



## I'll Arrange It

### Robert Morris

**Focus** Justice means giving someone what he deserves, while mercy means *not* giving someone what he deserves. God has multiple attributes, and He is 100% all of them. He is fully just and fully merciful at the same time.

**Fun** Think back to a funny event in your childhood when you should have been reprimanded justly, but your parent or guardian granted you mercy. Did you think you got away with it?

**Review** Key Scriptures: John 1:17; Psalm 136:1–3; 2 Chronicles 5:13–14; 2 Chronicles 20:21–22; Ezekiel 33:11; 1 John 1:9

#### 1. **God is 100%.**

*John 1:17*

God's attributes are not based on what He has or what He does; they're based on who He is. His attributes are not at war with each other. He is 100% all-knowing, 100% all-powerful, and abounding in grace and truth, which came through Jesus. We get 100% of everything He is every single day.

#### 2. **God is 100% merciful.**

*Psalm 136:1–3; 2 Chronicles 5:13–14; 2 Chronicles 20:21–22; Ezekiel 33:11*

The statement "May God have mercy on your soul" is misleading because God doesn't have mercy—He *is* mercy. His mercy endures forever, which is repeated throughout Psalm 136. And in 2 Chronicles, worshippers repeatedly sang, "For His mercy endures forever." God does not want anyone to perish; He wants everyone to be saved.

### 3. God is 100% just.

1 John 1:9

The root of justice is “just,” which means “equal.” Our sin, or our *iniquity*, keeps us from ever being equal to God—that is *inequity*, or being unequal. When we invite Jesus into our hearts, He balances the scales of justice on our behalf. And because of Jesus, we have been sentenced to heaven, rather than hell. God is totally just in sending us to heaven.

**\*Group Dynamics Idea\*** Gateway Groups kicked off last week, but it’s not too late to join the fun. Invite friends and family to visit [groups.gatewaypeople.com](https://groups.gatewaypeople.com). There’s a group for everyone!

#### Discuss

1. How do we receive grace and truth? (John 1:17)
2. Why do you think “for His mercy endures forever” is repeated so often? Does that repetition change how you view God and His merciful ways? (Psalm 136:1–3; 2 Chronicles 5:13–14; 2 Chronicles 20:21–22)
3. God says He wants everyone to be saved and to turn away from sin (*Ezekiel 33:11*). Do you have a friend or family member who has not accepted Christ as their Savior and needs to hear this Good News? Share with the group how you might reach out to them.
4. How does it feel to know that you have been sentenced to heaven? How does that make you feel more secure?
5. Explain how *iniquity* relates to *inequity* and how Jesus tips the scales in our favor.

**Take Home** As we conclude, remember the following:

- God is 100% merciful and 100% just at the same time.
- Because of Jesus, we have been sentenced to heaven.
- If Jesus didn’t die, we couldn’t live.

#### Prayer

Lord, thank You for who You are—a merciful and just God who is all-knowing and all-powerful. We can never do enough to ever be equal to You. Thank You

for allowing your Son to take the punishment we deserve so we can live and be free from the bondage of sin. In Jesus' mighty name, Amen.

**\*New Leader Tip\*** Pray for those in the group who want to make Jesus Lord over their lives by fully submitting their will to Him. Pray for total surrender to Jesus. If you've struggled in this area, share with the group how you fully submitted to His lordship and authority.