

Study of the Word "Justify" (and derivatives) in the Old Testament ("OT")

- NOTES:** 1. This table is based on combining two searches that were done using Logos Bible Software ("Logos"). The term "lemma" means the basic form of a word as found in a Greek or Hebrew lexicon.
2. First, the Greek Translation of the OT (Septuagint - Abbr: "LXX") was searched for the Greek lemma δικαίω (dikaioō), commonly translated justify.
3. This search provides corresponding LXX and NASB verses, Greek lemmas, Hebrew roots and English key words.
4. Second, the NASB OT was searched for the word justify. This provides verses, key words and Hebrew roots that might have NOT been found in the first search.
5. The combined results are 32 instances of key words in 31 verses. These numbers may vary in other translations. In a few instances there may be NO corresponding Greek or Hebrew word.
6. When the English translation varies from the prevalent meaning of the terms, one must decide if it is an accurate translation based upon the context and the term's typical meaning.
7. In the table the English key word is in bold, italic & underlined and is followed by the Greek lemma and Hebrew root shown in bold brackets. Only partial verses are shown to reduce the length of the table.
8. The questions in the column headings should be answered based upon the context in which the words are found.

NASB References	Text From NASB:1995	Who Justifies?	Who/what is Justified?	Basis for Justification?	Was Righteousness transferred? Forgiveness given?	Context - Comments
Gen 38:26	...“and said, “She is more <u>righteous</u> [δικαίω • צדק] than I,”...					
Gen 44:16	...“And how can we <u>justify</u> [δικαίω • צדק] ourselves?”...					
Exod 23:7	...“for I will not <u>acquit</u> [δικαίω • צדק] the guilty.”					
Deut 25:1	...“and they <u>justify</u> [δικαίω • צדק] the righteous and condemn the wicked,”					
2 Sam 15:4	...“or cause could come to me and I would give him <u>justice</u> [δικαίω • צדק].”					
1 Kgs 8:32	...“and <u>justifying</u> [δικαίω • צדק] the righteous by giving him according to his righteousness.”					
2 Chr 6:23	...“and <u>justifying</u> [δικαίω • צדק] the righteous by giving him according to his righteousness.”					
Job 32:2	...“against Job his anger burned because he <u>justified</u> [δικαίος • צדק] himself before God.”					
Job 33:32	“Then if you have anything to say, answer me; Speak, for I desire to <u>justify</u> [δικαίω • צדק] you.”					
Job 40:8	“Will you really annul My judgment? Will you condemn Me that you may be <u>justified</u> [δικαίος • צדק]?”					
Ps 19:9	...“The judgments of the LORD are true; they are <u>righteous</u> [δικαίω • צדק] altogether.”					
Ps 51:4	...“So that You are <u>justified</u> [δικαίω • צדק] when You speak And blameless when You judge.”					
Ps 73:13	“Surely in vain I have kept my heart <u>pure</u> [δικαίω • זכה] And washed my hands in innocence;”					
Ps 82:3	“Vindicate the weak and fatherless; Do <u>justice</u> [δικαίω • צדק] to the afflicted and destitute.”					
Ps 143:2	...“For in Your sight no man living is <u>righteous</u> [δικαίω • צדק].”					

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Prov 17:15	"He who justifies [δικαίος • צדק] the wicked and he who condemns the righteous,"...					
Isa 1:17	..."Reprove the ruthless, Defend the orphan, Plead [δικαιώσω • ריב] for the widow."					
Isa 5:23	"Who justify [δικαιώσω • צדק] the wicked for a bribe,"...					
Isa 42:21	"The LORD was pleased for His righteousness's sake [δικαιώσω • צדק] To make the law great and glorious."					
Isa 43:9	..."Let them present their witnesses that they may be justified [δικαιώσω • צדק],"...					
Isa 43:26	..."State your cause, that you may be proved right [δικαιώσω • צדק]."					
Isa 45:25	"In the LORD all the offspring of Israel Will be justified [δικαιώσω • צדק] and will glory."					
Isa 50:8	"He who vindicates [δικαιώσω • צדק] Me is near; Who will contend with Me?"...					
Isa 53:11	..."My Servant, will justify [δικαιώσω • צדק] the many, As He will bear their iniquities."					
Jer 3:11	..."Faithless Israel has proved herself more righteous [δικαιώσω • צדק] than treacherous Judah."					
Ezek 16:51	..."Thus you have made your sisters appear righteous [δικαιώσω • צדק] by all your abominations"...					
Ezek 16:52	..."they are more in the right [δικαιώσω • צדק] than you ... made your sisters appear righteous [δικαιώσω • צדק]."					
Ezek 21:13	"For there is a testing [δικαιώσω • בחן]; and"...					
Ezek 44:24	..."they shall judge [δικαιώσω • שפט] it according to My ordinances."...					
Mic 6:11	"Can I justify [δικαιώσω • זכה] wicked scales And a bag of deceptive weights?"					
Mic 7:9	..."Until He pleads [δικαιώσω • ריב] my case and executes justice for me."...					