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## The Cry for Righteousness

“This is not fair.” “Give me justice!” These statements and others like them are commonly heard in this nation, USA. However, other nations that I have been around do not seem to cry as loud or long as we do. They more readily accept injustice. From the beginning of the nation, the foundation was justice and righteousness. Being a part of this nation there is an inherent cry for this righteousness in each inhabitant. Disciples of Christ are uniquely equipped to answer that cry. It starts with the individual.

**Psalms 1:1-6 ESV** Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; (2) but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night. (3) He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers. (4) The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away. (5) Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; (6) for the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

That cry is going out now. Can you *hear* it? Can you *feel* it? Righteousness, doing what God wants, is longing for someone to respond to it. It is time to put away all of the empty talking and complaining. Is doing the right thing important to you? Is pleasing your creator your priority? If so, do something about it. Answer this cry for righteousness.

Having answered it, you might ask in great zeal, “Who do I need to correct now?” “What injustice should I confront first?” “Which corrupt leader should I remove from power?” The Lord’s response shocks many, “Deal with your own unrighteousness first.” “But Lord, You know how bad it is down here. What about...” He does not want to hear it. He has spoken. He expects obedience. Become righteous.

This passage shows you some keys to increase your righteousness. **1. Avoid corrupted people** – They always seem to find a way into your life. They will try to get you to do the same bad things they are doing. They belittle and mock others constantly. They want you to join them. The company you keep is important. Do not make it these kinds of people. Time and time again, I have seen them bring people down. You will not give in to them. No, you will avoid them because you are crying for righteousness. **2. Love God’s Word** – You know the Bible is the inspired Word of God. If you truly hold it in high esteem, then find time to receive from it. Allow the Holy Spirit to speak to you. Constantly consider it as you walk out your life. Apply it practically into everyday life situations. Righteousness will start manifesting.

These two things are simple but often neglected in our day. However, if you faithfully follow them, your righteousness will increase. They change you for the better, pleasing the Father by your heart and actions.

After this, God will take care of you and your desire to affect others. When you trust the Lord, and work on what He wants, He will take care of you. You will be productive in all that you do. Things will start happening. People will begin to look to you. At that point, you will be in position to begin to bring justice and righteousness to others. God will direct you how to do this. Corruption will be dealt with and the Kingdom will come forth. Let’s answer the cry. Much work needs to be done.

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