

ECCLESIASTES

FINDING MEANING IN THIS LIFE

Message Title: **Wisdom in Weird Places**

Ecclesiastes 6:10-7:12 NKJV | Sunday AM, November 14th, 2021

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Whatever one is, he has been named already, For it is known that he *is* man; And he cannot contend with Him who is mightier than he. ¹¹ Since there are many things that increase vanity, How *is* man the better? ¹² For who knows what *is* good for man in life, all the days of his ¹³ vain life which he passes like a shadow? Who can tell a man what will happen after him under the sun? **7** A good name *is* better than precious ointment, And the day of death than the day of one's birth; ² Better to go to the house of mourning Than to go to the house of feasting, For that *is* the end of all men; And the living will take *it* to heart. ³ Sorrow *is* better than laughter, For by a sad countenance the heart is made better. ⁴ The heart of the wise *is* in the house of mourning, But the heart of fools *is* in the house of mirth. ⁵ *It is* better to hear the rebuke of the wise Than for a man to hear the song of fools. ⁶ For like the ⁶ crackling of thorns under a pot, So *is* the laughter of the fool. This also is vanity. ⁷ Surely oppression destroys a wise *man's* reason, And a bribe ⁸ debases the heart. ⁸ The end of a thing *is* better than its beginning; The patient in spirit *is* better than the proud in spirit. ⁹ Do not hasten in your spirit to be angry, For anger rests in the bosom of fools. ¹⁰ Do not say, "Why were the former days better than these?" For you do not inquire wisely concerning this. ¹¹ Wisdom *is* good with

an inheritance, And profitable to those who see the sun. ¹²For wisdom *is* a defense *as* money *is* a defense, But the excellence of knowledge *is that* wisdom gives life to those who have it.

Introduction

1. _____ Sorrow – vs. 1-4

Who you are is more _____ than what you possess

Facing _____ enables us to live better

2. Walking a Lonely _____ -vs. 5-12

You Need _____ Hearing – vs. 5-6

You Need to Look _____ - vs. 7-10

You Need to _____ Wisdom – vs. 11-12

Application Questions

- 1. Why do we find it so difficult to love the fact that life has limitations?*
- 2. When was the last time you went to a funeral? How did you feel? What can you learn from that?*
- 3. How does knowing you serve a God who has suffered in your place and on your behalf aid you in dealing with suffering in your life?*
- 4. Anger, impatience, greed, nostalgia—what impact should death have on each of these in our lives?*

BE A DOER. Your responsibility, by God's enabling, is to consistently apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Phil 2:12-13; 1 Tim 4:7-9; James 1:22-27). As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions: (1) How does God want my beliefs/actions to change? (2) How can I accomplish this change? (3) What is the first step toward bringing about this change?