

Praying & Working for Justice: Racialization
40 Days of Prayer, part 2 | Amos 5:21 – 24 | David Platt, MBC Pastor-Teacher

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“I hate, I despise your feasts, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the peace offerings of your fattened animals, I will not look upon them. Take away from me the noise of your songs; to the melody of your harps I will not listen. But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.”

If we are going to truly worship God above us, then we must sacrificially work for justice around us.

1. Look at the reality of racialization.
2. Live in true multi-ethnic community.

Ephesians 2:14 – 16

“For [Jesus] himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility.”

Galatians 3:28

“There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.”

3. Listen to and learn from one another.

James 1:19

“. . . let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, [and] slow to anger.”

4. Love and lay aside your preferences for one another.

John 13:35

“By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

5. Leverage your influence for justice in the present.

Amos 5:24

“. . . let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.”

6. Long for the day when justice will be perfect.

Revelation 22:1 – 5

“. . . the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were the for the healing of the nations. No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. They will see his face, and his name will e on their foreheads. And night will be no more. They will need no light or lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever with him.”