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To justify the wicked is to ignore the evidence, side with his wickedness, and acquit the guilty. Sometimes, charges aren't even brought against the perpetrator, leaving their victims without a voice, feeling worthless and that nobody cares. Solomon

warns that condemning the just is also an abomination – our Holy God demands justice. These are wrongs which He will not forever endure – either in the halls of justice or in the court of public opinion. Take great care to search out a matter before throwing the weight of our voice for or against a person and let us guard our heart from bitterness and uncharitable feelings, as well.

Regardless of the cultural, moral climate and its view of decency, remember that within the book of Proverbs and all throughout “the whole counsel of God,” the high court of Heaven has already deemed, described, and defined that which is good and that which is evil – that which determines guilt or innocence.

Regardless of what the left has to say about a George Floyd or a Charlie Kirk - no matter how those on the right may describe such men - upon their death, they both – as all – will stand before the Judge of all the Earth. Their end is sealed; each

shall receive their just reward from their Creator.

Yet, each of us has an opinion; what shall we say and do? Although God has already ruled, we may be tempted to denigrate or lionize our fellow image-bearers. What causes such injustice and the temptation to perpetuate it?

Sometimes it's fear of retribution from powerful, wicked men. Other times, we hope to benefit from another's favor. Perhaps we would justify the wicked out of self-interest or self-justification. This list may also include, but not be limited to, spite or envy, the malicious dislike of another's principles, or even revenge over some perceived injury.

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Whether talking about murder, anti-Semitism, pornography, abortion, any number of things God calls evil, there are those who can't even begin to comprehend where those they oppose are coming from, and it often angers them. It becomes even more incomprehensible when the judicial system doesn't rule rightly according to the law. Don't we often ask ourselves, "Why can't they see?"

While reading a book by Charles E. Brown, I read a short paragraph which helped this make sense to me: *"Many truths as reasonable and as real as life itself cannot be proved by the rules of logic. We cannot prove the existence of music to those born deaf, nor the existence of the act of painting to those born blind. We cannot prove love to the hateful and unloving..."*

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can possibly blaze the trail to understanding. Though points of logic will never convince the one born deaf of music, let them feel the beat and see the joy and movement of others, then the door of understanding, through experience, is cracked open. The one born blind will not be convinced of the act of painting by logical explanation, but put a brush in their hand, let them feel the wet paint with their fingers, let them feel a blank canvas and the line of wet paint that is left in the wake of their brush, and they'll begin to "see" the idea of painting through experiencing it themselves. To those who are deceived and filled with hate, the key of logic will not turn the lock of understanding to open truth and love's door; only by experiencing for themselves the realities of truth and love will that door begin to open. Perhaps that's why the Bible tells us in Romans 10:15 – "... How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!" Yes, "faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God," but there is inter-

action with the messenger, too. The listener is experiencing the Word of God as they hear the tone and cadence of the speaker, often witnessing their face, gestures, and urgency, but most importantly they are experiencing the prompting of the Holy Ghost. The message of the Gospel is first and foremost breathed out (inspired); those who are "blind" begin to see – experience – the gentle wooing of the Spirit.

In 1 John 1:1-7, the disciples experienced Jesus – the fullness of His Truth and Grace, real love. By experiencing Jesus – His actions, compassion, pointing to the Father, and His teaching Truth with a tone of grace from the motivation of love, the disciples came to know Truth and Grace embodied in Love (Jesus). This Truth, Grace, and Love transformed their lives, changing them drastically! They no longer lived but Christ lived in them, allowing others to experience Jesus through them.

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