

# Title: Developing a Philosophy for Life on Justice

Series on Ecclesiastes: Developing a  
God-Centered Philosophy for Life  
Message #8 – Ecclesiastes 3:16–22

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# I. THE PLACE OF JUSTICE

- ▶ (3:16) And moreover I saw under the sun the place of judgment, that wickedness was there; and the place of righteousness, that iniquity was there.

## II. THE PERSON OF JUSTICE

- ▶ (3:17) I said in mine heart,  
God shall judge the righteous and the wicked:  
for there is a time there for every purpose  
and for every work.

# PRINCIPLES GOD HAS PLACED IN OUR HEARTS

- ▶ 1) TO SEARCH FOR THE MEANING OF THIS LIFE  
And I gave my heart to seek and search out by wisdom concerning all things that are done under heaven: this sore travail hath God given to the sons of man to be exercised therewith (1:13)
- ▶ 2) TO SEARCH FOR ETERNAL LIFE  
He hath made every thing beautiful in his time: also he hath set the world (eternity) in their heart, so that no man can find out the work that God maketh from the beginning to the end (3:11).
- ▶ 3) TO KNOW ULTIMATELY THERE WILL BE JUSTICE (3:17)

# III. THE PREPARATION FOR JUSTICE

- ▶ (3:18) I said in mine heart concerning the estate of the sons of men, that God might manifest them, and that they might see that they themselves are beasts.

Hebrews 9:27, And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:

- ▶ **(3:19) For that which befalleth the sons of men befalleth beasts; even one thing befalleth them: as the one dieth, so dieth the other; yea, they have all one breath; so that a man hath no preeminence above a beast: for all is vanity.**

- ▶ **(3:20) All go unto one place;  
all are of the dust,  
and all turn to dust again.**

▶ **(3:21) Who knoweth the spirit of man  
that goeth upward,**

**and the spirit of the beast  
that goeth downward to the earth?**

▶ **(3:22) Wherefore I perceive  
that there is nothing better,  
than that a man  
should rejoice in his own works;**

**for that is his portion:  
for who shall bring him to see  
what shall be after him?**

# IV. THE PHASES OF JUSTICE

- 1) The Judgment Seat of Christ – for the believer after the Rapture of the Church – to determine the rewards for the believer (I Corinthians 3).
- 2) The Judgment of the Nations – to determine who enters into the Millennium at the end of the Tribulation (Matthew 25).
- 3) The Great White Throne – at the end of the Millennium – to determine the degree of punishment of those who will be cast into the Lake of Fire – unbelievers (Revelation 20).