Pondering the Paradoxes of Life

Reflections From the Top

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When people are given an opportunity to address their most intimate irritations about life, the inequities of the world come immediately to the surface. Each of us harbors an area of irritation that causes us grief upon consideration. In our righteous view, fairness is not to be found.

Solomon was bothered with the same questions from time to time. He also lamented the lack of justice in the time frame of life. When the seventy-year experience we participate in on planet Earth runs out, the likelihood is that there will be unfinished business: We'll owe to some, we'll be owed by others. There must be an answer somewhere to the shortfalls of society.

It is to those puzzles that Solomon speaks today. He has looked at the paradoxes and shares our opinion in the time frame of today. But remember, the game isn't over when we leave the field--there is a judge who will preside over the ultimate dispensation of honest justice!

When you have a statement that seems to be contradictory to common sense, and yet is perhaps true, you have a . . .

PARADOX!

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1. Everybody should get what they deserve . . . But they don't!

   Ecclesiastes 8:14

2. Good people should succeed over bad people this side of death . . . But they don't!

   Ecclesiastes 9:1-3

3. Winners should win and losers should lose in life . . . But they don't!

   Ecclesiastes 9:11-12

4. People should honor those who serve other people . . . But they don't !

   Ecclesiastes 9:13-16

■ NOTES:

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