

Ecclesiastes 8:14 “There is a vanity that takes place on the earth, that there are righteous people to whom it happens according to the deeds of the wicked, and there are wicked people to whom it happens according to the deeds of the righteous.”

We have all heard the phrase: “Why do bad things happen to good people?” In the world today we have a certain mindset about justice and much of how we view it is through the lens of “What is fair?” There is a problem with that however: God is not fair, God is sovereign. He has a complete view of every situation from beginning to end. This is a perspective we will never see from because we are finite beings.

We live in an upside-down world. Where we should see cursing, we see blessing, and the other way around. We have all seen people with no regard for God have lives that appear blessed and we have all seen God-fearing people struggle with many things in life. But what if the world’s blessings were actually a curse? The things people may accumulate in life such as money, wealth, property, influence or status could be the very things that keep their eyes blind to God’s truth. While on the same thought, a person’s struggles in life be they financial, health, misfortune, vocational or relational could be the very thing that motivates their hearts to continually lean on God.

The thought for you all today is that at times life seems unjust or unfair by our standards, but God may see your struggle or your hardship as a great opportunity to prepare for the eternal blessing of forever with Him in heaven. There is an appreciation that is built in our hearts when we overcome the hard times in life. This is why God sent His spirit. Not only to empower us to fulfill the ministry of the church, but also to comfort us and reveal Jesus to us in every situation.

Let’s consider these thoughts together this week.

I love you and God loves you!

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