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Dealing with an Unjust World - Ecclesiastes 8:1-17

Why is power so enticing? What I want is not going to be handed me.
“Power is gasoline that is thrown on the fire of our ordinary self-worship,
Controlling variables assumes contentment.

People don't want controlled, most don't want to be led. Why?
I'm giving away my rights, my worth, my control

What am I gaining by all my controlling? What is it costing?
What is the wage? Anxiety, Manipulation, Frustration, Anger

- Gaining power in and over our lives and often to our harm
- It changes our face
- I observed all the labor done on earth: No Sleep
- Then I observed what God has done. No one can fathom it

Submission: Yielding to a superior force.

Will you submit your knowledge of good and evil?

What if you accepted you don't know the future nor whether certain things will necessarily turn out good or bad?

What if you accepted the limits of your control? Limits of your wisdom?

What if your controlling lead to a long miserable life? A short content life?

What if you get what the wicked deserve?

What if you accepted that as you gain wisdom you will know the proper time and procedure in which to act?

- The Wise reduce the risk of maneuvering the minefield of power

Jesus enters humanity's foolishness.

Agonizes folly will end in death when life is right before them

Jesus knew when to stand and kneel: Other centered not self-centered
John 10:16-21 You have no authority over me: I lay down my life only to take it up again.

In 19:9-12 You would have no authority over me if it were not give to you from above.

James 4:1-10 Inward battle of discontentment

What are you trying to control? Standing For? Kneeling For?