

13-Mar-2022 | Discussion Questions
The Importance of Fearing God | Eccl 8:10-17 | Pr Mark Tan

1. In vv. 10-13 the Preacher struggles with the tension between the apparent flourishing of the wicked and his conviction that in the end the righteous will be blessed and the wicked will not.
 - a. Do you struggle with this same tension? If so, how do you resolve it? Are there any Scriptures that help you work through this?
 - b. What do you think about v. 11? Can you think of any biblical reasons why doesn't God execute his justice against the wicked quicker?

2. The Preacher ends the passage by advocating enjoyment of whatever you happen to have in the movement, because ultimately you have no way of controlling or even predicting what will happen tomorrow.
 - a. While there is certainly wisdom to this approach, it is not the full picture of biblical advice on how to live well in our fallen world. What do the parable of the sheep and the goats (Matt 25:31-46), the parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:27ff), and command to love our neighbor as ourselves reveal about how Jesus' disciples are to respond to the needs created by the unjust systems of the world?
 - b. In what ways have you seen God use you to oppose corrupt systems and stand up and serve those in need in Jesus' name?
 - c. What areas of society has the church failed to love in this way? How can you—as a member of the body of Christ—address this? d. In what new ways is God calling you to enter in and push back evil and injustice in Jesus' name?