What is Justice? (Dictionary Definition from Dictionary.com)

1. the quality of being just; righteousness, equitableness, or moral rightness: *to uphold the justice of a cause.*
2. the administering of deserved punishment or reward.
3. the maintenance or administration of what is just by law, as by judicial or other proceedings: *a court of justice.*

Protesters clash with police in Tehran: Violence mars rally marking 30th anniversary of U.S. Embassy storming
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TEHRAN - Iranian security forces beat anti-government protesters with batons and fired tear gas Wednesday on the sidelines of state-sanctioned rallies to mark the 30th anniversary of the U.S. Embassy takeover, witnesses and state media reported. The counter-demonstrations were the opposition's first major show of force on the streets of Tehran since the mid-September rallies that coincided with state-backed protests against Israel.

Many marchers wore green scarves or wristbands that symbolized the campaign of opposition leader Mir Hossein Mousavi, who claims President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad stole the June election from him through fraud. Mousavi and his allies, including former President Mohammad Khatami, appeared to encourage opposition protesters to stay on the streets. The contrasts in the latest protest wave were stark: people chanting "Death to America" outside the former embassy while opposition marchers nearby cried "Death to the Dictator."

Witnesses told The Associated Press that security forces — mainly paramilitary units from the elite Revolutionary Guard — swept through several hundred demonstrators at Haft-e-Tir Square in the city center, clubbing, kicking and slapping protesters. The witnesses spoke on condition of anonymity because of fear of reprisals from authorities.

Pro-reform Web sites said police fired into the air to try to clear the square — about half a mile from the annual anti-American gathering outside the former U.S. Embassy. The report could not immediately be independently verified. The state-run Islamic Republic News Agency reported police also used tear gas to disperse protesters in other parts of the city. There was no independent information on injuries or arrests, but state-run Press TV said no one was hurt.

Media restrictions now limit journalists to covering state media and government-approved events, such as the rally outside the former embassy. Mobile phones and Internet access were apparently blocked in a repeat of tactics used by authorities after the election. Authorities appeared determined to avoid opposition rallies overshadowing the anniversary of the embassy takeover. They had warned protesters days in advance against attempts to disrupt or overshadow the annual gathering outside the former embassy, which was stormed by militants in 1979 in the turbulent months after the Islamic Revolution.

The full extent of the opposition marches was not immediately clear. Hundreds were seen in Haft-e-Tir Square, some chanting "Death to the Dictator" or marching silently and flashing the V-for-victory sign. Reformist Web sites also said one of the leading opposition figures, Mahdi Karroubi, was beaten by security forces before being led away by his bodyguards. Other witnesses — also speaking on condition of anonymity — said about 2,000 students at Tehran University faced off against security forces, but there were no immediate reports of violence.

Your Experience of Injustice:

1. Give some examples of things that you would consider injustice.

2. Do you have personal examples of a time when you experienced injustice from another person, organization or government?

3. What do you think is the motivation that causes injustice in society?

4. What do you think is the solution to injustice? (What will bring justice in society?)

What about God and Justice?

- Ps 89:11 The heavens are yours. The earth also is yours; the world and its fullness. You have founded them…..14 Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne. Loving kindness and truth go before your face. 15 Blessed are the people who learn to acclaim you. They walk in the light of your presence, Yahweh.

- Ps 111:7 The works of his hands are truth and justice. All his precepts are sure. 8 They are established forever and ever. They are done in truth and uprightness….10 The fear of Yahweh is the beginning of wisdom. All those who do his work have a good understanding.

5. Summarize what these texts above say about God's thinking on Justice. What might be a personal application of this reality?