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**KEEP THE KING'S COMMAND**

**Eccl. 8:2-5**

**REVIEW ON ECCLESIASTES 8 THUS FAR**

1. Learning to be a wise man
2. Learning how to interpret things well
  - a. Seeing God's blessings
  - b. Rejoicing in the Lord and His blessings
  - c. Fearing the Lord
3. Having wisdom that will bring much joy to our heart and life

**THE WISE ADVICE TO KEEP THE KING'S COMMANDMENT**

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

1. "I say..."
2. Keep the King's command
3. For the sake of our oath to God
  - a. This was with reference to those who serve under the king
  - b. They would take oaths before God to serve the king
4. They were to keep the king's commands for the sake of their oath

**DO NOT STAND FOR AN EVIL THING**

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

1. Do not be quick to go from his presence
  - a. In disregard of the king
  - b. In anger against the king
2. Do not stand for that which is evil
3. The king has absolute authority to do what he pleases
  - a. The king can do what he pleases
  - b. He has every right to deal with those who are disobeying his commands

**THE WISDOM IN KEEPING THE KING'S COMMAND**

"Where the word of a king *is*, *there is* power; and who may say to him, "What are you doing?" He who keeps his command will experience nothing harmful;..." Eccl. 8:4-5

1. The word of the king
  - a. The is power

- b. There is authority
- 2. The king's authority is absolute
- 3. Those who yield and obey his commands
  - a. There is safety
  - b. They would not be harmed for any reason

#### **DISCERNING TIME AND JUDGMENT**

"And a wise man's heart discerns both time and judgment,..." Eccl. 8:5

- 1. A wise man's heart
- 2. He makes decisions based on discernment
- 3. He discerns both time and judgment

#### **PERSONAL APPLICATION**

- 1. Keeping the laws of our land / of our government
- 2. Don't stand for that which is evil
- 3. Discerning time and judgment