

Ecclesiastes
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Monday, 9:30 – 11:00 am
To be discussed – 02/10/25

Lesson 6
Eccl 6:1-8:1

This lesson covers some long and confusing passages. Don't get bogged down....just answer the questions as best you can using the verses that you found meaningful and helpful.

1. Read Eccl. 6:1-6. What is the obvious contrast between 5:19 and 6:2? Look for a different emphasis in accounts of the two men. What is the "grievous evil" referred to at the end of 6:2? Is God obligated to enable our enjoyment?

2. In vv. 3-6, how is a stillborn child better than a man who cannot enjoy his prosperity?

3. Read Eccl. 6:7-9. These verses speak of the frustration of mankind in living with an insatiable appetite. How does Jesus resolve that problem for believers? (See John 4:13-14 and 6:35)

4. Read Eccl. 6:10-12. What do Solomon's observations reveal about human limitations and divine authority?

5. Read Eccl. 7:1-14. In Eccl. 6:20, Solomon posed the question "Who knows what is good for a man in life?" How does he answer that question in these practical proverbs? Think about each one and the point being made. For instance, how could the day of death be better than the day of birth, or a house of mourning better than a house of feasting, etc.? Some of the teaching is more obvious than others.

6. Read Eccl. 7:15-29. Wisdom can make our lives better, but even wisdom has its limitations. What does he see he cannot understand? What conclusions does he arrive at that you would agree with?