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Many people claim that injustice has resulted from Israel being restored to their own land. Even some sincere Christians hold this view. The Bible is emphatic, however, that God is incapable of injustice. In Deuteronomy 32:3-4 (NAS), in his closing words to Israel, Moses declared:

"For I proclaim the name of the Lord;  
Ascribe greatness to our God!  
The Rock! His work is perfect,  
For all His ways are just;  
A God of faithfulness and without injustice,  
Righteous and upright is He."

Someone has compared our view of history to a person looking at the reverse side of an oriental rug. The various shapes and colors seem confused and unattractive. But when the rug is turned right side up, its true beauty can be appreciated.

So it is with the outworking of God's purposes in history. From our earthly point of view it is hard to discern the pattern which God is weaving. Often it seems jumbled and meaningless. But when we are able to see it from heaven's perspective, we can agree with Moses that His work is perfect, and all His ways are just.

This is not to deny that at the human level acts of injustice have been perpetrated by the various parties involved in the return of Israel to their land. Many people have suffered greatly.

Of all the parties involved, however, none has suffered as much as the Jews. After six million of their people perished in the holocaust, a tiny remnant have had to face more than sixty years of life-and-death struggle for survival in their own land.

One problem is that under the influence of humanistic philosophy, our contemporary Western society has embraced a perverted and unbalanced view of human relationships.

The issue is brought out in Matthew 22:36-39, where a lawyer is questioning Jesus:

"Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the law? Jesus said to him, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' "

Here we see that God requires from us two dimensions of love - one vertical and the other horizontal. The vertical dimension is love for God; the horizontal dimension is love for our fellow human beings. But the vertical dimension is primary; the horizontal is secondary.

Furthermore, the horizontal relationship is dependent upon the vertical. If we do not love God above all else, our love for our fellow man can never be all that God requires.

The same is true in respect of justice. From the biblical perspective, justice has two dimensions - vertical and horizontal. The vertical dimension defines the claims that God has, as Creator, upon the whole human race. The horizontal deals with the claims that men have upon their fellowmen.

The correct secular approach to Middle East issues typically ignores the vertical dimension of justice. Unfortunately, many professing Christians have been influenced by this secular way of thinking. Nevertheless, true justice requires that we first acknowledge the claims that God has on all men, and only after that should we acknowledge the claims that we have on our fellowmen or that they have on us.

As we have already seen, one primary claim that God, as Creator, has on all nations is to determine the areas which He

has allotted to each of them to inhabit. As long as men refuse to acknowledge this just claim of God upon them, they will never know true justice or true peace.

In Acts 17:31, speaking to a Gentile audience in Athens, Paul declared that the resurrection of Jesus from the dead marked Him out as God's appointed judge and ruler, to whom all men must give account:

"For He has set a day when He will judge the world with justice by the man He has appointed. He has given proof of this to all men by raising Him from the dead (NIV).

I recall a remark once by Marcus Dods, a former professor of history at Cambridge University: "The resurrection of Jesus Christ is one of the best attested facts of human history." Because God has thus attested Jesus, He requires that all men submit themselves to His authority.

When the peoples of the Middle East have acknowledged God's just claim upon their submission to Jesus, the way will be opened for them to achieve peace with each other. In the meanwhile, political negotiations can produce at best a temporary, superficial peace. True justice and lasting peace, however, will not come to the Middle East until the Messiah reigns.

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