

“Why Trust God When The World Is So Broken?”

Ecclesiastes 3:1-15

Sermon Series: “Unsatisfied”

Introduction: Life is often painful, and it seems so unfair a lot of the time. How do we make sense of it? Solomon is wrestling with that in Ecclesiastes (1:14-15, 7:13-14). How do we thrive in a broken world? If God is not in control, is there really a point to life or is everything just random, unfair, and pointless? That’s what it seems like to me. However, I understand that non-Christians push back and say, “If there is a God who has all power and is loving, why is there so much evil in the world?” So, why would I believe that God is in control and there is a purpose to life so we can trust Him even when the world is so broken? Well, in this passage, Solomon, as he does in a few places in Ecclesiastes, switches from his “under the sun” perspective to a theological, God-centered perspective, and he gives us some reasons to trust God even when the world is broken.

Main Idea: We can trust God even though life is a series of ups and downs in a broken world.

Why?

- 1. We can trust God in a broken world because there is a divine plan even though it may not seem like it amidst the ups and downs of life (v. 1-9).**
- 2. We can trust God in a broken world because everything is operating under the sovereignty of God (v. 1,11,14). [Ephesians 1:13-14]**
- 3. We can trust God in a broken world because we experience good from the providential hand of God (v. 13).**
- 4. We can trust God in a broken world because God sets everything right in eternity (v. 11,15).**
- 5. Application: In light of these truths, we are responsible to God for how we live our lives in this broken world (v. 12-14).**
 - A. Trust (Romans 8:28-31)**
 - B. Rejoice**
 - C. Do all the good we can**
 - D. Fear God**