

# Message Notes

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*Un(Satisfied): Injustice*  
Ecclesiastes 3:16-4:3  
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## Solomon's Observations:

- ◆ Solomon asks hard questions to push us to a \_\_\_\_\_.
- ◆ His conclusion: a life lived apart from God will leave us \_\_\_\_\_.

I saw under the sun that in the place of justice, even there was wickedness,  
and in the place of righteousness, even there was wickedness  
*Ecclesiastes 3:16 ESV*

- ◆ Solomon observes \_\_\_\_\_ in the world. (Ecc. 3:16-17, 4:1-3; 10:5-10)

## God's Character:

- ◆ God is a God of \_\_\_\_\_. (Dt. 10:17-18; Amos 5; Is. 1:17; Micah 6:8; Ps. 169:7-9)
- ◆ Justice = \_\_\_\_\_, what is right, the way things are supposed to be. Associated with shalom (peace & wholeness). (Gen. 1-2; Pr. 21:3; Nm. 6:24-26)
- ◆ God's people are to be a people of \_\_\_\_\_. (Zech. 7:9-10; Am. 5; Micah 6:8)

God will bring into judgement both the righteous and the wicked, for there  
will be a time for every activity, a time to judge every deed.  
*Ecclesiastes 3:17*

- ◆ The question isn't, will God judge? But, \_\_\_\_\_? (Ez. 18:32; 2 Pet. 3:9)
- ◆ Judgement not only condemns, it \_\_\_\_\_. (Dt. 32:36; Is. 54:17; Jer. 51:10)
- ◆ God displayed His justice for us on the \_\_\_\_\_. (Rm. 3:23-26, 5:8; 2 Cor., 5:21)
- ◆ Jesus set apart a new people – the \_\_\_\_\_. (Mt. 5-7, 16:17-19; Gal. 6:10; Jm 2:15-16)

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness/\_\_\_\_\_,  
for they will be filled. *Matthew 5:6*

## Our Response:

- ◆ Blessed are those who \_\_\_\_\_ for the world to be made \_\_\_\_\_,  
for they will be \_\_\_\_\_. (Mt. 5:6)
- ◆ Do we hunger & thirst for His \_\_\_\_\_ to come?
- ◆ We begin with \_\_\_\_\_ – prayer of complaint, anger, grief, despair,  
protest and hope of justice, wholeness and peace.

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# Psalms of Lament

3	41	80
4	42-43	83
5	44	85
6	51	86
7	52*	88
9-10	53	89*
12	54	90
13	55	94
14	56	102
17	57	109
22	58	120
25	59	123
26	60	126
27*	61	129
28	64	130
31	69	137
35	70	139
36*	71	140
38	74	141
39	77	142
40:12-17	79	143

## Recommended Resources on Justice Issues

[www.ijm.com](http://www.ijm.com)  
[www.a21.org](http://www.a21.org)  
[www.cafo.org](http://www.cafo.org)

*Generous Justice* by Tim Keller

*Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson

*Left to Tell* by Immaculee Ilibagiza

*Under Our Skin* by Benjamin Watson

*Good News About Injustice* by Gary Haugen