

### Overarching Values Season 1, Episode 4



*Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate;  
it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts,  
will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph (Amos 5:15, NRSV).*

*But let justice roll down like waters,  
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream (Amos 5:24, NRSV).*

*He has told you, O mortal, what is good;  
and what does the LORD require of you  
but to do justice, and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with your God? (Micah 6:8 NRSV).*

#### **MAKING CONNECTIONS:**

(Episode 4 - 22:50–27:00) After Bill discusses *misphat*, the Hebrew word for justice that relates to societal balance, David shares that he led a class discussion on the Year of Jubilee in his introductory Old Testament courses. The Year of Jubilee was a resetting of the economic facets of Hebrew society.

Consider that activity for yourself. Read Leviticus 25:8-5. Write down some suggested policies that a current national or state government might adopt that reflect the guidelines and the spirit of the Year of Jubilee. Be specific, keeping in mind that God expected the Israelites to practice this event. What concerns do you have about your suggestions?

Now jot down some actions that you can take in your local community that could help achieve the biblical principles of justice (balance) and jubilee (preventing economic equality). Select one action and invite a friend to join you in this work.



“Echoing the age-old message of the prophets, the Jubilee reminds us that the goods of the earth are not destined for a privileged few, but for everyone... If we really wish to prepare a path to peace in our world, let us commit ourselves to remedying the remote causes of injustice, settling unjust and unpayable debts, and feeding the hungry.”  
(Pope Francis, *Spes non Confundit* [Hope does not disappoint], 9 May 2025, ¶16.)