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Isaiah 3:10, 11 *"Tell the righteous it will be well with them,
for they will enjoy the fruit of their deeds.
Woe to the wicked! Disaster is upon them!
They will be paid back for what their hands have done.*

Isaiah 1:17 *"learn to do right!
Seek justice,
encourage the oppressed.
Defend the cause of the fatherless,
plead the case of the widow."*

Micah 6:8 *"He has showed you, O man, what is good.
And what does the Lord require of you?
To act justly and to love mercy
and to walk humbly with your God."*

'It's not fair!', 'Justice must be done.'

Isaiah and Micah were contemporaries around 700 BC at which time 'Israel' referred to two kingdoms. Israel in the north and Judea in the south. At the time of these prophets the people of both kingdoms were reverting to idolatry, immorality and unjust behaviour all of which was making God angry. The prophets berate the people of all Israel and warn of destruction at the hands of their enemies the Assyrians.

It is easy to slip into unjust thoughts and actions. It is easy to be lukewarm in our belief. It is easy to allow pleasurable sinfulness to take over. The message from Isaiah and Micah can be summed up as 'Watch out! Your lifestyle is under threat but repentance, following God's ways and walking humbly with him is on offer to those who turn to Him.'