

THE RETRIBUTION DOGMA | QUID PRO QUO (3) JOB 11:1-6

Thoughts:

- People suffer
 - All people suffer → the common burden
 - Most people suffer alone → the lonely burden
 - People suffer in so many ways
 - Few, if any, suffer like Job
 - Most people **believe** their suffering is the worst → worse than Job's
 - Most people don't know why they are suffering / they suffer
- Few know, more should know but very few actually know.
- Most people **do know** why other people suffer

We are going to look at an **expanded triangle!**

Justice	Beyond justice Justice ⁺⁺⁺ Justice and beyond	No justice
Formulaic	Personal	Impersonal
Mechanical	Heavenly father	Mechanical - but simply in nature
Retribution dogma	Retribution ⁺⁺⁺ A highly, expanded retribution dogma	No retribution dogma

How do we expand the triangle (ideas of the triangle)?

1. God is just **but much more than just!**

Exodus 20:4 Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: Exodus 20:5 Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth *generation* of them that hate me; Exodus 20:6 And shewing mercy unto thousands (*generation*) of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

Romans 5:20 Moreover the law entered, **that the offence might abound**. But where sin abounded, **grace did much more abound:**

Exodus 34:5 And the LORD descended in the cloud, and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the LORD.

Exodus 34:6 And the LORD passed by before him, and proclaimed, **The LORD, The LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth, Exodus 34:7 Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear the guilty; visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, unto the third and to the fourth generation.**

Justice & judgment? Yes

Merciful, gracious, longsuffering, abundant in goodness and truth? Yes, much, much, much more

Nehemiah 9:17 And refused to obey, neither were mindful of thy wonders that thou didst among them; but hardened their necks, and in their rebellion appointed a captain to return to their bondage: **but thou art a God ready to pardon, gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and forsookest them not.** **Nehemiah 9:18** Yea, when they had made them a molten calf, and said, This is thy God that brought thee up out of Egypt, and had wrought great provocations; **Nehemiah 9:19** Yet thou in **thy manifold mercies** forsookest them not in the wilderness: the pillar of the cloud departed not from them by day, to lead them in the way; neither the pillar of fire by night, to shew them light, and the way wherein they should go.

Nehemiah 9:27 Therefore thou deliveredst them into the hand of their enemies, who vexed them: and in the time of their trouble, when they cried unto thee, thou heardest them from heaven; and according to **thy manifold mercies** thou gavest them saviours, who saved them out of the hand of their enemies. **Nehemiah 9:28** But after they had rest, they did evil again before thee: therefore leftest thou them in the hand of their enemies, so that they had the dominion over them: yet when they returned, and cried unto thee, thou heardest them from heaven; and many times didst thou deliver them according to **thy mercies**;

Nehemiah 9:31 Nevertheless for **thy great mercies' sake** thou didst not utterly consume them, nor forsake them; for thou art a gracious and merciful God. **Nehemiah 9:32** Now therefore, **our God, the great, the mighty, and the terrible God, who keepest covenant and mercy**, let not all the trouble seem little before thee, that hath come upon us, on our kings, on our princes, and on our priests, and on our prophets, and on our fathers, and on all thy people, since the time of the kings of Assyria unto this day.

Nehemiah 9:33 Howbeit **thou art just in all that is brought upon us; for thou hast done right, but we have done wickedly**:

Psalms 103:8 **The LORD is merciful and gracious, Slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy.** **Psalms 103:9** He will **not** always chide: **Neither** will he keep his anger for ever. **Psalms 103:10** He hath **not** dealt with us after our sins; **Nor** rewarded us according to our iniquities. **Psalms 103:11** **For** as the heaven is high above the earth, **So great** is his mercy toward them that fear him. **Psalms 103:12** **As far as** the east is from the west, **So far** hath he removed our transgressions from us. **Psalms 103:13** **Like as** a father pitieth his children, **So** the LORD pitieth them that fear him. **Psalms 103:14** **For** he knoweth our frame; He remembereth that we are dust.

Joel 2:13 And rend your heart, and not your garments, And turn unto the LORD your God: **For he is gracious and merciful, Slow to anger, and of great kindness, And repenteth him of the evil.** **Joel 2:14** Who knoweth if he will return and repent, And leave a blessing behind him; Even a meat offering and a drink offering unto the LORD your God?

Jonah 4:1 But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he was very angry. **Jonah 4:2** And he prayed unto the LORD, and said, I pray thee, O LORD, was not this my saying, when I was yet in my country? Therefore I fled before unto Tarshish: **for** I knew that **thou art a gracious God, and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repentest thee of the evil.**

Nahum 1:2 God is jealous, and the LORD revengeth; The LORD revengeth, and is furious; The LORD will take vengeance on his adversaries, And he reserveth wrath for his enemies. **Nahum 1:3** The LORD is slow to anger, and great in power, And will not at all acquit the wicked: The LORD hath his way in the whirlwind and in the storm, And the clouds are the dust of his feet.

Acts 13:38 Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins: **Acts 13:39** And by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses.