

He That Is Higher Than the Highest

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[Ecc 5:8](#) If thou seest the oppression of the poor, and violent perverting of judgment and justice in a province, marvel not at the matter: for he that is higher than the highest regardeth; and there be higher than they.

- I. Authority is arranged in an orderly fashion.
 - A. Among men the earth is divided into “provinces” or areas of jurisdiction.
 - B. Each “province” or area of jurisdiction has a ruler or a judge, or both.
 - C. These rulers are individual men who may be righteous or may be wicked.
 1. They may care for the people and truly have the good of the people at heart.
 2. Or they may only use their position to enrich themselves and abuse the people in order to enrich themselves and remain in power.
 - D. Since all earthly rulers are simply men we can surely expect to see oppression and violent perverting of judgment and justice at times.
 1. Since men are sinners we can expect to see it MOST of the time.
 - E. If there were no more to the equation than this the picture would be pretty dark, but there *is* a little more to it than this.

- II. Even in earthly authority there is always one higher in rank.
 - A. All authority must submit to the higher authority.
 - B. All men are not wicked, Thank God!
 - C. God created man in his own image and therefore man has a sense of justice that he cannot escape.
 - D. This sense cries out when injustice, violence, and perverting of justice is running unchecked.
 1. When those in authority cease to act according to justice the people will rise up against them.
 2. Other authorities will also rise up against them.
 - E. This sense of justice is strong enough to move people to action – even authorities who might be partakers in the injustice themselves.
 1. For fear of losing their own position they will deal with another corrupt authority.
 2. They might even act out of selfishness with the prospect of having authority over more people. (by delivering them from their oppressor they will have the opportunity to oppress them, also)

- III. But there is One who is higher than the highest.
 - A. There is a God in heaven who is higher than any earthly authority and He is watching what goes on, too.

[Psalm 75:7](#) But God *is* the judge: he putteth down one, and setteth up another.

- B. God can remove a wicked oppressor very easily and quickly.
 1. Herod was eaten by worms.
 2. Eglon was removed from power by Ehud’s dagger.

3. Belshazzar was taken out of the way in an evening.
- C. God sometimes uses wicked oppressors to judge his wayward people.

Psalm 17:13 Arise, O LORD, disappoint him, cast him down: deliver my soul from the wicked, *which is thy sword*:

- IV. Marvel not at the matter.
- A. Don't be perplexed or wonder at how this can be.
 - B. Don't despair and think that it will continue this way forever – because it never does.
 - C. The wicked may be in authority today, but their reign is usually short.
 1. They self destruct or they are taken down by a higher or another authority.
 2. They seldom have enough sense to continue in power because they set no boundaries for themselves in their abuse of others.

2 Tim 3:13 But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.

- D. In our modern world we have seen examples in our own lifetime of this.
 1. Saddam Hussein
 2. The Soviet Union
 3. Hitler
- E. If there is no earthly deliverer and it becomes necessary then God will step in and do something about it.