WHAT IS JUST?

Think about a policeman. What if a policeman saw someone stealing something or hurting someone else and he did nothing about it... Just walked on by and did nothing....

Would you say that is a good policeman? No. We expect police to stop people from hurting others, and catch people that do bad things and to put them in jail.

What about G-D. G-D knows all the bad things we do. If G-D never punished us for the bad things that we do, would we say that he is a good G-D? No. People that do bad things deserve to be punished. That is fair and right. It says in the Bible that all have sinned. If G-D punished all of us eternally in hell, that would be fair – it is what we deserve. G-D is just, but the good news is that He is also merciful beyond what we actually deserve and gives us the chance to receive forgiveness through Yeshua.

G-D's love and G-D's justice are two sides of the same coin. Understanding one without the other is incomplete. When we understand G-D's justice we have a deeper appreciation for G-D's love and grace, and a fuller, more well-rounded understanding of the good news that HE makes available to all of us.

A lesson in Parasha Shoftim