

## **Ecclesiastes 4**

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**4** So I returned, and considered all the oppressions that are done under the sun: and behold the tears of such as were oppressed, and they had no comforter; and on the side of their oppressors there was power; but they had no comforter. (The comforter is God's Holy Spirit. If you live by God's Word, the comforter is with you)

<sup>2</sup> Wherefore I praised the dead which are already dead more than the living which are yet alive. (He was happy for those who have passed on. They are in paradise with God)

<sup>3</sup> Yea, better is he than both they, which hath not yet been, who hath not seen the evil work that is done under the sun. (We all pass through the flesh life once. Some have passed, we are passing, and others will pass through in the future after we are dead. Those that have passed through already are better off than the rest of us)

(Those that commit murder by abortion are robbing those souls of their chance to make their choice whether do some good in the world, or follow the ways of the world)

<sup>4</sup> Again, I considered all travail, and every right work, that for this a man is envied of his neighbour. This is also vanity and vexation of spirit. (Means like chasing the wind; to envy other peoples' accomplishments is all vanity – as ridiculous as chasing the wind)

<sup>5</sup> The fool foldeth his hands together, and eateth his own flesh. (God doesn't care for lazy people. They usually tend to live off of the work of others – either by their charity, or by theft, or by suing people in the courts)

<sup>6</sup> Better is an handful with quietness, than both the hands full with travail and vexation of spirit. (Better a small honest accomplishment, than big dishonest accomplishments)

<sup>7</sup> Then I returned, and I saw vanity under the sun. (People are people. We all sin and are all tempted)

<sup>8</sup> There is one alone, and there is not a second; yea, he hath neither child nor brother: yet is there no end of all his labour; neither is his eye satisfied with riches; neither saith he, For whom do I labour, and bereave my soul of good? This is also vanity, yea, it is a sore travail.

(The workaholics, piling on the riches, not helping anyone else; not bringing others into his life; they eventually die and leave their stored up treasures to the government. They had no enjoyment in their life)

<sup>9</sup>Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labour. (It is better to include good people into your life, to share the work and the rewards)

<sup>10</sup>For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow: but woe to him that is alone when he falleth; for he hath not another to help him up. (The family and fiends constitute a support system. We can help each other)

<sup>11</sup>Again, if two lie together, then they have heat: but how can one be warm alone? (Sleep with someone that you love)

<sup>12</sup>And if one prevail against him, two shall withstand him; and a threefold cord is not quickly broken. (A family group can better withstand opposition, than a single person alone)

<sup>13</sup>Better is a poor and a wise child than an old and foolish king, who will no more be admonished. (admonished = corrected) (The old foolish king is closed minded. He'll never learn anything new. The child, rich or poor, has an open mind so he can learn)

<sup>14</sup>For out of prison he cometh to reign; whereas also he that is born in his kingdom becometh poor. (Close minded rulers rule poorly. The people who live under their rule will suffer for it)

<sup>15</sup>I considered all the living which walk under the sun, with the second child that shall stand up in his stead. (Those who live now, versus those that will live in the future)

<sup>16</sup>There is no end of all the people, even of all that have been before them: they also that come after shall not rejoice in him. Surely this also is vanity and vexation of spirit. (The bad ruler leaves a bad legacy to those that will have to live by what he has done)