
Wisdom and Folly

Scripture: Ecclesiastes 7:1-29

1. God designed life to be lived in fellowship with Him. – vv. 1-13

Three Principles:

- Sorrow is better than laughter – vv. 1-4
- Patience is better than being in a hurry – vv. 7-9
- Today is better than yesterday – v. 10

2. Sin distorted God's design – vv. 14-22

3. The gospel restores us back to life by God's design. - vv. 23-29

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At Home Study Guide

For the week of March 5, 2023

There is tension in this life between our expectations and reality. We seek what can satisfy us, but nothing in this world ever will. Solomon already went on this quest for us, and in Ecclesiastes, he provides wisdom from God. "[T]his is not the kind of book that we keep reading until we get the answer, but the kind of book that helps us know how to serve God when we do not have all the answers." (Philip Ryken) Join us on this quest for the one who can truly satisfy.

1. Do you know what's good for you, especially in times of adversity? How does Solomon answer that question in chapter 7?

2. Verse 15 introduces a vain or absurd truth. Why is it wrong to pretend to be righteous? Why warn the wicked?

3. In verses 19-29 Solomon highlights the strength of wisdom (19-22), the search for wisdom (23-25), and the disappointment of wisdom (26-29). What do you learn about wisdom in these verses?

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