



Ecclesiastes

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Lesson 15 Study Notes – Ecclesiastes 7: 15-29

Pray

Reflect

1. Start by *reading all of chapter 7*. As Solomon continues to consider wisdom in **verses 15-29**, he gives us a general principle he finds to be true in his meaningless life (**v15**). Write out the principle in your own words.
2. You can discern that Solomon thinks this principle is unfair because of what he says in **verses 16-18**. **In your own words**, write out what Solomon is recommending as a good approach to life.
3. *Read verses 19-22*. According to these verses, why do we need wisdom?
4. According to **verses 23-25**, what was his frustration in seeking wisdom?
5. Solomon applied his heart to know wisdom and the opposite end of the spectrum, folly. But his meaningless life could not be made meaningful. Why? From what perspective was he searching for wisdom? Do you think this was the same perspective from which he wrote the book of Proverbs (read chapter 1)?
6. *Read verses 26-29*. In searching for wisdom, the Preacher sees man's sinfulness. What's the situation he describes in **verses 26-27**?
7. What does he conclude in **verse 29**?

Respond

1. Review *Ecclesiastes 7:11-12*. What are some ways wisdom is better than wealth? How is wisdom a better shelter than money? What message does today's world (inside and outside of the church) preach more readily: wisdom or wealth? What does that say about society? Which is more important to you?

2. We had a key verse to consider today... **verse 20**. Is this a truth Solomon got right? What does John tell us in **1 John 1:8**. So, every individual needs the righteousness of God... giving us a new life, or we will never stand in the presence of God. How did you receive this new life, if you have? Support your answer with scripture.