

**Review**

1. The challenge to understand good leadership and those who make good 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

**Time and judgment**

“Because for every matter there is a time and judgment, though the misery of man increases greatly.” Eccl 8:6

1. Concerning every matter
  - a) Man has no control over all matters
  - b) Nobody can predict what will happen
2. Time
3. Judgment
4. Increase in misery

**The difficulty of fathoming**

“For he does not know what will happen; so who can tell him when it will occur?” Eccl 8:7

1. The difficulty of knowing
  - a) Solomon is unable to predict the future
  - b) There is no way of fathoming what will happen
2. No one can tell
3. Review of Eccl 1-3

### **Impending death**

“No one has power over the spirit to retain the spirit, and no one has power in the day of death. There is no release from that war, and wickedness will not deliver those who are given to it.” Eccl 8:8

1. No power over the spirit

b) Cannot control

c) Cannot retain

2. No power over death

3. War with death

4. Wickedness cannot deliver

### **Application of the heart**

“All this I have seen, and applied my heart to every work that is done under the sun: There is a time in which one man rules over another to his own hurt.” Eccl 8:9

1. Application of the heart to every work

2. Solomon's rule over others

### **Lessons to be learned**

1. Understand that time and judgment have to be factored in as facts of life.

2. Recognise that we are unable to fathom the outcome of a matter, but to trust in God

3. Continue to fight this war with death till the end

a) Our hope is in the Lord Jesus Christ

b) We have victory over death in His resurrection 1 Cor 15:54-57

4. Ensure that we apply our hearts to our work to our blessing rather than hurt