



## “Divine Justice”

No Evilfavoredness  
Deuteronomy 16:18-17:1

### God ordains:

#### I. Judges – “Judges and officers shall you make” (vs. 18-19)

Justice without:

- A. **Perversion** – “thou shall not wrest judgment”
- B. **Partiality** – “thou shall not respect persons”
- C. **Payoffs** - “neither take a gift”

#### II. Justice – “that which is altogether just” (v. 20)

Justice leads to:

- A. **Pursuits** - “which is altogether just shall thou follow”
- B. **Prosperity** – “that thou may live”
- C. **Property** – “inherit the land which the Lord thy God gives you”

#### III. Judgement – “which the Lord thy God hates” (vs. 21-22, 1)

Justice that confronts:

- A. **Immorality** – “You shall not plant thee a grove of any trees”
- B. **Images** – “Neither shall you set thee up any image”
- C. **Imperfections** – “wherein is blemish, or any evilfavoredness”

## Sentence Sermon

*None are ruined by the justice of God but those that hate to be reformed by the grace of God.* Matthew Henry

## Additional Verses

- **Proverbs 24:23**
- **Exodus 34:13**
- **Micah 6:8**
- **Psalms 19:9**
- **Judges 3:7**
- **Deuteronomy 1:17**
- **Proverbs 16:10**
- **Malachi 1:6-8**
- **Leviticus 22:17**
- **Exodus 18:13**
- **Proverbs 18:5**

## Questions to Ponder

1. What are the key words or phrases in this passage?
2. Who are the central characters of the passage?
3. Why do you think God had to tell Israel to make Judges?
4. How would you define justice?
5. What are some ways that justice can be perverted?
6. What does it mean to pursue justice and only justice?
7. Why does God hate images of other gods?
8. Why was it considered an abomination to sacrifice a blemished animal?
9. How can we seek justice and still love mercy?
10. What should we do or think when we are affected by some injustice?