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JUSTICE FROM A JUDGE

Late last month, a court in India finally delivered sentences to those responsible for a so-called honor killing of a young married couple in 2003. The wife, D. Kannagi, was from a higher caste than her husband, S. Murugesan. The couple eloped and kept their marriage secret from the families. But when the wife's relatives learned of the marriage, her brother and father took it as an insult to their family and caste. The brother formed a mob of extended family, paid two police officers to look the other way, and tortured and killed the couple in front of many witnesses. India's parliament had passed the Prevention of Atrocities Act in 1989 to punish such behavior; but such cases still occur with regularity. Justice did finally come for the couple last month, as a judge handed the wife's brother the death sentence and gave life sentences to twelve others, including the two policemen.

JUSTICE FROM THE LORD

David cried out to God for justice against his enemies. In our passage today, David praises God for bringing judgment against whole nations, overthrowing their cities, and establishing his throne. Though human magistrates are fallible and can be swayed, God rules with righteousness and judges with perfect equity, defending the innocent and bringing down the corrupt.

1. What differences might be cited as justification for discrimination or violence?
2. How can we celebrate justice as a blessing from God?
3. How are our celebrations tempered by the awareness that we have not seen God's perfect justice?

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