



**The Ministry and Limits of Human Government”**  
Ecclesiastes 8:1-15

- b. Qoheleth prescribes \_\_\_\_\_ in the face of the vanity of injustice that appears in this lifetime (8:14-15).

*Ecclesiastes 2:26; 12:7-8, 13-14, Hebrews 11:6*

- I. Ecclesiastes 8:1 may stand in contrast to 7:29, praising the life of \_\_\_\_\_ over man’s choices to forsake righteousness (8:1).
- a. Qoheleth launches into a new subject of civil obedience: Honor and obey your \_\_\_\_\_ and know that his concerns and rights are with higher than yours (8:2-6).

*Romans 13:1-4*

- b. The king faces natural limitations to doing his job—he cannot know the future, he cannot stop death, and he cannot avoid \_\_\_\_\_ and corruption in a world of sinful men (8:7-9).

*Jeremiah 29:4-7; Romans 13:4-6*

- II. The difficulty facing the wise is the apparent \_\_\_\_\_ of God’s justice as you watch evil men take \_\_\_\_\_ of this fact (8:10-11).
- a. Qoheleth believes that, in the end, it will go well for the \_\_\_\_\_ and not go well with the \_\_\_\_\_ (8:12-13).

*Ecclesiastes 12:13-14; 5:20*