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Ecclesiastes 3:16-17 *(16) Moreover I saw under the sun: In the place of judgment, Wickedness was there; And in the place of righteousness, Iniquity was there. (17) I said in my heart, "God shall judge the righteous and the wicked, For there is a time there for every purpose and for every work."*

One could easily ask themselves, "Can God be in control when the environment holds so much evil? With the immoral prospering in their trespasses and the godly suffering in their obedience? Doesn't that seem backward from the way we would think of God operating? What is your reaction?

For sure, Solomon was not the first to ask such a question. As much as we might hate having to deal with this, it is nevertheless a reality. In His wisdom, the Lord chose this means to deal with humanity, and perhaps most significantly, to allow His children to meet these same circumstances.

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Second, human nature instinctively thinks that the way God manages situations is unfair, a judgment that stems from the spirit of this world (Ephesians 2:2-3). But, God's perception of timing and assessment is much more extensive regarding each person than we can perceive. We are not in their shoes, nor do we know what God plans for them to go through. Therefore, we must know and adequately utilize that other people are none of our business in a significant way - they are God's business. That is God's affair, and He will handle things, in His own time. Be encouraged to know that God is always in control!

At His service,
Pr. Teddy Santos