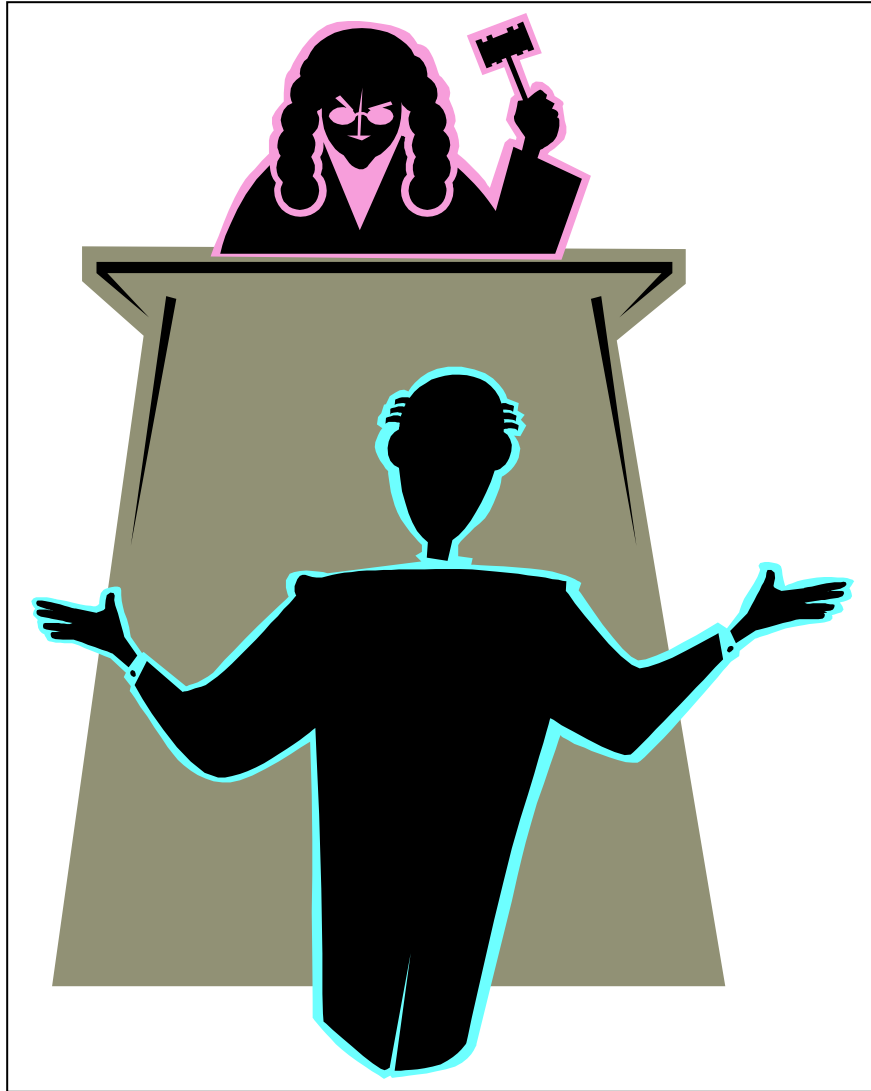


Ecclesiastes Study 4



Where is
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Study 4. Where is justice and fairness?

Discuss.

How would you define justice and fairness ? In your opinion, do you think that we live in a fair society? Give reasons and examples for your answer.

Read Chapter 8:9 – 15.

What observations does the writer make?

V11-13

V14

What makes fairness and justice meaningless?

Read 8:16-17.

What conclusions does the writer make?

According to the writer why can't he discover meaning?

Do you agree or disagree with the writer? Give reasons.

Part 2.

Read 9:1-10 The writer continues with his conclusions about his observations.

List out the conclusions he makes :

V1-2

V3-6

V7-10



From a human perspective, we see death as the end of all things, because of this, the writer concludes that the answer to life might as well just be to enjoy life as much as possible. It's all he can do in this life.

Does death really make all things meaningless or does it only make meaningful things temporary? Either way, how does death make a joke of justice and fairness?

Think about this.

In verses 7-10 of Chapter 9 , there is tone of resignation in the writer's conclusion. ("You might as well try to enjoy this meaningless life"). Can belief in God make a difference in this ? What difference can God make? How does God make life meaningful?

Application & relevance.

Why are issues of justice and fairness important to our daily lives? In what areas of life do they apply?

Should we be fighting for justice ? Why?

Read John 5:24-30. What does this passage say about justice?

Who will be the judge? V27.

Who will be condemned and who will live ? v29

How does v24 compare with v29 in terms of justice and fairness?

How does v24 give us hope and meaning in an unjust world?

Pray.

