

Why does life seem unfair?

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- (Ecc 4:1) Again I saw all the oppressions that are done under the sun. And behold, the tears of the oppressed, and they had no one to comfort them! On the side of their oppressors there was power, and there was no one to comfort them.
- (Ecc 4:2) And I thought the dead who are already dead more fortunate than the living who are still alive.

- A. The reality: Life is unfair
- B. The reasons for injustice
- C. What should I do in the meanwhile?

A. The reality: life is unfair

1. Criminals go unpunished

- (Ecc 8:11) Because the sentence against an evil deed is not executed speedily, the heart of the children of man is fully set to do evil.

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- (Ecc 10:5) There is an evil that I have seen under the sun, as it were an error proceeding from the ruler:
- (Ecc 10:6) folly is set in many high places..

4. Good people are unrewarded

- (Ecc 8:14) There is a vanity that takes place on 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. I said that this also is vanity.

5. Capable people are unsuccessful

- (Ecc 9:11) Again I saw that under the sun the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, nor bread to the wise, nor riches to the intelligent, nor favor to those with knowledge, but time and chance happen to them all.
- (Ecc 9:12) For man does not know his time. Like fish that are taken in an evil net, and like birds that are caught in a snare, so the children of man are snared at an evil time, when it suddenly falls upon them.

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B) What are the reasons for injustice?

- (Psa 145:17) The LORD is righteous in all his ways and kind in all his works.

1. Sin was birthed into mankind

- (Psa 51:5) Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.
- (Rom 7:23) but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members.

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- (Deu 11:26) "See, I am setting before you today a blessing and a curse:
- (Deu 11:27) the blessing, if you obey the commandments of the LORD your God, which I command you today,
- (Deu 11:28) and the curse, if you do not obey the commandments of the LORD your God, but turn aside from the way that I am commanding you today, to go after other gods that you have not known.

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- (Mat 22:37) And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.
- (Mat 22:38) This is the great and first commandment.

3. Judgement is coming

- (Ecc 3:17) I said in my heart, God will judge the righteous and the wicked, for there is a time for every matter and for every work.

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- (Isa 30:18) Therefore the LORD waits to be gracious to you, and therefore he exalts himself to show mercy to you. For the LORD is a God of justice; blessed are all those who wait for him.

4. In this time, the saviour is revealed

- (Rom 5:20) Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more,
- (Rom 5:21) so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

5. Pain develops warriors

- (Rom 5:3) Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance,
- (Rom 5:4) and endurance produces character, and character produces hope,
- (Rom 5:5) and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

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- (Joh 16:33) I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."

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1. Worship and Thank God for the hand you're dealt, even if it seems unfair
2. Do the right thing anyway
3. Wait patiently for God's reward
