

INJUSTICE

Injustice is especially difficult to deal with when it enters our lives from people we trusted.

Satan knows how to use this sword and has cut down many with its blade.

Injustice takes place in the family of God where we fail to truly represent the character of God to each other.

Whenever and wherever we live our lives out of line with God's plumbline we have the potential for wounding others. Also we have the potential for being wounded ourselves.

3 Foundational Principles:

1. God is just in all of His ways.
2. Satan is unjust in all of his ways.
3. Man is unjust in many of his ways.

Proverbs 18:14 says "The spirit of a man will sustain his infirmity but a wounded spirit who can bear?"

What does it mean to be wounded in our spirit? How does it happen?

Painful wounding can happen as a result of the unloving attitudes, actions, or words of others.

What are the symptoms?

In a more passive person: self-pity, self-condemnation, introspection, self-hatred, depression and even suicidal tendencies.

In a more aggressive person: anger, criticism, condemning, hateful and even violent to those close to them.

We use 50% of our mental and emotional energy just to suppress the wounds from the past.

If we are using all this energy still dealing with woundedness in our lives do you think God is going to leave this area out of His plan of redemption?

God recognizes woundedness. He recognizes our need for healing in this area.

Healing for Injustice

1. **It is God's desire to heal the wounded and broken-hearted.**
Psalm 147:3
Psalm 34:18
Isaiah 61:1

Man cannot cope with this problem in his own strength.
Jeremiah 30:12

But what man cannot do, God can. Jeremiah 17:14; 30:17

2. **Jesus is the Wounded Healer.**

When you get wounded, hide yourself in His wounds.
Isaiah 53:1-5

He was a wounded person, a rejected and forsaken person as One from whom men hid their faces. The ones He was trying to bring to Himself were the very ones who were plotting to destroy His life. They wounded Him and heaped pain and injustices upon Him. **No one has suffered more injustice than Jesus has!**

Why did Jesus place Himself in a position to experience so much pain, injustice and wounding?

1 Peter 2:21-24

Jesus became the One who bears the wounds of our spirit. Through His rejection we can come to the place of acceptance in the arms of His love.

Jesus reached out with one hand towards rebellion and allowed the nail to go into His hand for the pride of your life and mine. With the other He reached out towards rejection and allowed the nail to go into His hand for the unbelief of our hearts and the lies we believed. And he hung there on the cross, wounded, broken, despised, rejected with all the fury of the enemy hurled at him. No one suffered greater injustice than Jesus did!

Whatever you are suffering now or have suffered in the past, He has been there before you.

(Hebrews 4:15-16)

As Dean Sherman has said, "Every hurt you experienced, every injustice, He experienced it with you. God took it in and recorded it in His infinite mind and emotions. Nothing has escaped Him! He is actively, lovingly, and emotionally involved in the life of every human being in this planet."

All the suffering of the world was born by the heart of Christ! God's grace at Calvary reaches down to the very worst of human suffering and cruelty. Christ's ministry at the cross holds the key to healing the deepest affliction in any of our lives.

At the cross we find cleansing for sin and healing for our wounds. God has made provision for wounding just as He has for sin.

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—Henry Shrock

The Keys:

1. Forgive as Christ forgave you.
2. Repent of your sin in the matter.
3. Turn the injustice over to God and look to Him alone to provide for your life.
4. Rebuke the devil and forbid him to have any influence in your life.
5. Ask God to heal your heart and make you whole again.

"The Lord gives strength to His people. The Lord blesses His people with peace." *(Psalm 29:11 NIV)*

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