

# Midweek Bible Study

## **Exposition of Qoheleth Challenges to Enjoying the Gift Ecc. 3:16-4:16**

### **Introduction**

Review of 3:1-15

3:1-8

3:9-11

3:12-15

V. 15 serves as a segue to 3:16ff.

### **Injustice (3:16-22)**

A. Injustice: Not the Way it's supposed to be (3:16)

B. Payday someday (3:17)

C. Man, the beast, is a vapor (3:18-20)

\*Note: As long as man perverts justice and righteousness, he is like an animal, not an image-bearer.

D. Man is more than a beast (3:21)

E. Enjoy life despite injustice (3:22)

### **Oppression (4:1-3)**

A. The oppressed and the oppressors (4:1)

B. Better off are the dead and those never born (4:2-3)

### **Envy (4:4-6)**

A. Rivalry drives labor (4:4)

B. Idleness rebuked (4:5)

C. The golden means (4:6)



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## **Loneliness (4:7-12)**

- A. Married to his work (4:7-8)
  
- B. The blessing of companionship (4:9-12)

## **Politics (4:13-16)**

- A. The popularity of the successor (4:13-15)
  
- B. The unpopularity of the successor (4:16)

