

**Review**

1. Understand that time and judgment have to be factored in as facts of life.
2. Recognise that we are unable to fathom the outcome of a matter, but to trust in God
3. Continue to fight this war with death till the end
  - a) Our hope is in the Lord Jesus Christ
  - b) We have victory over death in His resurrection 1 Cor 15:54-57

**The wicked**

"Then I saw the wicked buried, who had come and gone from the place of holiness, and they were forgotten in the city where they had so done. This also is vanity." Ecc 8:10

1. Started from a place of holiness
2. Gone from the place of holiness
3. When the wicked is buried
4. The wicked will be forgotten
5. This is vanity

**The problem of evil**

"Because the sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil." Ecc 8:11

1. When there is a delay in justice against evil
2. Evil is allowed to continue

**The contrast between the sinner and the righteous**

1. The wicked

"Though a sinner does evil a hundred times, and his days are prolonged," Ecc 8:12

"But it will not be well with the wicked; nor will he prolong his days, which are as a shadow, because he does not fear before God." Ecc 8:13

- a) A description of the wicked
- b) Inclination to do evil

- c) Seems to get away with it
- d) But in time, the wicked will not get away with evil

2. The righteous

"Yet I surely know that it will be well with those who fear God, who fear before Him." Eccl 8:12

- a) A description
- b) The good seems not to be doing well
- c) But in time, it will be well with them

**The Psalmist's perspective concerning those who fear the Lord Ps 112**

- 1. A description of one who fears the Lord Ps 112:1
  - a) He is blessed
  - b) He delights greatly in His commandments
- 2. The blessings of the Lord given Ps 112:2-4
- 3. Character of the righteous Ps 112:5-9

**Lessons to be learnt**

- 1. To comprehend the wicked and how evil they are
- 2. The challenge is to stand in contrast to the wicked by fearing the Lord
- 3. Cultivating our character in the fear of the Lord