

Review

1. The challenge is not to be stuck in the past but to live in the present
 - a) To adapt to the present
 - b) To focus on the new
2. The challenge is to have financial prudence in the management of our funds
 - a) Not to waste away what we have
 - b) But to know how to manage our funds wisely
 - c) To have wisdom and money as our defence against unexpected challenges in life

A weak understanding of God

1. Solomon wrote his consideration of the work of God
“Consider the work of God; for who can make straight what He has made crooked?”
Ecc1 7:13
 - a) He raises some questions concerning God
 - b) He is asking whether anyone can make straight what God has made crooked
 - c) In asking this question, it reflects the weak understanding of Solomon
2. God's appointment
“In the day of prosperity be joyful, but in the day of adversity consider: Surely God has appointed the one as well as the other, so that man can find out nothing that will come after him.” Ecc1 7:14
 - a) What God has appointed
 - b) Days of prosperity
 - c) Days of adversity

Problem with Solomon's mention of God

1. Personal perspective of life with the word “God” added in without a clear understanding
2. No consistent understanding of God

Solomon's understanding of God

1. Unclear
2. Inconsistent
3. Sometimes good
4. Other times not correct
5. Solomon's perspective of God
 - a) From the human perspective
 - b) Personal perspective
 - c) There are very few truths revealed to him by the Lord
 - d) The knowledge of God (prophets)
6. These texts are examples of a poor understanding of God
 - a) These are precepts taught by men
 - b) Not from God
 - c) Derived through human understanding and reasoning

Conclusion

1. Check whether we have a weak understanding of God
2. The challenge is to have a strong theology of God
 - a) A Biblical theological approach
 - b) Whole Scripture
 - c) Appropriate texts concerning God
 - d) Proper understanding of each text