Answer: Let us reflect...

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From a general understanding, oppression (or injustice) is the act of denying someone their rightful due. For example, if money has been entrusted to you and you refuse to return it while having the ability, that is oppression. Similarly, if someone has a right to receive a service or help from you and you withhold it for personal reasons, you are committing injustice. In this sense, oppression is a sin.

However, in the Bible, the meaning of oppression extends far beyond merely denying someone their rights. It includes violence, tyranny, evil, and rebellion.

So, when the word “oppression” is mentioned in Scripture, it

carries a broader meaning than what we might commonly understand today. For example, in Genesis 6:11–13, oppression refers to all acts of violence, tyranny, rebellion, and the denial of justice to others. This was the reason God judged the first world with the flood.

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Other passages mentioning oppression include:

- Psalm 55:9–11 – God sees and acts against the violence of the wicked.

- Psalm 82:2 – God judges unjust rulers.

- Psalm 119:78, 134 – Upholding justice for the oppressed is a biblical mandate.

- Romans 2:8 – God’s judgment awaits those who practice unrighteousness.

- Revelation 22:11 – There will come a time when the wicked persist in their oppression.

Have you received Jesus? Or are you still wandering in the oppression of this world? Remember, Scripture says the first world was destroyed by water, but the present world is reserved for fire, for the same sins that corrupted the first world (the time of Noah) still persist.

> *2 Peter 3:6–7*
> “By these waters also the world of that time was deluged and destroyed. But the present heavens and earth are reserved

> for fire, being kept for the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly.”

The Lord Jesus, the Righteous Judge (Psalm 45:7), is coming!

Maranatha!

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