

**Review**

1. Recognise the need to pursue wisdom ...to be a wise man
2. Being a wise man gives us the ability to interpret the things of life
3. Wisdom can make a significant impact on our lives... to make our face shine

**Keep the king's commandment**

"I say, "Keep the king's commandment for the sake of your oath to God." Ecc 8:2

1. When a king is installed
2. Taken an oath to be loyal to the king in the name of God
3. Obedient to the commands

**A warning to those who are evil**

"Do not be hasty to go from his presence. Do not take your stand for an evil thing, for he does whatever pleases him." Ecc 8:3

1. Those who are evil
  - a) Solomon was well-loved by all initially
  - b) He had advisors
    - i) They could be good
    - ii) They could also be evil
  - c) He was well aware of wicked people who may try to usurp the throne

2. A warning given

3. The authority of the king

4. The power of the word of the king

"Where the word of a king is, there is power; and who may say to him, "What are you doing?" Ecc 8:4

- a) The words of a king
- b) Understanding the power of the king

### **The wisdom of keeping the king's command**

"He who keeps his command will experience nothing harmful; and a wise man's heart discerns both time and judgment," Eccl 8:5

#### 1. The blessing of keeping the king's command

- a) Those who obey the king
- b) They will experience good

#### 2. The heart of a wise man

- a) Discernment
- b) Time
- c) Judgment

### **David's choice of leaders**

### **Ps 101**

- 1. In Psalm 101, David wrote about those who serve in his royal court
- 2. He sought to use wisdom and discernment in his selection of leaders
- 3. Rejected those who were wicked                      Ps 101:3-5
- 4. Choosing good leaders                                      Ps 101:6

### **Lessons to be learned**

- 1. The challenge to understand good leadership and those who make good leaders
  - a) For ourselves as leaders
  - b) In the choice of leaders
- 2. Be warned about those who are evil and go against the nation/church
- 3. The challenge is to choose good leaders who are...
  - a) Wise and discerning
  - b) Faithful and blameless