

A close-up, profile view of a man's face, split vertically down the middle. The left side is bathed in a vibrant blue light, while the right side is in a deep red light. The man's hair is dark and slightly messy. He appears to be resting his head on his hand, with his fingers visible near his temple. The overall mood is contemplative and dramatic.

SOLOMON ON POLITICS

Ecclesiastes 5:8-9

Genesis 6:11-12 “Now the earth was corrupt in the sight of God and the earth was filled with violence. God looked on the earth and behold it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted their way upon the earth.”

Gen 11:4 “Come let us build for ourselves a city, and a tower whose top will reach into heaven and let us make a name, otherwise we will be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth.”

- 3:16-17 He deals with injustice in the courts.
- 4:1-3 He deals with oppressive authority.
- 5:8-9 He addresses political corruption.

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- The Denial of Justice
- The Omission of Righteousness
- The Abuse of Authority

Romans 13:1-3 *Every person is to be in subjection to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are established by God.*

Romans 13:4 *for it is a minister of God to you for good. But if you do what is evil, be afraid; for it does not bear the sword for nothing; for it is a minister of God, an avenger who brings wrath on the one who practices evil.*


2. The Source for Political Corruption (vs. 8b)

3. The Solution to Political Corruption (vs.9)

- A Perspective Solution
- A Provisional Solution
- A Permeant Solution

Isaiah 9:6 *For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will rest upon His shoulders. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

Isaiah 9:7 *There will be no end to the increase of His government or of peace, On the throne of David and over his kingdom, To establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness from then on and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will accomplish this.*

A photograph of a person's head and hand, split vertically into two halves. The left half is tinted blue and shows the back of the person's head with messy hair. The right half is tinted red and shows the person's hand covering their face, suggesting distress or shame. The background is dark grey.

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