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**Department of Christian Education**  
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**Sunday School Lessons**  
**Unit One**  
**"God Requires Justice"**  
**March 2020**

The study this quarter focuses on justice as presented in Scriptures from the prophets and in the reading for Easter Sunday, which is taken from First Corinthians. The prophets communicated God's will to the people. They called for repentance and justice. Unit I, "God Requires Justice," is a five-lesson study from four of the minor prophets. The prophets issue God's call for justice in the conduct of human affairs. Amos, Habakkuk, Micah, and Malachi convey that the laws of God require justice for the poor and the oppressed. In Lesson 3 for children, an alternative Scripture from the Psalms is used to emphasize the reward for those who practice justice, rather than the punishment for those who do not, the emphasis in the lessons for youth and adults. The last two lessons from Micah and Malachi are a study of the responsibilities of leaders for practicing justice.

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Unifying Principle

Just leaders act honorably toward constituents. How do just leaders act toward others? Malachi admonishes the priests to turn from their wickedness, revere God, and reap a rich harvest for promoting godly justice.

Goals for the Learners

- ✓ To understand the significance of justice for spiritual leadership.
- ✓ To affirm the value of covenanted reverence of God for leadership.
- ✓ To practice just spiritual leadership.

Challenges for the Week

- What are some ways we share similar attitudes with the disrespectful priests in this passage?
- How are ways modern leaders act toward constituents and others? Are they honorable and just?
- Compose a prayer for the pastoral leadership of the church.
- What are some contemporary scandals of religious leaders? How have those profaned God's holy name?
- What is the process in the CME Church for choosing godly leaders?
- How can we avoid and guard against pride and unfair judgment when discussing failures of religious leaders?



We are providing these notes from the Committee on Uniform Series that prepares associated Sunday School lesson outlines long in advance of their usage. Included in this Guide are thoughts that are reflected in the Lesson Development Guide for writers of Sunday school lessons and the recommended commentary of the Department of Christian Education, The New International Lesson Annual published by Abingdon Press Nashville, Tennessee. Send an email to: [sundayschool@thecmechurchced.org](mailto:sundayschool@thecmechurchced.org) to receive this guide electronically each week.

