



**Title** | Social Justice & Worship  
**Series** | Sounds Good, But . . .  
**Text** | Topical  
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## Sermon Notes

**Jeremiah 22:3** Thus says the LORD:  
Do justice and righteousness, and deliver  
from the hand of the oppressor him who  
has been robbed. And do no wrong or  
violence to the resident alien, the  
fatherless, and the widow, nor shed  
innocent blood in this place.

**Genesis 1:1** In the beginning,  
God created . . .

**Genesis 1:27**  
So God created man in his own image,  
in the image of God he created him;  
male and female he created them.

**Romans 1:25** . . . they exchanged the  
truth about God for a lie and worshiped  
and served the creature rather than  
the Creator . . .

**Psalms 51:3** For I know my  
transgressions, and my sin is ever before  
me. **4** Against you, you only, have I sinned  
and done what is evil in your sight . . . **5**  
Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and  
in sin did my mother conceive me. *ESV*

### Big Idea:

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## **For Reflection and Application:**

### **Monday:**

Read Jeremiah 22:3. Is doing justice optional for the believer in Jesus?

### **Tuesday:**

How would you define social justice? How would you define worship? How are the two related?

### **Wednesday:**

Read Genesis 1. From a biblical point of view, who or what is the source of our identity and purpose? Why is this important? How does being made in the image of God relate to social justice?

### **Thursday:**

Read Romans 1:25. The apostle Paul identifies the source of all injustice. What is it? How are Adam and Eve in Genesis 3 examples of such injustice?

### **Friday:**

At its root, all injustice is misplaced worship. What do you think of this idea? In what ways might you struggle with misplaced worship? What might need to change, and how can you make the needed change?

Recommended reading: *Confronting Injustice Without Compromising Truth* by Thaddeus J. Williams.

### **Daily Prayer:**

Lord, please help me to have no other gods before you. Forgive me for misplaced worship. Help me to worship you alone that I may be your agent for justice in the world. Amen.