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HE WHO FEARS GOD

Eccl. 7:15-18

REVIEW ON ECCLESIASTES 7 THUS FAR

1. A good name is better than precious ointment
2. Better to go to the house of mourning than the house of feasting
3. Sorrow is better than laughter
4. Better to hear the rebuke of the wise than the songs of fools
5. Better the end of a thing than its beginning
6. Better to be patient in spirit than to be proud in spirit
7. God can still straighten what is crooked
8. Seeing things from a Biblical Perspective
 - a. The day of prosperity
 - b. The day of adversity

SOLOMON'S OBSERVATIONS CONCERNING THE JUST AND THE WICKED

"I have seen everything in my days of vanity: There is a just *man* who perishes in his righteousness,

And there is a wicked *man* who prolongs *life* in his wickedness." Eccl. 7:15

1. He has seen everything
 - a. In his days of vanity and futility
 - b. A claim that he had seen all that he needs to see
 - c. Based on what he had seen, he made these statements
2. A just man who perishes in his righteousness
3. A wicked man who prolongs his life in his wickedness
4. Analysis of statements
 - a. Promises and judgment
 - i. If people walk in righteousness, God will bless with long life
 - ii. If people walk in wickedness, God will judge and they will perish
 - b. Sometimes, life is contrary
 - c. It is not easily understood

DON'T BE OVERLY RIGHTEOUS OR WISE

"Do not be overly righteous, nor be overly wise:
Why should you destroy yourself?" Eccl. 7:16

1. Challenges
 - a. Don't be overly righteous
 - b. Don't be overly wise
2. We can end up destroying ourselves

DO NOT BE OVERLY WICKED NOR FOOLISH

"Do not be overly wicked, nor be foolish:
Why should you die before your time?" Eccl. 7:17

1. Challenges
 - a. Don't be overly wicked
 - b. Don't be overly foolish
2. We can die before our time

THE CHALLENGE TO FEAR GOD

*"It is good that you grasp this,
And also not remove your hand from the other;
For he who fears God will escape them all."* Eccl. 7:18

1. It is a good thing if we understand this well
 - a. Holding on to the lessons we learn
 - b. Learning the lessons well
2. Those who fear the Lord
 - a. They will live their lives in obeying His commands
 - b. There would be the mercies of the Lord
 - c. They will escape all the above situations
 - d. God willing, they may not perish or die before their time