

Righteousness is the pursuit of good (God)

RIGHTEOUS, *adjective* ri'chus.

1. Just; accordant to the divine law. Applied to persons, it denotes one who is holy in heart, and observant of the divine commands in practice; as a *righteous* man. Applied to things, it denotes consonant to the divine will or to justice; as a *righteous* act. It is used chiefly in theology, and applied to God, to his testimonies and to his saints.

The *righteous* in Scripture, denote the servants of God, the saints.

2. Just; equitable; merited.

And I thy *righteous* doom will bless.

Psalms 33:18-22

18 Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon them that fear him, upon them that hope in his mercy,

19 To deliver their soul from death and to keep them alive in a time of famine.

20 Our soul waiteth for the Lord; he is our help and our shield.

21 For our heart shall rejoice in him because we have trusted in his holy name.

22 Let thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us according as we hope in thee.

Psalms 64:10

10 The righteous shall be glad in the Lord and shall trust in him; and all the upright in heart shall glory.

Psalms 119:1-3

1 Blessed are the undefiled in the way who walk in the law of the Lord.

2 Blessed are they that keep his testimonies and that seek him with the whole heart.

3 They also do no iniquity; they walk in his ways.

Proverbs 13:5-6

5 A righteous man hateth lying; but a wicked man is loathsome and cometh to shame.

6 Righteousness keepeth him that is upright in the way; but wickedness overthroweth the sinner.

Matthew 5: 3-14 (Beatitudes) [3 Nephi 5:47-59]

2 Timothy 2:22-26

22 Flee also youthful lusts; but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

23 But foolish and unlearned questions avoid, knowing that they do gender strifes.

24 And the servant of the Lord must not strive but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient,

25 In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves, if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth,

26 And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.

1 John 4:12-15

12 No man hath seen God at any time, except them who believe. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us.

13 Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit.

14 And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Savior of the world.

15 **Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God.**

Alma 5:33-36

33 For I perceive that ye are in the paths of righteousness; I perceive that ye are in the path which leads to the kingdom of God;

34 Yea, I perceive that ye are making his paths straight; I perceive that it has been made known unto you by the testimony of his word that he cannot walk in crooked paths;

35 Neither doth he vary from that which he hath said; neither hath he a shadow of turning from the right to the left nor from that which is right to that which is wrong; therefore, his course is one eternal round.

36 And he doth not dwell in unholy temples; neither can filthiness nor anything which is unclean be received into the kingdom of God;

1st Nephi 7:60

60 And because of the righteousness of his people, Satan has no power;

Helaman 5:10-15

10 Therefore, thus saith the Lord, Because of the hardness of the hearts of the people of the Nephites, except they repent, I will take away my word from them, and I will withdraw my Spirit from them, and I will suffer them no longer, and I will turn the hearts of their brethren against them;

11 And four hundred years shall not pass away before I will cause that they shall be smitten; yea, I will visit them with the sword, and with famine, and with pestilence;

12 Yea, I will visit them in my fierce anger, and there shall be those of the fourth generation who shall live, of your enemies, to behold your utter destruction;

13 And this shall surely come, except ye repent, saith the Lord; and those of the fourth generation shall visit your destruction.

14 But if ye will repent and return unto the Lord, your God, I will turn away mine anger, saith the Lord; yea, thus saith the Lord, Blessed are they who will repent and turn unto me, but wo unto him that repenteth not;

15 Yea, wo unto this great city of Zarahemla; for behold, it is because of those who are righteous that it is saved;

GOOD, adjective

1. Valid; legally firm; not weak or defective; having strength adequate to its support; as a *good* title; a *good* deed; a *good* claim.

3. Complete or sufficiently perfect in its kind; having the physical qualities best adapted to its design and use; opposed to bad, imperfect, corrupted, impaired. We say, *good* timber, *good* cloth, a *good* soil, a *good* color.

And God saw every thing that he had made, and behold, it was very *good* [Genesis 1:4](#).

4. Having moral qualities best adapted to its design and use, or the qualities which God's law requires; virtuous; pious; religious; applied to persons, and opposed to bad, vitious, wicked, evil.

Yet peradventure for a *good* man some would even dare to die. [Romans 5:7](#).

5. Conformable to the moral law; virtuous; applied to actions.

In all things showing thyself a pattern of *good* works. [Titus 2:3](#).

8. **Sound; perfect; uncorrupted; undamaged.** This fruit will keep *good* the whole year.

Luke 18:18-19 (God is the source of all that is good) [Mat 19:17, Mark 10:16]

18 And a certain ruler asked him, saying, Good Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?

19 Jesus said unto him, **Why callest thou me good? None is good, save one--that is God.**

James 1:17

17 **Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above and cometh down from the Father of lights**, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

17 Therefore, if any man live in Christ, he is a new creature; old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new,

18 And receiveth all the things of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation:

19 To wit, that God is in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them, and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.

20 Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us; we pray you in Christ's stead, Be ye reconciled to God.

21 For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin, **that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.**

Moroni 7:5-8

5 For behold, God hath said, A man, being evil, cannot do that which is good; for if he offereth a gift or prayeth unto God, except he shall do it with real intent, it profiteth him nothing.

6 For behold, it is not counted unto him for righteousness.

7 For behold, if a man, being evil, giveth a gift, he doeth it grudgingly; wherefore, it is counted unto him the same as if he had retained the gift; wherefore, he is counted evil before God.

8 And, likewise, also is it counted evil unto a man if he shall pray and not with real intent of heart; yea, and it profiteth him nothing, for God receiveth none such; wherefore, a man, being evil, cannot do that which is good; neither will he give a good gift.

WORKS, *noun*

1. Physical or mental effort or activity directed toward the production or accomplishment of something:

2. Something that has been produced or accomplished through the effort, activity, or agency of a person or thing:

Our faith in action; Works shows our willingness to follow His commandments (justification)

Matthew 7:29-31

7:29 Wherefore, by their fruits ye shall know them.

7:30 Verily, I say unto you, It is not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, that shall enter into the kingdom of heaven, but he that doeth the will of my Father who is in heaven.

7:31 For the day soon cometh that men shall come before me to judgment, to be judged according to their works.

James 2:17-19

2:17 Even so, faith, if it have not works, is dead, being alone.

2:18 Therefore, wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead and cannot save you?

2:19 Thou believest there is one God; thou doest well; the devils also believe and tremble; thou hast made thyself like unto them, not being justified.

Revelation 20:12-13

212 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened; and another book was opened which is the book of life; and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.

13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them; and they were judged every man according to their works.

Alma 8:100-104

100 The spirit and the body shall be reunited again, in its perfect form; both limb and joint shall be restored to its proper frame, even as we now are at this time;

101 And we shall be brought to stand before God, knowing even as we know now, and have a bright recollection of all our guilt.

102 Now this restoration shall come to all, both old and young, both bond and free, both male and female, both the wicked and the righteous;

103 And even there shall not so much as a hair of their heads be lost; but all things shall be restored to its perfect frame, as it is now, or in the body,

104 And shall be brought and be arraigned before the bar of Christ, the Son, and God, the Father, and the Holy Spirit, which is one eternal God, to be judged according to their works, whether they be good or whether they be evil.

3rd Nephi 5:61-63

5:61 Verily, verily, I say unto you, I give unto you to be the light of this people. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid.

5:62 Behold, do men light a candle and put it under a bushel? Nay, but on a candlestick, and it giveth light to all that are in the house;

5:63 Therefore, let your light so shine before this people, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

3rd Nephi 11:30-33

11:30 And he did expound all things, even from the beginning until the time that he should come in his glory--

11:31 Yea, even all things which should come upon the face of the earth, even until the elements should melt with fervent heat, and the earth should be wrapped together as a scroll, and the heavens and the earth should pass away;

11:32 And even unto the great and last day, when all people, and all kindreds, and all nations, and tongues shall stand before God to be judged of their works, whether they be good or whether they be evil;

11:33 If they be good, to the resurrection of everlasting life; and if they be evil, to the resurrection of damnation--being on a parallel, the one on the one hand and the other on the other hand, according to the mercy, and the justice, and the holiness which is in Christ, who was before the world began.

Mormon 1:86-87

86 And for this cause I write unto you, that ye may know that ye must all stand before the judgment seat of Christ--yea, every soul who belongs to the whole human family of Adam--

87 And ye must stand to be judged of your works, whether they be good or evil; and also that ye may believe the gospel of Jesus Christ, which ye shall have among you;

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7t But behold, and lo, we saw the glory and the inhabitants of the telestial world--that they were as innumerable as the stars in the firmament of heaven or as the sand upon the seashore--and heard the voice of the Lord saying:

7u These all shall bow the knee, and every tongue shall confess to him who sits upon the throne forever and ever;

7v for they shall be judged according to their works; and every man shall receive according to his own works and his own dominion in the mansions which are prepared; and they shall be servants of the Most High; but where God and Christ dwell, they cannot come, worlds without end.