

IT WILL BE WELL WITH THOSE WHO FEAR THE LORD

Eccl. 8:10-13

REVIEW

1. Discerning time and judgment
2. Time and judgment
 - a. With regards to the unknown
 - b. With regards to the war with death
 - c. With regards to the wicked
3. The wicked ruler will rule to his own hurt

THE DEATH OF THE WICKED

“Then I saw the wicked buried, who had come and gone from the place of holiness, and they were forgotten in the city where they had so done. This also *is* vanity.” Eccl. 8:10

1. Another observation by King Solomon
2. The death of the wicked
 - a. They had come and gone from the place of holiness
 - b. They were forgotten in the city that they once had lived in
3. It was a futile ending to their life

WHEN EVIL IS NOT DEALT WITH QUICKLY

“Because the sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil.” Eccl. 8:11

1. Sentences from the courts against an evil work must be carried out promptly
2. If it is not executed speedily
3. People can become fully set to do evil
4. Evil works must be dealt with promptly

THOSE WHO DO NOT FEAR THE LORD

1. They may get away with evil for a while

“Though a sinner does evil a hundred *times*, and his *days* are prolonged,...” Eccl. 8:12

- a. A sinner does evil a hundred times
 - b. It may seem like his days are prolonged
2. But it will not be well with them

“But it will not be well with the wicked; nor will he prolong *his days*, *which are* as a shadow, because he does not fear before God.” Eccl. 8:13

- a. It will not be well with the wicked
- b. They will not prolong their days
 - i. They will die one day
 - ii. They will be judged for their sins
- c. The days they have are a shadow

THOSE WHO FEAR THE LORD

“Yet I surely know that it will be well with those who fear God, who fear before Him.” Eccl. 8:12

- 1. Having certainty of this
- 2. Fearing the Lord before Him
- 3. It will be well

PERSONAL APPLICATION

- 1. Realising that wickedness has severe consequences
 - a. If evil is unchecked, people can become fully set on it
 - b. It will not be well with them...ending up with a futile life
- 3. Having commitment to fear the Lord before Him
 - a. Giving greater deference to Him
 - b. Being more conscious of Him in all that we do