



Blowing in the Wind

Blowin' in the Wind

- Bob Dylan (born Robert Zimmerman in 1941) is known for his influence on folk & popular music.
- “Blowin’ in the Wind,” written in 1962, became an anthem for civil rights & peace during the 1960s.
- Dylan used rhetorical questions to highlight injustice, war, & the human search for truth.
- Though not a traditional Christian song, its message resonates with biblical themes of justice, mercy, humility & hope.

Bob Dylan

- Dylan was raised in a devout Jewish household, participating in religious education & steeped in Jewish culture & identity.
- In the late 1970s, he had a profound evangelical experience, releasing gospel-themed albums & publicly affirming Jesus as Lord.
- Dylan continues to explore faith through scripture, prayer, & meditation, drawing from Jewish, Christian & mystical sources.

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Life's deepest questions about peace, justice & human suffering point us to the wisdom, justice & grace of God - truths found in His Word & revealed through the Holy Spirit.

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*How many roads must a man walk down before you call him
a man?*

*How many seas must the white dove sail before she sleeps in
the sand?*

*Yes, and how many times must the cannonballs fly before
they're forever banned?*

LONGING FOR JUSTICE

A person is standing at a bus stop at night, looking out over a dark street. The bus stop has a glass shelter and a wooden bench. The person is wearing a dark jacket and pants with white stripes down the side. The scene is dimly lit, with some light coming from the streetlights and the bus stop shelter. The overall mood is one of solitude and waiting.

Longing for Justice

- Human suffering & oppression are real & persistent.

*1 Again I saw all the oppressions that are done under the sun. And behold, the tears of the oppressed, and they had no one to comfort them! On the side of their oppressors there was power, and there was no one to comfort them.
(Ecclesiastes 4:1 ESV)*

Longing for Justice

- God hears the cries of those who suffer.

*7 Then the Lord said, “I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings,
(Exodus 3:7 ESV)*

Longing for Justice

- The world is indifferent to pain reflecting spiritual blindness.

“Keep on hearing, but do not understand; keep on seeing, but do not perceive.’ 10 Make the heart of this people dull, and their ears heavy, and blind their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their hearts, and turn and be healed.” (Isaiah 6:9–10 ESV)

Longing for Justice

- There is a time for peace, but often we are stuck in conflict.

8 a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace. (Ecclesiastes 3:8 ESV)

Longing for Justice

- True answers are found in seeking God, not just in human reasoning.

*5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. 6 In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.
(Proverbs 3:5–6 ESV)*

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How many years can a mountain exist

Before it is washed to the sea?

How many years can some people exist

Before they're allowed to be free?

How many times can a man turn his head

And pretend that he just doesn't see?

The answer, my friend, is blowin' in the wind

The answer is blowin' in the wind

GRIEVING

INJUSTICE

Grieving Injustice

- Human pride leads to destruction.

18 Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall. (Proverbs 16:18 ESV)

- God desires peace, but humanity often chooses war.

14 Turn away from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it. (Psalm 34:14 ESV)

Grieving Injustice

- The Lord grieves violence & longs for righteousness.

11 Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight, and the earth was filled with violence. 12 And God saw the earth, and behold, it was corrupt, for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth. 13 And God said to Noah, "I have determined to make an end of all flesh,[a] for the earth is filled with violence through them. Behold, I will destroy them with the earth. (Genesis 6:11–13 ESV)

Grieving Injustice

- God has shown us how to live justly.

8 He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? (Micah 6:8 ESV)

- Each soul lost to violence is deeply known & valued by God.

*7 Why, even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not; you are of more value than many sparrows.
(Luke 12:7 ESV)*

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How many times must a man look up before he can see the sky?

How many ears must one man have before he can hear people cry?

How many deaths will it take till he knows that too many people have died?

The image features a white central area with the text "Live Justly". The background is decorated with a purple L-shaped corner element in the top-left and colorful, abstract brushstrokes in shades of yellow, blue, and pink along the top and bottom edges. The text is framed by a thin black border.

"Live *Justly*"

Live Justly

- Change begins when hearts turn to God.

26 And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

(Ezekiel 36:26 ESV)

- We cannot ignore injustice without bearing responsibility.

17 So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin. (James 4:17 ESV)

Live Justly

- God calls us to love our neighbors as ourselves.

39 And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. (Matthew 22:39 ESV)

- Justice delayed is not justice denied - God's timing is perfect.

9 The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you,[a] not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. (2 Peter 3:9 ESV)

Live Justly

- The world cries out for love, truth & mercy which is found only in Jesus.

*6 Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”
(John 14:6 ESV)*

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The answer, my friend, is blowin' in the wind

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SPIRIT &
Truth

Spirit of Truth

- The answer “blowin’ in the wind” reflects the mystery of divine truth.

*8 “The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”
(John 3:8 ESV)*

Spirit of Truth

- God's Spirit reveals truth to seeking hearts.

*10 these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God.
(1 Corinthians 2:10 ESV)*

- We are called to listen & discern with spiritual ears.

7 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who conquers I will grant to eat of the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.'
(Revelation 2:7 ESV)

Spirit of Truth

- Jesus Himself often asked questions to stir reflection & faith.

*36 “Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?”
(Luke 10:36 ESV)*

- God has already given the answer - Jesus is the ultimate answer to our deepest questions.

3 in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. (Colossians 2:3 ESV)

Practical Applications

- When overwhelmed by the world's suffering, turn to prayer & Scripture.
- Share compassion with those who feel unheard or unseen.
- Trust that God sees injustice & will bring perfect justice in His time.
- Look for the leading of the Holy Spirit, who guides us like the wind.

Discussion Questions

- What are some questions about life or suffering that you've asked God over the years?
- How does knowing God sees injustice comfort you?
- In what ways does the “wind” remind you of the Holy Spirit's work?
- How can we share hope in Jesus with those who are discouraged by the world's brokenness?
- What does it mean to “walk humbly with your God” in your season of life?



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