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AN ERROR PROCEEDING FROM THE RULER

Eccl. 10:5-7

REVIEW OF ECCL. 10:1-4

1. A little folly can destroy a person's reputation
2. A fool's heart is at his left hand
3. When a person is a fool
 - a. Even when he walks
 - b. Everyone will know that he is a fool
 - c. He will leave a trail of foolishness
4. A ruler can rise up quickly against a person
 - a. The spirit of the ruler is carefully considered
 - b. His spirit can rise up against another because of great offenses
 - c. It takes wisdom, humility and courage not to leave one's post
 - d. It takes wisdom to pacify the ruler

RULERS CAN END UP WITH ERROR

"There is an evil I have seen under the sun,
As an error proceeding from the ruler:" Eccl. 10:5

1. Solomon continued his observations of life
2. He was seeing another "evil" under the sun
3. The ruler is meant to be wise
4. However, the ruler can make errors
 - a. When he does not employ wisdom to rule
 - b. There will be consequences to his actions

WHEN FOLLY IS GIVEN GREATER HONOUR THAN WISDOM

"Folly is set in great dignity,
While the rich sit in a lowly place." Eccl. 10:6

1. The king will honour those who are foolish
2. The wise and the rich are not honoured by the king
3. This is seen as a great error

WHEN SERVANTS ARE MORE HIGHLY REGARDED THAN PRINCES

“I have seen servants on horses,
While princes walk on the ground like servants.” Eccl. 10:7

1. This was another error on the part of the king
2. Servants are more highly regarded
3. Princes are not highly regarded

PERSONAL APPLICATION

1. Beware of the danger of folly being given greater honour
2. Don't be surprised when this happens
3. Learning to treasure wisdom above all things