

## Daily Devotional, January 15, 2021

### “Justice and Righteousness”, (Amos 5:24, NKJV)

*“But let justice run down like water, And righteousness like a mighty stream”* (Amos 5:24)

Amos preached righteousness to a sinful generation, and extended warnings. The Day of the Lord will come upon those who are at ease as a thief in the night. The hypocrite will have no recourse in that day. But those who are doing the will of God, and living out His principles, will receive blessings from the Lord.

This Scripture came to my attention because it was directly quoted in Dr. King’s “I Have A Dream” speech in 1963. America had spent the previous hundred years since the Emancipation Proclamation talking about freedom and liberty for all, but she had not really done that much. The basic human dignity of certain folks was not being upheld. Sometimes it was upheld in word, but rarely was it upheld in deed. Today we have remedied many of the wrongs that Dr. King decried in his day, but we’ve got other problems now in our nation. Justice and righteousness are becoming increasingly rare in our society. May God’s remnant stop talking so much and start acting! Otherwise, the divine justice that we deserve is not going to be a good thing.

Consider your own ways. Do you celebrate the justice of God, or are you seeking justice favorable only to yourself, that your sin might be excused? By the way, that’s not possible. God’s justice is perfect. Do you have the righteousness of Christ Jesus which comes through saving faith in His work and promises? Are you following Him and walking with Him? Or just talking the game, using excuses about the difficulty of the times to not do what you know you ought? Is it sin that runs down like water in your life, and righteousness like a little drop of water? Let us each take a good look at ourselves, and carefully evaluate before God whether we are acting as His salt and light in the world He created, even as those of us who believe look forward to a sure hope in His Kingdom forever someday.