



October 4- Ecclesiastes 3:16-4:16

1. In verses 16-17, what does Solomon observe about injustice, and what is it that we would consider good about this situation?
2. In verses 18-21 Solomon compares humans with animals. Why does he make that comparison?
3. In 4:1-3 the author describes people suffering under oppression. What does this passage teach us about how we should view suffering?
4. How can our work become a source of emptiness? (4:4-6)
5. We all know that relationships are an important gift from God. What does 4:7-12 teach us about the importance of those relationships?
6. What are some practical ways we can apply the principle, "Two are better than one" (4:9), to our lives?
7. In 4:13-16, why does Solomon contrast a poor but wise youth with an old but foolish king?
8. What is the overall lesson of Ecclesiastes 3:16-4:16 for how we should live today?

October 11- Ecclesiastes 5:1-7

1. What warning does Solomon give about approaching the house of God in verse 1? Have you been guilty of just going through the motions of worship?
2. Why does the Teacher emphasize listening rather than speaking in verse 1? Again, ever been guilty of this?
3. What does verse 2 teach us about our words when we pray?
4. What does Solomon mean by “let your words be few” (5:2)
Also take a look at Matthew 6:7-8.
5. Is there a connection between dreams and the multitude of words in verse 3? What is it, and how can we apply it today?
6. Why does Solomon place such strong emphasis on keeping vows to God (5:4)?
7. How can Christians today make hasty, rash or rushed vows without realizing it?
8. What is the main lesson of Ecclesiastes 5:1-7 for our worship today?

October 18- Ecclesiastes 5:8-6:12

1. Why does Solomon warn about oppression and injustice here in 5:8-9?
2. Take a look at 5:10. According to this verse, why can the pursuit of wealth never fully satisfy us? Why do we often times think that it will?
3. What does chapter 5 verses 11-12 teach us about the relationship between possessions and peace?
4. What does Solomon mean when he describes wealth that is “kept by its owner to his hurt” (5:13)?
5. In 5:15-17, what does Solomon say about taking wealth with us when we die? Why do we make riches and wealth such a central point of your lives?
6. Ecclesiastes 5:18-20 speaks positively about enjoying food, work, and possessions. How does this balance Solomon’s warning about wealth? Is having wealth bad?
7. in 6:1-6, why is the wealthy person described as having a tragic situation? Does having everything materially guarantee the ability to enjoy life?
8. Chapter 6 verses 7-12 questions the value of endless striving. What does this passage teach us about knowing when “enough” is enough? What is it that ultimately gives life meaning?

October 25- Ecclesiastes 7:1-29

1. Why does Solomon say that “the day of death” can be better than “the day of birth” (7:1-2)?
2. Why does Solomon say that “sorrow is better than laughter” (7:3-4)?
3. According to verses 5-6, why can a wise person’s correction be more valuable than a fool’s praise? Even though we don’t necessarily like correction, how can it be helpful to us? How do we know whether correction is loving wisdom or merely someone’s personal criticism?
4. What warning does Solomon give about impatience and anger in verses 8-9?
5. In verses 10-14, what does Solomon teach about nostalgia and difficult circumstances? Why do we often glamorize the past and forget its difficulties?
6. What does Solomon mean when he says, “Do not be overly righteous” (7:16)? Have you ever caught yourself being overly righteous? How did you respond?
7. What does Ecclesiastes 7:20-22 teach us about human nature? How would recognizing our own imperfections help us?
8. What conclusion does Solomon reach about wisdom and humility in verses 23-29?