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Our study of "*wisdom*" and related words in the Old Testament begins with and is based upon the following passage which Solomon wrote to his son, Jeroboam, desiring that he would acquire skill in righteous living and be prepared to be his successor upon the throne of Judah. It appears that Solomon wrote these Proverbs when he was still a young man and his son just a child; for we know, from Solomon's writings in Ecclesiastes, the book of his old age, that, even though he was extremely wise and blessed by God, he did not apply many of these Proverbs to his own life. Even so, we find these first verses of Proverbs are so rich in meaning and guidance that God surely inspired and dictated these very words.

Ten different words found in the following verses will be the focus of our study:

The Proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel;

To know **WISDOM**²⁴⁵¹

and **INSTRUCTION**;⁴¹⁴⁸

to **PERCEIVE**⁹⁹⁵ the words of **UNDERSTANDING**;⁹⁹⁸

To receive the **INSTRUCTION**⁴¹⁴⁸

of **WISDOM**,⁷⁹¹⁹ **JUSTICE**,⁶⁶⁶⁴ and **JUDGMENT**,⁴⁹⁴¹ and **EQUITY**,⁴³³⁹

To give **SUBTLETY**⁶¹⁹⁵ to the simple,

to the young man **KNOWLEDGE**¹⁸⁴⁷ and **DISCRETION**.⁴²⁰⁹

*A wise man will hear, and will increase **LEARNING**,³⁹⁴⁸ and a man of **UNDERSTANDING**⁹⁹⁵ shall attain unto wise counsels: To understand a Proverb, and the interpretation; the words of the wise, and their dark sayings.*

*The fear of the Lord is the beginning of **KNOWLEDGE**.¹⁸⁴⁷*

*but fools despise **WISDOM**²⁴⁵¹ and **INSTRUCTION**⁴¹⁴⁸*

(Proverbs 1:1-7).

STRONGS

6664 – [tsedeq /tsehdek/] noun masculine. From 6663; TWOT 1879a; 116 occurrences; AV translates as "*righteousness*" 77 times, "*just*" 11 times, "*justice*" 10 times, "*righteous*" eight times, "*righteously*" three times, "*right*" three times, "*righteous cause*" once, "*unrighteousness*" once, and translated miscellaneous twice. **Outline of Biblical Usage:** 1 justice, rightness, righteousness. 1A what is right or just or normal, rightness, justness (of weights and measures). 1B righteousness (in government). 1B1 of judges, rulers, kings. 1B2 of law. 1B3 of Davidic king, Messiah. 1B4 of Jerusalem as seat of just government. 1B5 of God's attribute. 1C righteousness, justice (in case or cause). 1D rightness (in speech). 1E righteousness (as ethically right). 1F righteousness (as vindicated), justification (in controversy), deliverance, victory, prosperity. 1F1 of God as covenant-keeping in redemption. 1F2 in name of Messianic king. 1F3 of people enjoying salvation. 1F4 of Cyrus.

6663 – [tsadaq /tsawdak/] verb. A primitive root; TWOT 1879; 41 occurrences; AV translates as "*justify*" 23 times, "*righteous*" 10 times, "*just*" three times, "*justice*" twice, "*cleansed*" once, "*clear ourselves*" once, and "*righteousness*" once. **Outline of Biblical Usage:** 1 to be just, be righteous. 1A (Qal). 1A1 to have a just cause, be in the right. 1A2 to be justified. 1A3 to be just (of God). 1A4 to be just, be righteous (in conduct and character). 1B (Niphal) to be put or made right, be justified. 1C (Piel) justify, make to appear righteous, make someone righteous. 1D (Hiphil). 1D1 to do or bring justice (in administering law). 1D2 to declare righteous, justify. 1D3 to justify, vindicate the cause of, save. 1D4 to make righteous, turn to righteousness. 1E (Hithpael) to justify oneself.

TWOT

- 1879a – ([cedeq](#)) justice, rightness.
 1879b – ([cdqâ](#)) justice, righteousness.
 1879c – ([caddlq](#)) just, lawful, righteous.

This root basically connotes conformity to an ethical or moral standard. It is claimed by Snaith (N. Snaith, *Distinctive Ideas of the OT*, Schocken, 1964, p. 73) **"the original significance of the root [cedeq](#) to have been 'to be straight.'**" But he adds that it stands for a "norm." Perhaps the origin of the word is not so clear or even significant. Words having a secular origin often are baptized into special meanings and a word originally meaning straight may develop easily into a moral term just so canon "rod," "measuring rule" becomes a standardized list of sacred books. [cedeq](#), then, refers to an ethical, moral standard and of course in the OT that standard is the nature and will of God. "The Lord is righteous ([caddlq](#)) in all his ways and holy in all his works" (Psalm 145:17).

The masculine [cedeq](#) occurs 118 times, the feminine [daqâ](#) 156 times. The two forms do not differ in meaning, as far as we can prove (Snaith, *ibid.*, p. 72).

The earliest usages of [cedeq](#) or [cdqâ](#) (except Genesis 15:6; 18:19; 30:33, [sdqâ](#)) occur in relation to the functions of judges. All of their deliverances or decisions are to be according to the truth and without partiality (Leviticus 19:15). It is applied similarly to weights and measures (Leviticus 19:36).

Commercial fraud and deception are not allowed. In both these usages is seen the basic sense of **"not deviating from the standard."** The word describes three aspects of personal relationships: [ethical](#), [forensic](#), and [theocratic](#).

The [ethical](#) aspect involves the conduct of men with one another. It is held by some (Achte-meier, *The Gospel of Righteousness*, pp. 68-70) that righteousness is the quality of relationships between individuals. What follows from this view, however, is that righteousness is a matter of current norms. **Actually, righteousness is exhibited only through conformity to standards set out in the word of God.**

The man who is righteous tries to preserve the peace and prosperity of the community by fulfilling the commands of God in regard to others. In the supreme sense the righteous man ([caddlq](#)) is one who serves God (Malachi 3:18). Specifically, he, like Job, delivers the poor and orphan, helps the blind along the way, supports the weak and is a father (provider) to the poor (Job 29:12-15). This was the righteous "clothing" of Job's life. To return the poor man's pledged coat before sundown so that it may serve as his night clothes is righteousness (Deuteronomy 24:13), the purpose in this case being the man's comfort. **But the "righteousness" consisted in obedience to God's law and conformity to God's nature, having mercy for the needy and helpless.** Among other right-eousnesses of Job were his care for the traveler (Job 31:31-32), eschewing wealth for its own sake (31:24-25), thus not victimizing himself or others in its pursuit. Nor did he squeeze out of his servants the last ounce of effort (31:13) having their limits of strength and comfort in mind. Job's long oath of innocence was a declaration of righteousness as the three friends recognized (32:1).

The [caddlq](#) gives freely (Psalm 37:21), without regard for gain. The presence of this kind of people is the exaltation of the nation (Proverbs 14:34), and the memory of the righteous man is a blessing. When men follow God, righteousness is said to dwell in the city (Isaiah 1:21). But when sin rules, it becomes a harlot. To rule on behalf of the wicked for a price is perversion of righteousness, for it takes away the righteousness (decency, Godlikeness) of the righteous (Isaiah 5:23). David was (more) righteous than Saul because he refused to slay Saul when unprotected (I Samuel 24:7), although God seemingly had given Saul into his hands. The source of all this righteous conduct is the bestowal of God's judgments (or laws) and righteousness on his people (Psalm 72:1-2).

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The above discussion elucidates the message of the prophets, whose cry for righteousness rang throughout the land. Amos cried for justice in the gates (5:15, 24) that is, that right institutions be rightly administered. All who function in public areas are to be righteous in all they do — not for all they do. Beautiful singing will not persuade God to accept corrupt religious practice (Amos 5:23–24). Jeremiah declares that justice and righteousness together means to deliver the weak, to do no violence to them, nor to shed innocent blood. This righteousness will preserve the city (Jeremiah 22:14).

Whether by nations or individuals, righteous conduct can only be secured by plowing up fallow ground, sowing in righteousness, and reaping in mercy, i.e. making a new base for righteousness (Hosea 10:12). All must become new persons whose actions are governed by the law of God. **Righteous conduct issues from a new heart** (Ezekiel 36:25–27). Habakkuk puts it another way: the just shall live by his faith (Habakkuk 2:4). Isaiah (32:15–17) couples righteousness with the work of the Spirit, all resulting in peace and therefore eternal, assured quietness. It is possible that this thought lies behind the figure in Psalm 85:10, **"Righteousness and peace have kissed each other."** Because there has been reconciliation between man and God, peace comes to bless his way. Isaiah apparently refers to the state of these people: **"thy people shall all be righteous."** True ethics derive from imparted righteousness.

The **forensic** aspect of cedeq applies to the equality of all, rich and poor, before the law. The righteous one, the caddiq, is not to be put to death (Exodus 23:7) for the law does not condemn him. The man who has the position of right (the righteousness of the righteous, cidqat caddiq) in litigation must not be turned aside, (Isaiah 5:23). It should be emphasized that in Israel's law the judge was not considering a man's innocence with regard to breaking a human law, but a man's righteousness in regard to God's law. Today a man may transgress a statute but be innocent before God. In the OT law, to be innocent and to be righteous were one and the same. The maintenance of righteousness is frequently expressed by the Hiphil stem. This construction refers to making righteous or to declaring righteous.

The comparative status of right is expressed by Judah in comparison to Tamar (Genesis 38:26), i.e. she was within her rights to act as she did, Judah was not. But this is not a total approbation of her actions. A just or true claim is a **"righteousness"** (Psalm 17:1; 18:20), always opposing the lie (Psalm 37:6). In terms of an individual involved in litigation, to be righteous means to be free from guilt in relation to any infraction of law (Genesis 30:33). One is righteous who is declared to be right (Exodus 23:7; Deuteronomy 25:1). Such is Job's affirmation (Job 19:7) (cf. *The Argument of the Book of Job Unfolded*, W. H. Greeves [New York: 1891], p. 188. It is the duty of judge and king to maintain righteousness in the community; Exodus 23:7-8; I Chronicles 18:14; Proverbs 16:12).

Noah, Daniel, and Job were righteous (Ezekiel 14:14, 20). Good conduct by an individual establishes a claim on the Lord of deliverance from calamitous judgment. Similarly, Genesis 15:6 teaches that Abraham received Isaac as his heir because his trust in God's promises was accounted as righteousness.

cedeq is used attributively when applied to God himself as to his character. The Lord is the just judge (II Chronicles 12:6; Psalm 11:7; Jeremiah 12:1; Lamentations 1:18) even to the utmost degree as the judge of all the earth (Deuteronomy 32:4; Psalm 119:137; Isa 5:16). Therefore his standards, his judgments set out in his word are righteous (Psalm 119:144, 160, 172). Being everlasting, they are the confidence of his people and will not fail. God's hate of sin and love of righteousness (Psalm 45:7) express his essential righteousness. Therefore righteousness and judgment are the habitation ("foundation" NASB, NIV) of God's throne, i.e. they always characterize his actions (Psalm 97:2).

Corollary to the forensic aspect of God's righteousness is the concept of salvation as vindication (cf. Isaiah 1:27; 46:13, in which tšûâ "salvation" occurs in parallelism with cdqâ. The salvation of God appears in this righteousness, for God delivers his people (Isaiah 51:1ff.). God is characterized as right

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in delivering his people (Psalm 85:9-11; 97:2). Cyrus is summoned to deliver God's people and is therefore termed righteous (Isaiah 42:6; 45:13). Because God is always righteous, his saving action is properly signified by his righteous right hand (Isaiah 41:10). His saving righteousness is expressed with judgment, fidelity, and love (Psalm 36:6-7) and with power (Psalm 71:19). Those who experience this deliverance celebrate it in song (Psalm 40; 10; 71:15-16).

The **covenant or theocratic aspect** involves the nation of Israel. The covenant requires obedience to God by the nation and is the way of his people (Psalm 1:1-6; Deuteronomy 6:25), a way of righteousness. God is righteous, under the covenant, when he delivers his people from trouble (Psalm 31:1), their enemies (Psalm 5:8), the wicked (Psalm 37:6) and when he is vindicating Israel before her foes or executing vengeance on them (Jeremiah 11:20). It is appropriate that Israel be assured of ultimate victory over her foes (Isaiah 54:14-17). In this last event the Lord is both righteous and the savior (Isaiah 45:21).

Yet God is just to deliver the national sanctuary to the sword of Israel's enemies on account of her sins. God's judgment is just and Israel's evil conduct can in no way be justified i.e. considered righteous. But the righteous ones remember the covenant to do it, and God's promise to them is their restoration (Isaiah 51:1-8). For Israel to look to her maker involved repentance and reform. On the basis of this new righteousness came a deliverance. Israel in exile was far from righteousness (Isaiah 46:12) but God would bring her back according to his own righteousness (Isaiah 46:13). Rather than finding here a meaning of deliverance, salvation or triumph for **cdqâ** as some do, it is better to find God's solution of the problem of justification for the sinner in the teaching of Isaiah 53 where the suffering servant justifies sinners by bearing their sin. This same forensic meaning of justification of the ungodly is a real precursor of Roman 3:26. So Israel's restoration to the land of promise is righteousness (Isaiah 46:12-13) and it is in righteousness that the Lord raises up Cyrus to restore Israel to the land (45:13). Such righteousness will be set out before all the world, for God will help Israel. In this fulfillment of the covenant God is declared righteous (Isaiah 54:14), and Israel's status is that of being righteous, **caddiq**.

The root presents a development or variety of usage.

1. The abstract meaning of conformity to some standard (Genesis 15:6), Abraham measuring up to the requirement of trust.
2. As a descriptive characteristic of God (Deuteronomy 32:4), as just and righteous, the standard being his own will and nature as the supreme being. The illustration of the potter and the clay, (Isaiah 45:9-12) points to the appropriateness of the divine decision.
3. **cdqâ** or **cedeq** when applied to God mean righteousness, his characteristics then becoming the ultimate standard of human conduct.
4. The visitation of punishment on moral infractions is an example of righteousness, as were God's judgments on Pharaoh for refusing to release the Israelites (Exodus 9:27). To judge sin is, one may say, a divine necessity for a righteous God
5. God shows his righteousness in vindicating the deserving among his people (Genesis 18:25). Although that righteousness may require punishment, it is followed by mercy upon repentance.
6. The work of justification is seen when David pleads for forgiveness (Psalm 51:14), calling on God to bestow deliverance without regard to merit to fulfill his obligation to his own standards. Implicit in this justification is the substitutionary sacrifice for sin sincerely offered as noted in Psalm 51:16-19. These verses were not a later addendum to the Psalm. They give the OT parallel to Rom 3:26.
7. The word describes the righteous standing of God's heirs to salvation, with no charge to be laid against them (Isaiah 54:17), this righteousness, actually possessed by Messiah (Jeremiah 23:6), is bestowed by him, thus pointing toward the New Testament doctrine of Christ our righteousness. The righteousness

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of God's heirs of salvation is the righteousness of the Messiah attributed to them by God through faith in the redemptive work of Messiah in which God declares them righteous only because of the grace provided through that redemptive work.

8. Finally in post-exilic times the root develops to mean benevolence, alms-giving etc. as acts of a godly man (cf. Psalm 112:9).

Leviticus 19:15 Ye shall do no unrighteousness in judgment: thou shalt not respect the person of the poor, nor honor the person of the mighty: but in **righteousness⁶⁶⁶⁴** shalt thou judge thy neighbor.

Leviticus 19:36 **Just⁶⁶⁶⁴** balances, **just⁶⁶⁶⁴** weights, a just ephah, and a **just⁶⁶⁶⁴** hin, shall ye have: I am the Lord your God, which brought you out of the land of Egypt.

Deuteronomy 1:16 And I charged your judges at that time, saying, Hear the causes between your brethren, and judge **righteously⁶⁶⁶⁴** between every man and his brother, and the stranger that is with him.

Deuteronomy 16:18 Judges and officers shalt thou make thee in all thy gates, which the Lord thy God giveth thee, throughout thy tribes: and they shall judge the people with **just⁶⁶⁶⁴** judgment.

Deuteronomy 16:20 That which is **altogether just⁶⁶⁶⁴** shalt thou follow, that thou mayest live, and inherit the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

Deuteronomy 25:15 But thou shalt have a perfect and **just⁶⁶⁶⁴** weight, a perfect and **just⁶⁶⁶⁴** measure shalt thou have: that thy days may be lengthened in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

Deuteronomy 33:19 They shall call the people unto the mountain; there they shall offer sacrifices of **righteousness:⁶⁶⁶⁴** for they shall suck of the abundance of the seas, and of treasures hid in the sand.

Job 6:29 Return, I pray you, let it not be iniquity; yea, return again, my **righteousness⁶⁶⁶⁴** is in it.

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- Job 8:3 Doth God pervert judgment? or doth the Almighty pervert **justice?**⁶⁶⁶⁴
- Job 8:6 If thou wast pure and upright; surely now he would awake for thee, and make the habitation of thy **righteousness**⁶⁶⁶⁴ prosperous.
- Job 29:14 I put on **righteousness**⁶⁶⁶⁴ and it clothed me: my judgment was as a robe and a diadem.
- Job 31:6 Let me be weighed in an **even**⁶⁶⁶⁴ balance, that God may know mine integrity.
- Job 35:2 Thinkest thou this to be right, that thou saidst, My **righteousness**⁶⁶⁶⁴ is more than God's?
- Job 36:3 I will fetch my knowledge from afar, and will ascribe **righteousness**⁶⁶⁶⁴ to my Maker.
- Psalms 4:1 To the chief Musician on Neginoth, A Psalm of David. Hear me when I call, O God of my **righteousness:**⁶⁶⁶⁴ thou hast enlarged me when I was in distress; have mercy upon me, and hear my prayer.
- Psalms 4:5 Offer the sacrifices of **righteousness,**⁶⁶⁶⁴ and put your trust in the Lord.
- Psalms 7:8 The Lord shall judge the people: judge me, O Lord, according to my **righteousness,**⁶⁶⁶⁴ and according to mine integrity that is in me.
- Psalms 7:17 I will praise the Lord according to his **righteousness:**⁶⁶⁶⁴ and will sing praise to the name of the Lord most high.
- Psalms 9:4 For thou hast maintained my right and my cause; thou satest in the throne judging **right.**⁶⁶⁶⁴
- Psalms 9:8 And he shall judge the world in **righteousness,**⁶⁶⁶⁴ he shall minister judgment to the people in uprightness.

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- Psalm 15:2 He that walketh uprightly, and worketh **righteousness,⁶⁶⁶⁴** and speaketh the truth in his heart.
- Psalm 17:1 A Prayer of David. Hear the **right,⁶⁶⁶⁴** O Lord attend unto my cry, give ear unto my prayer, that goeth not out of feigned lips.
- Psalm 17:15 As for me, I will behold thy face in **righteousness.⁶⁶⁶⁴** I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness.
- Psalm 18:20 The Lord rewarded me according to my **righteousness,⁶⁶⁶⁴** according to the cleanness of my hands hath he recompensed me.
- Psalm 18:24 Therefore hath the Lord recompensed me according to my **righteousness,⁶⁶⁶⁴** according to the cleanness of my hands in his eyesight.
- Psalm 23:3 He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of **righteousness⁶⁶⁶⁴** for his name's sake.
- Psalm 35:24 Judge me, O Lord my God, according to thy **righteousness,⁶⁶⁶⁴** and let them not rejoice over me.
- Psalm 35:27 Let them shout for joy, and be glad, that favor my **righteous cause:⁶⁶⁶⁴** yea, let them say continually, Let the Lord be magnified, which hath pleasure in the prosperity of his servant.
- Psalm 35:28 And my tongue shall speak of thy **righteousness⁶⁶⁶⁴** and of thy praise all the day long.
- Psalm 37:6 And he shall bring forth thy **righteousness⁶⁶⁶⁴** as the light, and thy judgment as the noonday.
- Psalm 40:9 I have preached **righteousness⁶⁶⁶⁴** in the great congregation: lo, I have not refrained my lips, O Lord, thou knowest.

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- Psalm 45:4 And in thy majesty ride prosperously because of truth and meekness and **righteousness;**⁶⁶⁶⁴ and thy right hand shall teach thee terrible things.
- Psalm 45:7 Thou lovest **righteousness,**⁶⁶⁶⁴ and hatest wickedness: therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.
- Psalm 48:10 According to thy name, O God, so is thy praise unto the ends of the earth: thy right hand is full of **righteousness.**⁶⁶⁶⁴
- Psalm 50:6 And the heavens shall declare his **righteousness;**⁶⁶⁶⁴ for God is judge himself. Selah.
- Psalm 51:19 Then shalt thou be pleased with the sacrifices of **righteousness,**⁶⁶⁶⁴ with burnt offering and whole burnt offering: then shall they offer bullocks upon thine altar.
- Psalm 52:3 Thou lovest evil more than good; and lying rather than to speak **righteousness.**⁶⁶⁶⁴ Selah.
- Psalm 58:1 To the chief Musician, Al-taschith, Michtam of David. Do ye indeed speak **righteousness,**⁶⁶⁶⁴ O congregation? do ye judge uprightly, O ye sons of men?
- Psalm 65:5 By terrible things in **righteousness**⁶⁶⁶⁴ wilt thou answer us, O God of our salvation; who art the confidence of all the ends of the earth, and of them that are afar off upon the sea:
- Psalm 72:2 He shall judge thy people with **righteousness,**⁶⁶⁶⁴ and thy poor with judgment.
- Psalm 85:10 Mercy and truth are met together; **righteousness**⁶⁶⁶⁴ and peace have kissed each other.
- Psalm 85:11 Truth shall spring out of the earth; and **righteousness**⁶⁶⁶⁴ shall look down from heaven.
- Psalm 85:13 **Righteousness**⁶⁶⁶⁴ shall go before him; and shall set us in the way of his steps.

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- Psalm 89:14 **Justice**⁶⁶⁶⁴ and judgment are the habitation of thy throne: mercy and truth shall go before thy face.
- Psalm 94:15 But judgment shall return unto **righteousness**⁶⁶⁶⁴ and all the upright in heart shall follow it.
- Psalm 96:13 Before the Lord: for he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth: he shall judge the world with **righteousness**⁶⁶⁶⁴ and the people with his truth.
- Psalm 97:2 Clouds and darkness are round about him: **righteousness**⁶⁶⁶⁴ and judgment are the habitation of his throne.
- Psalm 97:6 The heavens declare his **righteousness**⁶⁶⁶⁴ and all the people see his glory.
- Psalm 98:9 Before the Lord; for he cometh to judge the earth: with **righteousness**⁶⁶⁶⁴ shall he judge the world, and the people with equity.
- Psalm 118:19 Open to me the gates of **righteousness**⁶⁶⁶⁴ I will go into them, and I will praise the Lord:
- Psalm 119:7 I will praise thee with uprightness of heart, when I shall have learned thy **righteous**⁶⁶⁶⁴ judgments.
- Psalm 119:62 At midnight I will rise to give thanks unto thee because of thy **righteousness**⁶⁶⁶⁴ judgments.
- Psalm 119:75 I know, O Lord, that thy judgments are **right**⁶⁶⁶⁴ and that thou in faithfulness hast afflicted me.
- Psalm 119:106 I have sworn, and I will perform it, that I will keep thy **righteousness**⁶⁶⁶⁴ judgments.

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- Psalm 119:121 I have done judgment and **justice**⁶⁶⁶⁴ leave me not to mine oppressors.
- Psalm 119:123 Mine eyes fail for thy salvation, and for the word of thy **righteousness**⁶⁶⁶⁴
- Psalm 119:138 Thy testimonies that thou hast commanded are **righteous**⁶⁶⁶⁴ and very faithful.
- Psalm 119:142 Thy righteousness is an everlasting **righteousness**⁶⁶⁶⁴ and thy law is the truth.
- Psalm 119:144 The **righteousness**⁶⁶⁶⁴ of thy testimonies is everlasting: give me understanding, and I shall live.
- Psalm 119:160 Thy word is true from the beginning: and every one of thy **righteous**⁶⁶⁶⁴ judgments endureth forever.
- Psalm 119:164 Seven times a day do I praise thee because of thy **righteous**⁶⁶⁶⁴ judgments.
- Psalm 119:172 My tongue shall speak of thy word: for all thy commandments are **righteousness**⁶⁶⁶⁴
- Psalm 132:9 Let thy priests be clothed with **righteousness**⁶⁶⁶⁴ and let thy saints shout for joy.
- Proverbs 1:3 To receive the instruction of wisdom, **justice**⁶⁶⁶⁴ and judgment, and equity;
- Proverbs 2:9 Then shalt thou understand **righteousness**⁶⁶⁶⁴ and judgment, and equity; yea, every good path.
- Proverbs 8:8 All the words of my mouth are in **righteousness**⁶⁶⁶⁴ there is nothing froward or perverse in them.

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Proverbs 8:15 By me kings reign, and princes decree **justice**.⁶⁶⁶⁴

Proverbs 12:17 He that speaketh truth showeth forth **righteousness**.⁶⁶⁶⁴ but a false witness deceit.

Proverbs 16:13 **Righteous**⁶⁶⁶⁴ lips are the delight of kings; and they love him that speaketh right.

Proverbs 25:5 Take away the wicked from before the king, and his throne shall be established in **righteousness**.⁶⁶⁶⁴

Proverbs 31:9 Open thy mouth, judge **righteously**,⁶⁶⁶⁴ and plead the cause of the poor and needy.

Ecclesiastes 3:16 And moreover I saw under the sun the place of judgment, that wickedness was there; and the place of **righteousness**,⁶⁶⁶⁴ that iniquity was there.

Ecclesiastes 5:8 If thou seest the oppression of the poor, and violent perverting of judgment and **justice**⁶⁶⁶⁴ in a province, marvel not at the matter: for he that is higher than the highest regardeth; and there be higher than they.

Ecclesiastes 7:15 All things have I seen in the days of my vanity: there is a just man that perisheth in his **righteousness**,⁶⁶⁶⁴ and there is a wicked man that prolongeth his life in his wickedness.

Isaiah 1:21 How is the faithful city become a harlot! it was full of judgment; **righteousness**⁶⁶⁶⁴ lodged in it; but now murderers.

Isaiah 1:26 And I will restore thy judges as at the first, and thy counselors as at the beginning: afterward thou shalt be called, The city of **righteousness**,⁶⁶⁶⁴ the faithful city.

Isaiah 11:4 But with **righteousness**⁶⁶⁶⁴ shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked.

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- Isaiah 11:5 And **righteousness**⁶⁶⁶⁴ shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins.
- Isaiah 16:5 And in mercy shall the throne be established: and he shall sit upon it in truth in the tabernacle of David, judging, and seeking judgment, and hasting **righteousness**.⁶⁶⁶⁴
- Isaiah 26:9 With my soul have I desired thee in the night; yea, with my spirit within me will I seek thee early: for when thy judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn **righteousness**.⁶⁶⁶⁴
- Isaiah 26:10 Let favor be showed to the wicked, yet will he not learn **righteousness**:⁶⁶⁶⁴ in the land of uprightness will he deal unjustly, and will not behold the majesty of the Lord.
- Isaiah 32:1 Behold, a king shall reign in **righteousness**,⁶⁶⁶⁴ and princes shall rule in judgment.
- Isaiah 41:2 Who raised up the **righteous**⁶⁶⁶⁴ man from the east, called him to his foot, gave the nations before him, and made him rule over kings? he gave them as the dust to his sword, and as driven stubble to his bow.
- Isaiah 41:10 Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my **righteousness**.⁶⁶⁶⁴
- Isaiah 42:6 I the Lord have called thee in **righteousness**,⁶⁶⁶⁴ and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, for a light of the Gentiles;
- Isaiah 42:21 The Lord is well pleased for his **righteousness**'⁶⁶⁶⁴ sake; he will magnify the law, and it honorable.
- Isaiah 45:8 Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down **righteousness**:⁶⁶⁶⁴ let the earth open, and let them bring forth salvation, and let righteousness spring up together; I the Lord have created it.

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- Isaiah 45:13 I have raised him up in **righteousness**,⁶⁶⁶⁴ and I will direct all his ways: he shall build my city, and he shall let go my captives, not for price nor reward, saith the Lord of hosts.
- Isa 45:19 I have not spoken in secret, in a dark place of the earth: I said not unto the seed of Jacob, Seek ye me in vain: I the Lord speak **righteousness**,⁶⁶⁶⁴ I declare things that are right.
- Isaiah 51:1 Hearken to me, ye that follow after **righteousness**,⁶⁶⁶⁴ ye that seek the Lord: look unto the rock whence ye are hewn, and to the hole of the pit whence ye are digged.
- Isaiah 51:5 My **righteousness**⁶⁶⁶⁴ is near; my salvation is gone forth, and mine arms shall judge the people; the isles shall wait upon me, and on mine arm shall they trust.
- Isaiah 51:7 Hearken unto me, ye that know **righteousness**,⁶⁶⁶⁴ the people in whose heart is my law; fear ye not the reproach of men, neither be ye afraid of their revilings.
- Isaiah 58:2 Yet they seek me daily, and delight to know my ways, as a nation that did righteousness, and forsook not the ordinance of their God: they ask of me the ordinances of **justice**,⁶⁶⁶⁴ they take delight in approaching to God.
- Isaiah 58:8 Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily: and thy **righteousness**⁶⁶⁶⁴ shall go before thee; the glory of the Lord shall be thy rearward.
- Isaiah 59:4 None calleth for **justice**,⁶⁶⁶⁴ nor any pleadeth for truth: they trust in vanity, and speak lies; they conceive mischief, and bring forth iniquity.
- Isaiah 61:3 To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of **righteousness**,⁶⁶⁶⁴ the planting of the Lord, that he might be glorified.
- Isaiah 62:1 For Zion's sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until the **righteousness**⁶⁶⁶⁴ thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp that burneth.

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- Isaiah 62:2 And the Gentiles shall see thy **righteousness,⁶⁶⁶⁴** and all kings thy glory: and thou shalt be called by a new name, which the mouth of the Lord shall name.
- Isaiah 64:5 Thou meetest him that rejoiceth and worketh **righteousness,⁶⁶⁶⁴** those that remember thee in thy ways: behold, thou art wroth; for we have sinned: in those is continuance, and we shall be saved.
- Jeremiah 11:20 But, O Lord of hosts, that judgest **righteously,⁶⁶⁶⁴** that triest the reins and the heart, let me see thy vengeance on them: for unto thee have I revealed my cause.
- Jeremiah 22:13 Woe unto him that buildeth his house by **unrighteousness,⁶⁶⁶⁴** and his chambers by wrong; that useth his neighbor's service without wages, and giveth him not for his work;
- Jeremiah 23:6 In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this is his name whereby he shall be called, THE LORD OUR **RIGHTEOUSNESS.⁶⁶⁶⁴**
- Jeremiah 31:23 Thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel; As yet they shall use this speech in the land of Judah and in the cities thereof, when I shall bring again their captivity; The Lord bless thee, O habitation of **justice,⁶⁶⁶⁴** and mountain of holiness.
- Jeremiah 33:16 In those days shall Judah be saved, and Jerusalem shall dwell safely: and this is the name wherewith she shall be called, The Lord our **righteousness.⁶⁶⁶⁴**
- Jeremiah 50:7 All that found them have devoured them: and their adversaries said, We offend not, because they have sinned against the Lord, the habitation of **justice,⁶⁶⁶⁴** even the Lord, the hope of their fathers.
- Ezekiel 3:20 Again, When a righteous man doth turn **from his righteousness,⁶⁶⁶⁴** and commit iniquity, and I lay a stumblingblock before him, he shall die: because thou hast not given him warning, he shall die in his sin, and his righteousness which he hath done shall not be remembered; but his blood will I require at thine hand.

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Ezekiel 45:10 Ye shall have **just**⁶⁶⁶⁴ balances, and a **just**⁶⁶⁶⁴ ephah, and a **just**⁶⁶⁶⁴ bath.

Daniel 9:24 Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting **righteousness**,⁶⁶⁶⁴ and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy.

Hosea 2:19 And I will betroth thee unto me forever; yea, I will betroth thee unto me in **righteousness**,⁶⁶⁶⁴ and in judgment, and in lovingkindness, and in mercies.

Hosea 10:12 Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground: for it is time to seek the Lord, till he come and rain **righteousness**⁶⁶⁶⁴ upon you.

Zephaniah 2:3 Seek ye the Lord, all ye meek of the earth, which have wrought his judgment; seek **righteousness**,⁶⁶⁶⁴ seek meekness: it may be ye shall be hid in the day of the Lord's anger.