

Message Title: Weeping and Waiting

Ecclesiastes 3:16-4:3 NKJV | Sunday AM, October 17th,2021 Pastor Jack Lamb

¹⁶ Moreover I saw under the sun: *In* the place of judgment, Wickedness was there; And in the place of righteousness, Iniquity was there. ¹⁷I said in my heart, "God shall judge the righteous and the wicked, For there is a time there for every purpose and for every work." 18 I said in my heart, "Concerning the condition of the sons of men, God tests them, that they may see that they themselves are like animals." 19 For what happens to the sons of men also happens to animals; one thing befalls them: as one dies, so dies the other. Surely, they all have one breath; man has no advantage over animals, for all is vanity. 20 All go to one place: all are from the dust, and all return to dust. 21 Who knows the spirit of the sons of men, which goes upward, and the spirit of the animal, which goes down to the earth? ²² So I perceived that nothing is better than that a man should rejoice in his own works, for that is his heritage. For who can bring him to see what will happen after him?

4 Then I returned and considered all the oppression that is done under the sun: And look! The tears of the oppressed, But they have no comforter—On the side of their oppressors *there is* power, But they have no comforter. ² Therefore I praised the dead who were already dead, More than the living who are still

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1. What Solomon	: Justice Matters

2.	What Solomon Matters	: Justice Does Not		
3.	What Solomon	: A Just God		

Application Questions

- 1. What are some ways injustice rules even in America?
- 2. Is there a difference between justice and all things being equal for all people? If so, what?
- 3. In what ways do we expect mercy for ourselves and desire iustice for others?
- 4. Is waiting for God to make everything right in the future just a way to escape responsibility in the present? Why/why not?

BE A DOER. Your responsibility, by God's enabling, is to consistently apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Phil 2:12-13; 1 Tim 4:7-9; James 1:22-27). As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions: (1) How does God want my beliefs/actions to change? (2) How can I accomplish this change? (3) What is the first step toward bringing about this change?