

The Holy Spirit and Righteous Warfare

The divine mission of the Comforter

John 16: 7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter (*parakletos*....also called the Spirit of Truth) will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. 8 And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: 9 Of sin, because they believe not on me; 10 Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more; 11 Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged. 12 I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now.

- Sin ...missing the mark (Believe: right hand of Throne...faith) through Jesus
- Righteousness (I go to my Father...you are now empowered)
- Judgment (Prince of this World judged)

New Testament quotes from the Old Testament link Hb *sadeq* and Gk *dike*

-Abram believed God, and He counted it to him for righteousness

Romans 4:3/James 2:23 and Genesis 15:6

-The just shall live by faith

Romans 1:17 and Habakkuk 2:4

In the New Testament, righteousness is indicated by the Greek word *dike*.

Dike: the Greek “goddess” of justice, judgment and order. Carries a sword and scales.

*Roman mythology Justitia.

Why does the depiction of this entity matter?

In many biblical passages, God spoke often about scales, weights and balances:

Proverbs 10:11 a false balance is abomination to the Lord

Proverbs 11:1 a false balance is abomination to the Lord

Proverbs 20:23 divers weights are an abomination to the Lord

Elymas (Eluma) the magoi

The name could simply mean to “despise (ma’as) El”

Matthew 13:8 But Elymas the sorcerer (for so is his name by interpretation) withstood them, seeking to turn away the deputy from the faith. 9 Then Saul, (who also is called Paul,) filled with the Holy Ghost, set his eyes on him, 10 And said, O full of all subtilty and all mischief, thou child of the devil, thou enemy of all righteousness, wilt thou not cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord? 11 And now, behold, the hand of the Lord is upon thee, and thou shalt be blind, not seeing the sun for a season. And immediately there fell on him a mist and a darkness; and he went about seeking some to lead him by the hand.