

THE FOLLY OF INJUSTICE Ecclesiastes 8:10-15

I. The folly of injustice toward wicked people (10-11).

A. Injustice toward wicked people (10).

Psalm 73:3-5: For I was envious of the boastful, when I saw the prosperity of the wicked. **For there are no pangs in their death**, but their strength is firm. **They are not in trouble as other men**, nor are they plagued like other men.

B. Injustice toward wicked behavior (11).

Isaiah 26:10: **Let grace be shown to the wicked, yet he will not learn righteousness**; in the land of uprightness he will deal unjustly, and will not behold the majesty of the Lord.

II. The future justice toward wicked people (12-13).

Isaiah 65:20: No more shall an infant from there live but a few days, nor an old man who has not fulfilled his days; for the child shall die one hundred years old, **but the sinner being one hundred years old shall be accursed.**

Romans 2:5-7: But in accordance with your hardness and your impenitent heart you are **treasuring up for yourself wrath** in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God, **who “will render to each one according to his deeds”**: eternal life to those who by patient continuance in doing good seek for glory, honor, and immortality;

III. The folly of injustice toward righteous people (14).

Ecclesiastes 2:14: The wise man’s eyes are in his head, but the fool walks in darkness. **Yet I myself perceived that the same event happens to them all.**

Ecclesiastes 7:15: I have seen everything in my days of vanity: there is a **just man who perishes in his righteousness**, and there is a **wicked man who prolongs life in his wickedness.**

IV. The fix for injustice toward all people (15).

Ecclesiastes 2:24: Nothing *is* better for a man *than* **that he should eat and drink, and that his soul should enjoy good in his labor.** This also, I saw, was from the hand of God.

Ecclesiastes 5:18: Here is what I have seen: **It is good and fitting for one to eat and drink, and to enjoy the good of all his labor in which he toils under the sun** all the days of his life which God gives him; for it is his heritage.