

Review

1. To learn to give to those in need
2. Seek to give generously and understand its blessings
3. Use our minds well to work
4. Challenge to have true wisdom and knowledge to understand things well

The problem of limited knowledge

1. The limitation of man's knowledge
2. The wind
"As you do not know what is the way of the wind," Eccl 11:5
3. Human growth
"Or how the bones grow in the womb of her who is with child,;" Eccl 11:5
4. The works of God
"So you do not know the works of God who makes everything." Eccl 11:5

Psalm 111

1. The Psalmist provides us with knowledge of God's work
2. Features of the works of God
3. The works of God reflect His attributes

The place of hard work

1. The need to work hard
"In the morning sow your seed, and in the evening do not withhold your hand;" Eccl 11:6
2. There are no guarantees how each work will turn out
"For you do not know which will prosper, either this or that, or whether both alike will be good." Eccl 11:6
3. The challenge to work hard (Proverbs)
 - a) Prov 10:16
"The labour of the righteous leads to life, the wages of the wicked to sin."

b) Proverbs 12:24

"The hand of the diligent will rule, but the lazy man will be put to forced labour."

c) Proverbs 13:4

"The soul of a lazy man desires, and has nothing; But the soul of the diligent shall be made rich."

Pleasant days

1. Days of sunlight

"Truly the light is sweet, and it is pleasant for the eyes to behold the sun;" Eccl 11:7

2. A long life

"But if a man lives many years and rejoices in them all," Eccl 11:8

Dark days

1. There will be days of darkness

"Yet let him remember the days of darkness, for they will be many." Eccl 11:8

2. Sorrow felt

"All that is coming is vanity." Eccl 11:8

3. Need to expect dark days

Psalm 112

1. Blessed is the man

Ps 112: 1

2. Promise of blessings in times of good

Ps 112:2-3

3. Light in the darkness

"Unto the upright there arises light in the darkness;"

Ps 112:4

4. Heart is steadfast

Ps 112:6-8

Lessons learned

1. To grow in our knowledge and wisdom ...not to be limited

2. Grow deeper in our understanding of the works of God

3. Be diligent in work

4. Thank God for the days of good

5. To have a steadfast heart