

Scripture

Ecclesiastes 3:16-22 (NLT)

The Injustices of Life

3:16 I also noticed that under the sun there is evil in the courtroom. Yes, even the courts of law are corrupt! **17** I said to myself, “In due season God will judge everyone, both good and bad, for all their deeds.”

18 I also thought about the human condition—how God proves to people that they are like animals. **19** For people and animals share the same fate—both breathe and both must die. So people have no real advantage over the animals. How meaningless!

20 Both go to the same place—they came from dust and they return to dust. **21** For who can prove that the human spirit goes up and the spirit of animals goes down into the earth?

22 So I saw that there is nothing better for people than to be happy in their work. That is our lot in life. And no one can bring us back to see what happens after we die.