THE JUSTICE OF GOD

IN A BROAD SENSE, GOD'S JUSTICE IS THE SAME AS HIS HOLINESS.

But properly speaking, the justice of God is His constant willingness to give to every creature what is due to Him.

Scripture:
"FOR THE LORD IS JUST AND HAS LOVED JUSTICE" Ps. 10:8.
"YOU ARE JUST, O LORD, AND YOUR JUDGMENT IS JUST." Ps. 118:137.

① God is just when He punishes sinners
② God is just when He rewards the good
③ God is just in providing every creature what it needs according to its nature.
④ God is just in being faithful to His promises.
⑤ God is just in giving all men sufficient grace for their salvation.

① God's justice is unlike ours, when we deal with other human beings as are dealing with equals. Between us we practice commutative justice. Not so with God. No creature is equal to God.

② We may call God's attribute distributive justice. Having freely created, God gives to His creatures everything to make it possible to fulfill the purpose of their existence.

③ God is not unjust in giving some creatures more than to others. "God is not unfair if He renders unequally to men not unequal (as men)... Without prejudice to justice, you can give presents just as you please, here more, here less, so long as no one is deprived of what is owing to him. 'Take what is yours and go your way. Is it not lawful for me to do what I will with my own?" (Matt. 20:14-15), Summa Theologica, I, 23, 5.