**Even Scales**

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**Psalm 34:1 NASB**

I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

**Proverbs 1:3 NASB**

To receive instruction in wise behavior, Righteousness, justice and equity.

1. **What is Justice – Even Scales**

**Deuteronomy 16:19a NASB**

“You shall not **distort** justice; you shall not be **partial**,”

**Deuteronomy 16:20a NASB**

“Justice, and only justice, you shall **pursue**,”

**Exodus 23:5 NASB**

If you see the donkey of one who hates you lying *helpless* under its load, you shall refrain from leaving it to him, you shall surely release *it* with him.

**Micah 3:8 NASB**

On the other hand, I am filled with power— With the Spirit of the Lord— And with justice and courage, To make known to Jacob his rebellious act, Even to Israel his sin.

**Micah 6:6 NASB**

With what shall I come to the Lord *And* bow myself before the God on high? Shall I come to Him with burnt offerings, With yearling calves?

**Micah 6:7 NASB**

Does the Lord take delight in thousands of rams, In ten thousand rivers of oil? Shall I present my firstborn *for* my rebellious acts, The fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

**Micah 6:8 NASB**

He has told you, O man, what is good; And what does the Lord require of you But to do justice, to love kindness, And to walk humbly with your God?

**Matthew 7:1-2 NASB**

“Do not judge so that you will not be judged. **2**For in the way you judge, you will be judged; and by your standard of measure, it will be measured to you.

**Proverbs 21:3 NASB**

To do righteousness and justice Is desired by the Lord more than sacrifice.

**Matthew 23:23 NASB**

“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint and dill and cummin, and have neglected the weightier provisions of the law: justice and mercy and faithfulness; but these are the things you should have done without neglecting the others.

**John 14:6 NASB**

Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.