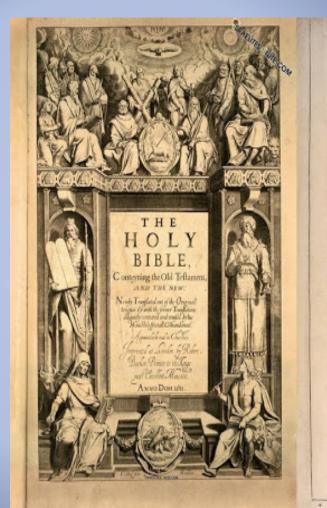
Amos 5:24—"Let *mishpat* roll down like waters and *tzedakah* like a mighty stream"

King James and Justice

"Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his justice"

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for justice"

"If your justice does not exceed that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven"





HIGH AND MIGHTIE Prince, IAMES by the grace of God

King of Great Britaine, France and Ireland,

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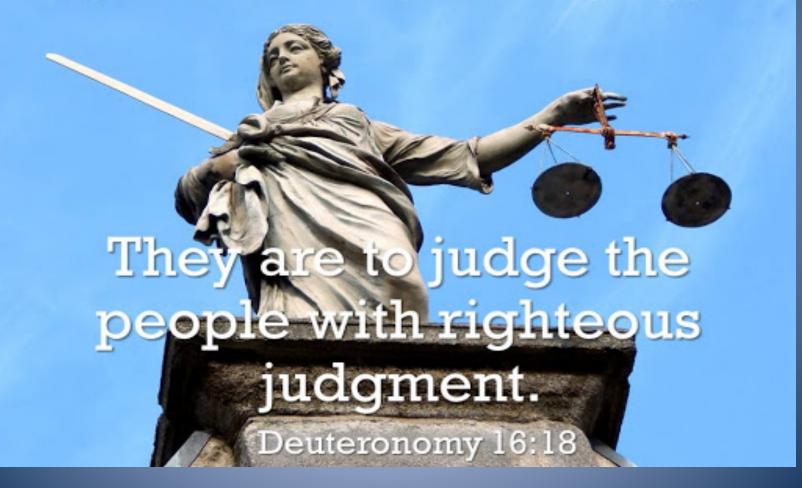
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Justice does not wear a blindfold

Appoint judges and officials for your tribes in all your towns the Lord your God is giving you.



Compassionate Justice

"If you take your neighbor's cloak as a pledge, return it by sunset, for it is his only covering for his body. What else can he sleep in? When he cries out to me, I will hear for I am compassionate."

(Ex. 22:26-27)

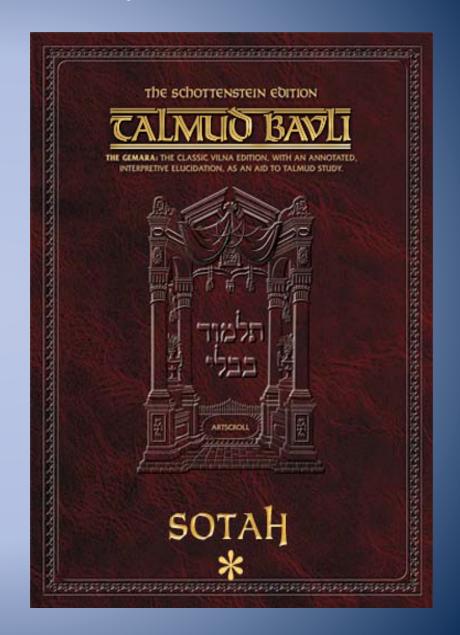


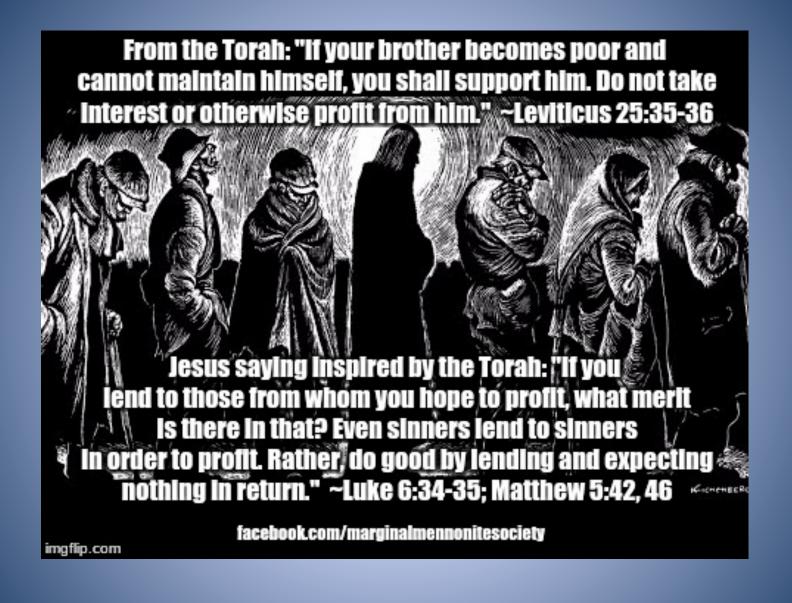
Pottery Fragment, 630 BC, found near Tel Aviv, in which a harvest worker appeals to the governor for the return of his cloak which was taken by his supervisor

Commentary on Deuteronomy 21:1-9

"Did it enter our minds that the Elders of a court of justice are shedders of blood? Rather, (it means) that the victim did not come to us and we dismissed him without supplying him with food; we did not see him and then leave him to depart alone without escort."

(*Sotah* 45b)





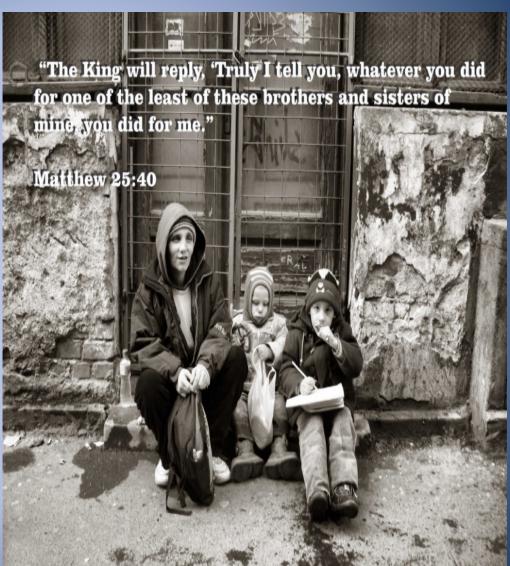
Knowing God

"... He did what was right and just, ... He defended the cause of the poor and needy, ...

Is that not what it means to know me?" declares the Lord.

Jeremiah 22:15-16 NIV





Tzedakah: Giving as Justice

Even a poor person who lives on tzedakah is obligated to give tzedakah to another.

(Gittin 7b)





