

Ecclesiastes 1-2 – All is Vanity

Preacher

Ecclesiastes 1

¹ The Words of the Preacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem.

Preacher – [OT:6953](#) קֹהֵלֶת **qoheleth** (ko-heh'-leth); feminine of active participle from [OT:6950](#); a (female) assembler (i.e. lecturer): abstractly, preaching (used as a "nom de plume", Koheleth): **KJV** - preacher.

Proverbs 1

²⁰ **Wisdom crieth without; she uttereth her voice in the streets:**

²¹ She crieth in the chief place of concourse [commotion], in the openings of the gates: in the city she uttereth her words, saying,

²² How long, ye simple [silly] ones, will ye love simplicity [foolishness]? and the scorers [scoffers] delight in their scorning [derision, ridiculing, mockery], and fools hate knowledge?

²³ Turn you at my reproof [correction]: behold, I will pour out my Spirit unto you, I will make known my words unto you.

²⁴ Because I have called, and ye refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded;

²⁵ But ye have set at nought all my counsel, and would none of my reproof:

²⁶ **I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh;**

²⁷ When your fear cometh as desolation, and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind; when distress and anguish cometh upon you.

²⁸ **Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me:**

²⁹ For that **they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the LORD:**

³⁰ They **would none of my counsel: they despised all my reproof.**

³¹ Therefore shall they **eat of the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own devices.**

³² For the **turning away of the simple shall slay them, and the prosperity of fools shall destroy them.**

³³ **But whoso hearkeneth unto me shall dwell safely, and shall be quiet from fear of evil.**

1 Corinthians 2

⁴ And my speech and my preaching was **not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power:**

⁵ That your faith should **not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.**

⁶ Howbeit **we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought:**

⁷ **But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory:**

⁸ Which **none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.**

Luke 11

⁴⁹ Therefore also **said the wisdom of God, I will send them prophets and apostles, and some of them they shall slay and persecute:**

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Vanity

Ecclesiastes 1

² Vanity of vanities, saith the Preacher, vanity of vanities; **all is vanity**.

Vanity – [OT:1892](#) **הַבֵּל** **hebel** (heh'bel); or (rarely in the abs.) **habel** (hab-ale'); from [OT:1891](#) ~ [breath, light wind]; emptiness or vanity [pride self-importance conceit arrogance egotism narcissism (self-love –admiration -importance)]; figuratively, something transitory and unsatisfactory; often used as an adverb: **KJV** - * altogether, vain, vanity.

Vanity of vanities is a Hebrew expression in highest degree comparable to Hebrew expression Holy of Holies. Vanity fails to satisfy the mind which craves naturally something permanent. One thing I do not hear in the words of Solomon is any emotion. The words are matter of fact.

Vanity gone wild

2 Timothy 3

¹ This know also, that in the last days **perilous times** shall come.

² For **men shall be lovers of their own selves**, covetous, **boasters**, **proud**, blasphemers, **disobedient to parents**, unthankful, unholy,

³ **Without natural affection**, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, **despisers of those that are good**,

⁴ Traitors, **heady**, **highminded**, **lovers of pleasures** more than lovers of God;

⁵ **Having a form of godliness**, but **denying the power** thereof: from such turn away.

Job 35

¹³ Surely **God will not hear vanity**, neither will the Almighty regard it.

Psalm 12

² They **speak vanity** every one with his neighbour: with **flattering lips** and with a **double heart** do they speak.

³ The LORD shall **cut off all flattering lips**, and the tongue that speaketh **proud things**:

⁴ Who have said, With our tongue will we prevail; **our lips are our own: who is lord over us?**

Psalm 94

¹¹ The LORD knoweth the **thoughts of man**, that they are **vanity**.

Psalm 144

⁴ **Man is like to vanity: his days are as a shadow that passeth away.**

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Vanity (*cont*)

For natural man there is no avoiding vanity

Romans 8

²⁰ For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but **by reason** [acts] of Him who hath subjected the same in hope,

²¹ Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the **glorious liberty** of the children of God.

²² For we know that the **whole creation groaneth and travaileth** in pain together until now.

²³ And not only they, but ourselves also, which **have the firstfruits of the Spirit**, even we ourselves **groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption**, to wit, the **redemption of our body**.

²⁴ **For we are saved by hope**: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for?

²⁵ But if we **hope for that we see not**, then **do we with patience wait for it**.

Ephesians 4

¹⁶ From whom the whole **body fitly joined together** and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the **edifying of itself in love**.

¹⁷ This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye **henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind**,

¹⁸ Having the **understanding darkened**, being **alienated from the life of God** through the **ignorance** that is in them, because of the **blindness of their heart**:

¹⁹ Who being **past feeling** have **given themselves over unto lasciviousness**, to work all **uncleanness with greediness**.

²⁰ But **ye have not so learned Christ**;

2 Peter 2

¹⁷ These are **wells without water, clouds that are carried with a tempest**; to whom the **mist of darkness is reserved for ever**.

¹⁸ For when they **speak great swelling words of vanity**, they **allure through the lusts of the flesh**, through much **wantonness [licentiousness, filthiness]**, those that were **clean [scarcely, barely]** escaped from them who live **[busy themselves] in error [fraudulence, deceit, delusion]**.

¹⁹ While they **promise them liberty**, they **themselves are the servants of corruption [ruin]**: for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage.

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Accomplishments and Achievements

Ecclesiastes 1

³ What profit hath a man of all his labour which he taketh under the sun?

Profit – [OT:3504](#) יְתֵרוֹן **yithrown** (yith-rone'); from [OT:3498](#); preeminence, gain:

KJV - better, excellency (-leth), profit (-able).

Labour – [OT:5999](#) עֲמַל **amal** (aw-mawl'); from [OT:5998](#); toil, i.e. wearing effort; hence, worry, wheth. of body or mind:

KJV - grievance (-vousness), iniquity, labour, mischief, miserable (-sery), pain (-ful), perverseness, sorrow, toil, travail, trouble, wearisome, wickedness.

Ecclesiastes 1

⁴ One generation passeth away, and another generation cometh: but **the earth abideth [stands] for ever** [not eternity, but rather a short period or in other words as long as this world order exists].

Ecclesiastes 1

⁵ **The sun** also ariseth, and the sun goeth down, and **hasteth to his place where he arose**.

Ecclesiastes 1

⁶ The **wind goeth toward the south**, and turneth about unto the north; it whirleth about continually, and the wind **returneth again according to his circuits**.

Circuits – [OT:5439](#) סָבִיב **cabiyb** (saw-beeb'); or (feminine) **cebiybah** (seb-ee-baw'); from [OT:5437](#); (as noun) a circle, neighbour, or environs; but chiefly (as adverb, with or without preposition) around:

KJV - (place, round) about, circuit, compass, on every side.

John 3

⁷ Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

⁸ The **wind bloweth where it listeth**, and thou **hearest the sound** thereof, but **canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit**.

Ecclesiastes 1

⁷ **All the rivers** run into the sea; yet **the sea is not full; unto the place from whence the rivers come, thither they return again**.

Ecclesiastes 1

⁸ **All things are full of labour**; man cannot utter it: **the eye is not satisfied with seeing, nor the ear filled with hearing**.

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All Rehearsals

Ecclesiastes 1

⁹The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun.

Psalm 90

⁷For we are consumed by thine anger, and by thy wrath are we troubled.

⁸Thou hast set our iniquities before thee, our secret sins in the light of thy countenance.

⁹For all our days are passed away in thy wrath: we spend our years as a tale that is told.

¹⁰The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away.

¹¹Who knoweth the power of thine anger? even according to thy fear, so is thy wrath.

¹²So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

Ecclesiastes 1

¹⁰Is there any thing whereof it may be said, See, this is new? it hath been already of old time, which was before us.

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¹¹There is no remembrance of former things; neither shall there be any remembrance of things that are to come with those that shall come after.

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Wisdom

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¹² **I the Preacher was king** over Israel in Jerusalem.

Ecclesiastes 1

¹³ And **I gave my heart** to seek and search out by **wisdom** concerning all things that are done under heaven: this **sore [bad] travail** [ado, affair] hath **God given** to the sons of man **to be exercised [used] therewith.**

Seek – [OT:1875](#) שָׁרַשׁ **darash** (daw-rash'); a primitive root; properly, to tread or frequent; usually to follow (for pursuit or search); by implication, to seek or ask; specifically to worship:

KJV - ask, ^x at all, care for, ^x diligently, inquire, make inquisition, [necro-] mancer, question, require, search, seek [for, out], ^x surely.

Search out – [OT:8446](#) תוּרַר **tuwr** (toor); a primitive root; to meander (causatively, guide) about, especially for trade or reconnoitering [exploring investigating inspecting scrutinizing watching surveying]:

KJV - chap [-man], sent to descry, be excellent, merchant [-man], search (out), seek, (e-) spy (out).

Exercised – [OT:6031](#) עָנָה **`anah** (aw-naw'); a primitive root [possibly rather ident. with [OT:6030](#) through the idea of looking down or browbeating]; to depress literally or figuratively, transitive or intransitive (in various applications, as follows):

KJV - abase self, afflict (-ion, self), answer [by mistake for [OT:6030](#)], chasten self, deal hardly with, defile, exercise, force, gentleness, humble (self), hurt, ravish, sing [by mistake for [OT:6030](#)], speak [by mistake for [OT:6030](#)], submitself, weaken, ^x in any wise.

Ecclesiastes 7

²⁵ **I applied mine heart to know**, and to **search**, and to **seek out wisdom**, and the **reason of things**, and to **know the wickedness of folly**, even of **foolishness and madness**:

Ecclesiastes 1

¹⁴ I have seen all the works [actions, transactions] that are done under the sun; and, behold, **all is vanity and vexation [feeding upon, grasping after] of spirit.**

Vanity – [OT:1892](#) הֶבֶל **hebel** (heh'bel); or (rarely in the abs.) **habel** (hab-ale'); from [OT:1891](#); emptiness or vanity; figuratively, something transitory and unsatisfactory; often used as an adverb: **KJV** - ^x altogether, vain, vanity.

1 John 2

¹⁶ For all that is in the world, the **lust of the flesh**, and the **lust of the eyes**, and the **pride of life**, is **not of the Father, but is of the world.**

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Wisdom (*cont*)

Ecclesiastes 1

¹⁵ That which is crooked [false, perverse] cannot be made straight: and that which is wanting [deficient] cannot be numbered [counted].

Straight – [OT:8626](#) יָקַם **taqan** (taw-kan'); a primitive root; to equalize, i.e. straighten (intransitive or transitive); figuratively, to compose:

KJV - set in order, make straight.

Ecclesiastes 1

¹⁶ I communed with mine own heart, saying, Lo, I am come to **great estate** [large], and have gotten **more wisdom than all they that have been before me** in Jerusalem: yea, **my heart had great [increased] experience [seeing] of wisdom and knowledge**.

Communed – [OT:1696](#) דָּבַר **dabar** (daw-bar'); a primitive root; perhaps properly, to arrange; but used figuratively (of words), to speak; rarely (in a destructive sense) to subdue:

KJV - answer, appoint, bid, command, commune, declare, destroy, give, name, promise, pronounce, rehearse, say, speak, be spokesman, subdue, talk, teach, tell, think, use [entreaties], utter, ^xwell, ^xwork.

heart – [OT:3820](#) לֵב **leb** (labe); a form of [OT:3824](#); the heart; also used (figuratively) very widely for the feelings, the will and even the intellect; likewise for the centre of anything:

KJV - + care for, comfortably, consent, ^xconsidered, courag [-eous], friend [-ly], ([broken-], [hard-], [merry-], [stiff-], [stout-], double) heart ([-ed]), ^xheed, ^xI, kindly, midst, mind (-ed), ^xregard ([-ed]), ^xthemselves, ^xunawares, understanding, ^xwell, willingly, wisdom.

Ecclesiastes 1

¹⁷ And **I gave my heart to know wisdom**, and to **know madness** [folly] and **folly** [silliness]: **I perceived that this also is vexation [desire] of spirit**.

Ecclesiastes 1

¹⁸ For in **much wisdom is much grief**: and **he that increaseth knowledge increaseth sorrow**.

Grief – [OT:3708](#) כָּאֵס **ka`ac** (kah'-as); or (in Job) ka`as (kah'-as); from [OT:3707](#); vexation: -anger, angry, grief, indignation, provocation, provoking, ^xsore, sorrow, spite, wrath.

Sorrow – [OT:4341](#) מַכְאוֹב **mak'ob** (mak-obe'); sometimes mak'owb (mak-obe'); also (feminine [Isa 53:3](#)) mak'obah (mak-o-baw'); from [OT:3510](#); anguish or (figuratively) affliction: **KJV** - grief, pain, sorrow.

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Pleasures

Mirth

Ecclesiastes 2

¹ I said in mine heart, Go to now, I will **prove thee with mirth**, therefore enjoy pleasure [good]: and, behold, this also is vanity [emptiness].

Prove – [OT:5254](#) **נָסֶה** **nacah** (naw-saw'); a primitive root; to test; by implication, to attempt: **KJV** - adventure, assay, prove, tempt, try.

Mirth – [OT:8057](#) **שִׂמְחָה** **simchah** (sim-khaw'); from [OT:8056](#); blithesomeness or glee, (religious or festival):

KJV - ^x exceeding (-ly), gladness, joy (-fulness), mirth, pleasure, rejoice (-ing).

Laughter

Ecclesiastes 2

² I said of laughter, It is mad: and of mirth, What doeth it?

Laughter – [OT:7814](#) **שִׂחָה** **sechowq** (sekh-oke'); or **שִׂחֹק** (sekh-oke'); from [OT:7832](#); laughter (in merriment or defiance):

KJV - derision, laughter (-ed to scorn, -ing), mocked, sport.

Intoxication

Ecclesiastes 2

³ I sought in mine heart to give myself unto wine, yet acquainting mine heart with wisdom; and to lay hold on folly, till I might see **what was that good** for the sons of men, which they should do under the heaven all the days of their life.

Wine – [OT:3196](#) **יַיִן** **yayin** (yah'-yin); from an unused root meaning to effervesce; wine (as fermented); by implication, intoxication: **KJV** - banqueting, wine

Business

Construction

Ecclesiastes 2

⁴ I made me great works [acts]; I builded houses; I planted me vineyards:

Landscaping

Ecclesiastes 2

⁵ I made me gardens and orchards, and I planted trees in them of all kind of fruits:

Irrigation

Ecclesiastes 2

⁶ I made me pools of water, to water therewith the wood that bringeth forth trees:

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Personal

Possessions

Ecclesiastes 2

⁷ I **got me** servants and maidens, and had servants born in my house; also I had **great possessions** of great and small **cattle** above all that were in Jerusalem before me:

Possessions – [OT:4735](#) מִקְנֵה מִן **miqneh** (mik-neh'); from [OT:7069](#); something bought, i.e. property, but only livestock; abstractly, acquisition:

KJV - cattle, flock, herd, possession, purchase, substance.

Matthew 19 ...of the rich young man

²¹ Jesus said unto him, If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have **treasure in heaven**: and come and **follow me**.

²² But when the young man heard that saying, he went away **sorrowful**: for **he had great possessions**.

²³ Then said Jesus unto His disciples, Verily I say unto you, That a **rich man shall hardly enter into the kingdom of heaven**.

Mark 10

²² And he was sad at that saying, and went away grieved: for he had great **possessions**.

Treasures

Ecclesiastes 2

⁸ I **gathered me** also silver and gold, and the peculiar treasure of kings and of the provinces: I **gat me** men singers and women singers, and the delights of the sons of men, as musical instruments, and that of all sorts.

Peculiar treasure – [OT:5459](#) צֶגֶל **cegullah** (seg-ool-law'); feminine passive participle of an unused root meaning to shut up; wealth (as closely shut up):

KJV - jewel, peculiar (treasure), proper good, special.

Music and Entertainment

Musical instruments – [OT:7705](#) שִׁדָּה **shiddah** (shid-dah'); from [OT:7703](#); a wife (as mistress of the house): **KJV** - * all sorts, musical instrument.

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Stature and Status (Importance and Prominence)

By others

Ecclesiastes 2

⁹ So **I was great** [large], and increased more than all that were before me in Jerusalem: also my wisdom remained [stood] with me.

By and for myself

Ecclesiastes 2

¹⁰ And whatsoever mine eyes desired [inquired] I kept [refused] not from them, I withheld [denied] not my heart from any joy; for **my heart rejoiced in all my labour**: and this was my portion of all my labour.

Proverbs 27

²⁰ Hell and destruction are never full; so the **eyes of man are never satisfied**.

Rejoiced – [OT:8055](#) שָׂמַח **samach** (saw-makh'); a primitive root; probably to brighten up, i.e. (figuratively) be (causatively, make) blithe or gleesome: **KJV** - cheer up, be (make) glad, (have, make) joy (-ful), be (make) merry, (cause to, make to) rejoice, ^xvery.

Portion – [OT:2506](#) חֵלֶק **cheleq** (khay'lek); from [OT:2505](#); properly, smoothness (of the tongue); also an allotment: **KJV** - flattery, inheritance, part, ^xpartake, portion.

Zechariah 11

⁵ Whose **possessors slay them, and hold themselves not guilty**: and **they that sell them** say, **Blessed be the LORD; for I am rich**: and **their own shepherds pity them not**.

Vexation ~ Displeasure ~ Dissatisfaction (Never Sufficient)

Ecclesiastes 2

¹¹ Then I looked on [faced] all the works [all I produced] that **my hands** had wrought, and on the labour that I had labored to do: and, behold, all was vanity and vexation of spirit, and there was no profit under the sun.

Labored – [OT:5998](#) עָמַל **amal** (aw-mal'); a primitive root; to toil, i.e. work severely and with irksomeness: **KJV** - [take] labour (in).

Vanity – [OT:1892](#) הֶבֶל **hebel** (heh'bel); or (rarely in the abs.) **habel** (hab-ale'); from [OT:1891](#); emptiness or vanity; figuratively, something transitory and unsatisfactory; often used as an adverb: **KJV** - ^xaltogether, vain, vanity.

Vexation – [OT:7469](#) רָעוּת **re`uwth** (reh-ooth'); probably from [OT:7462](#); a feeding upon, i.e. grasping after: **KJV** - vexation.

Profit – [OT:3504](#) יָתְרוֹן **yithrown** (yith-rone'); from [OT:3498](#); preeminence, gain: **KJV** - better, excellency (-leth), profit (-able).

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Life Comparison Repetition

Ecclesiastes 2

¹² And I turned myself to behold wisdom, and madness [folly], and folly [silliness]: for what can the man do that cometh after the king? even **that which hath been already done.**

Education

Ecclesiastes 2

¹³ Then I saw that **wisdom excelleth [preeminence, better, superior] folly**, as far as **light excelleth [preeminence, better, superior] darkness.**

Darkness – [OT:2822](#) חֹשֶׁךְ **choshek** (kho-shek'); from [OT:2821](#); the dark; hence (literally) darkness; figuratively, misery, destruction, death, ignorance, sorrow, wickedness: **KJV** - dark (-ness), night, obscurity.

Perception

Ecclesiastes 2

¹⁴ The wise man's eyes are in his head; but the fool walketh in darkness: **and I myself perceived also that one event happeneth to them all.**

Darkness – [OT:2822](#) חֹשֶׁךְ **choshek** (kho-shek'); from [OT:2821](#); the dark; hence (literally) darkness; figuratively, misery, destruction, death, ignorance, sorrow, wickedness: **KJV** - dark (-ness), night, obscurity.

Event – [OT:4745](#) מִקְרֵה **miqreh** (mik-reh'); from [OT:7136](#); something met with, i.e. an accident or fortune:

KJV - something befallen, befalleth, chance, event, hap (-peneth).

The event refers to death. Further, this world really never refers to a notion of chance or blind fate. Rather, in this context it denotes the Divine Providence.

Frustration

Ecclesiastes 2

¹⁵ Then said I in my heart, **As it happeneth to the fool, so it happeneth even to me; and why was I then more wise?** Then I said in my heart, that **this also is vanity.**

Equalization

Ecclesiastes 2

¹⁶ For **there is no remembrance of the wise more than of the fool for ever**; seeing that which now is in the days to come shall all be forgotten. And **how dieth the wise man? as the fool.**

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Vexation ~ Displeasure

Hate of life

Ecclesiastes 2

¹⁷ Therefore **I hated life**; because **the work that is wrought** under the sun is grievous [evil] unto me: for all is vanity and vexation of spirit.

Hate of labour

Ecclesiastes 2

¹⁸ Yea, **I hated all my labour** which I had taken under the sun: **because** I should **leave it unto the man that shall be after me**.

Hated of Vanity

Ecclesiastes 2

¹⁹ And **who knoweth whether he shall be a wise man or a fool?** yet shall he **have rule over all my labour** wherein **I have laboured**, and wherein I have **shewed myself wise** under the sun. **This is also vanity**.

Hated of Hopelessness

Ecclesiastes 2

²⁰ Therefore I went about to cause my **heart to despair** [hopelessness] of all the labour which I took under the sun.

Despair – [OT:2976](#) **שָׁאָה** **ya'ash** (yaw-ash'); a primitive root; to desist, i.e. (fig) to despond: **KJV** - (cause to) despair, one that is desperate, be no hope.

Hatefulness

Ecclesiastes 2

²¹ For **there is a man whose labour is in wisdom**, and in **knowledge**, and in **equity**; yet to a **man that hath not laboured therein shall he leave it for his portion [allotment]**. This also is **vanity and a great evil**.

Equity – [OT:3788](#) **כִּישְׁרוֹן** **kishrown** (kish-roné'); from [OT:3787](#); success, advantage: **KJV** - equity, good, right.

Sadness of Heart

Ecclesiastes 2

²² For **what hath man of all his labour**, and of the **vexation** [desire] of his heart, wherein he hath laboured [misery] under the sun?

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Sorrow and grief

Ecclesiastes 2

²³ For all his days are **SORROWS**, and his travail **grief**; yea, his heart taketh not rest in the night. This is also **vanity**.

Genesis 3

²³ Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to **till the ground** from whence he was taken.

Ecclesiastes 2

²⁴ There is **nothing better for a man, than that he should eat and drink, and that he should make his soul enjoy good** in his labour. This also I saw, that it was **from the hand of God**.

Romans 12

² And be **not conformed to this world**: but be ye **transformed** by the **renewing of your mind**, that ye may **prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God**.

2 Timothy 3

¹⁷ That the **man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished** unto all **good works**.

James 1

¹⁶ Do not err, my beloved brethren.

¹⁷ Every **good gift and every perfect gift** is from above, and cometh down from the **Father of lights**, with whom is **no variableness, neither shadow of turning**.

Ecclesiastes 2

²⁵ For who can eat, or who else can hasten hereunto, more than I?

Ecclesiastes 2

²⁶ For **God giveth to a man** that is good in his sight **wisdom, and knowledge, and joy**: but to the sinner he **giveth travail**, to gather and to heap up, **that he may give** to him that is good before God. This also is **vanity and vexation of spirit**.

I would like all to pay special attention to the worldly labour that Solomon spent pursuing all that his heart and mind desired. This was vanity and vexation. It was for nought! Only as Solomon admitted, there was no perpetual gain in accomplishments of earthly goals. Man is capable of achieving much in this life but all his works can never bring satisfaction that is lasting. If there are any good works...they are the Works of God and thus eternal. Any works among man that are not the Works of God are vanity and vexation.

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2 Peter 2

⁷ And [God] delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked:

⁸ (For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds;)

⁹ The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the Day of Judgment to be punished:

Proverbs 9

¹⁰ The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding.

Proverbs 1

⁷ The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Proverbs 2

⁶ For the LORD giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding.

Proverbs 4

⁷ Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore **get wisdom:** and with all thy getting **get understanding.**

Proverbs 14

⁶ A scorner seeketh wisdom, and findeth it not: but knowledge is easy unto him that understandeth.

Proverbs 19

⁸ He that getteth wisdom loveth his own soul: he that keepeth understanding shall find good.

Proverbs 21

³⁰ **There is no wisdom nor understanding nor counsel against the LORD.**

All is Vanity and the LORD our God is providentially able to deliver us from this death. We are ordained of the LORD who are redeemed from bondage of sin through vanity of man. Thereby we know that only God by wisdom made us new creatures unto our glory. Only it is not the glory of man, rather, it is the glory of God that testifies unto His Glory.

Ecclesiastes 3 – The Times Appointed by God

Purposed

Ecclesiastes 3

¹ To every thing there is a **season**, and a **time** to every **purpose** under the heaven:

Season – [OT:2165](#) זְמַן **zeman** (zem-awn'); from [OT:2163](#); an appointed occasion:

KJV - season, time.

Daniel 2

²⁰ Daniel answered and said, Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever: for wisdom and might are His:

²¹ And **He changeth the times and the seasons**: He removeth kings, and setteth up kings: He giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding:

²² He revealeth the deep and secret things: He knoweth what is in the darkness, and the light dwelleth with Him.

Purpose – [OT:2656](#) חֵפֶז **chephets** (khay'-fets); from [OT:2654](#); pleasure; hence (abstractly) desire; concretely, a valuable thing; hence (by extension) a matter (as something in mind):

KJV - acceptable, delight (-some), desire, things desired, matter, pleasant (-ure), purpose, willingly.

Heaven – [OT:8064](#) שָׁמַיִם **shamayim** (shaw-mah'-yim); dual of an unused singular shameh (shaw-meh'); from an unused root meaning to be lofty; the sky (as aloft; the dual perhaps alluding to the visible arch in which the clouds move, as well as to the higher ether where the celestial bodies revolve):

KJV - air, ^xastrologer, heaven (-s).

Acts 1

⁶ When they therefore were come together, they asked of Him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?

⁷ And He said unto them, **It is not for you to know the times or the seasons**, which the Father hath put in His own power.

⁸ But **ye shall receive power**, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

⁹ And **when He had spoken these things**, while they beheld, **He was taken up**; and a cloud received Him out of their sight.

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Purposed (*cont*)

Matthew 24

³⁵ Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my Words shall not pass away.

³⁶ But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.

³⁷ But **as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.**

³⁸ For **as in the days that were before the flood** they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that **Noe entered into the ark,**

³⁹ And **knew not until the flood came, and took them all away;** so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

⁴⁰ Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

⁴¹ Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

⁴² **Watch therefore:** for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.

⁴³ But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up.

⁴⁴ Therefore **be ye also ready:** for in such an hour as ye think **not** the Son of man cometh.

⁴⁵ Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them **meat in due season?**

⁴⁶ **Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing.**

⁴⁷ Verily I say unto you, That he shall make him ruler over all his goods.

⁴⁸ But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming;

⁴⁹ And shall begin to smite his fellowservants, and to eat and drink with the drunken;

⁵⁰ The lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for him, and in an hour that he is not aware of,

⁵¹ And shall cut him asunder, and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

1 Thessalonians 5

¹ **But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you.**

² For **yourselves know perfectly** that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.

³ For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.

⁴ But **ye, brethren, are not in darkness,** that that day should overtake you as a thief.

⁵ Ye are all the **children of light,** and the **children of the day:** we are **not of the night, nor of darkness.**

⁶ Therefore **let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober.**

⁷ For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night.

⁸ But **let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation.**

⁹ For **God hath not appointed us to wrath,** but to obtain salvation by our **Lord Jesus Christ,**

¹⁰ Who **died for us,** that, whether we wake [alive] or sleep [death], **we should live together with Him.**

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Purposed (*cont*)

2 Timothy 4

¹ I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom;

² Preach the Word; **be instant in season, out of season**; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine.

³ For the **time will come** when **they will not endure sound doctrine**; but after their own lusts shall they **heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears**;

⁴ And **they shall turn away their ears from the truth**, and shall **be turned unto fables**.

Micah 4

¹ But in the **last days** it shall come to pass, that the **mountain of the house of the LORD** shall be **established in the top of the mountains**, and it shall be **exalted above the hills**; and **people shall flow unto it**.

2 Timothy 3

¹ This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.

² For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

³ Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,

⁴ Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;

⁵ Having a **form of godliness**, but **denying the power** thereof: from such turn away.

⁶ For of this sort are they which **creep into houses**, and **lead captive silly women** laden with sins, **led away with divers lusts**,

⁷ **Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth**.

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Purposed (*cont*)

Luke 21

⁵ And as some spake of the temple, how it was adorned with goodly stones and gifts, he said,

⁶ As for these things which ye behold, **the days will come**, in the which there shall not be left one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.

⁷ And they asked him, saying, **Master, but when shall these things be? and what sign will there be when these things shall come to pass?**

⁸ And He said, **Take heed that ye be not deceived: for many shall come in my name**, saying, I am Christ; and the time draweth near: go ye not therefore after them.

⁹ But when ye shall hear of **wars and commotions**, be not terrified: for these things must first come to pass; but the **end is not by and by**.

¹⁰ Then said He unto them, **Nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom:**

¹¹ And **great earthquakes** shall be in divers places, and **famines**, and **pestilences**; and **fearful sights** and **great signs** shall there be from heaven.

¹² But before all these, they shall lay their hands on you, and **persecute** you, **delivering you up** to the synagogues, and into **prisons**, being brought before kings and rulers **for my name's sake**.

¹³ And it shall **turn to you for a testimony**.

¹⁴ Settle it therefore in your hearts, not to meditate before what ye shall answer:

¹⁵ **For I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which all your adversaries shall not be able to gainsay nor resist.**

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Planted

Ecclesiastes 3

² A **time to be born**, and a **time to die** [lit or fig]; a **time to plant**, and a **time to pluck up** that which is planted;

Born – [OT:3205](#) יָלַד **yalad** (yaw-lad'); a primitive root; to bear young; causatively, to beget; medically, to act as midwife; specifically, to show lineage;

KJV - bear, beget, birth ([-day]), born, (make to) bring forth (children, young), bring up, calve, child, come, be delivered (of a child), time of delivery, gender, hatch, labour, (do the office of a) midwife, declare pedigrees, be the son of, (woman in, woman that) travail (-eth, -ing woman).

Hebrews 9

²⁶ For then must He often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath He appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself.

²⁷ And as it is **appointed unto men once to die**, but **after this the judgment**:

²⁸ So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for Him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.

Job 34

¹⁵ All flesh shall perish together, and **man shall turn again unto dust**.

Job 14

¹⁴ If a man die, shall he live again? all the days of my **appointed time** will I wait, till my change come.

Job awaited his own death and the reconciliation to come at the 1st appearing of our Saviour when He was crucified and died on the cross. Then, being reconciled, Job like us would be indwelled by Holy Spirit of promise, sealed by the LORD's earnest deposit until the full redemption at the last day when Job and we, like him, receive the purchased possession the glorified body undefiled and incorruptible at the 1st Resurrection.

Job 14

¹ Man that is **born of a woman** is of few days and full of trouble.

Job 14

⁵ Seeing his [a man's] **days are determined**, the **number of his months** are with thee, thou hast **appointed his bounds** that he cannot pass;

There is a time to die and it is figuratively seen when the LORD reveals Himself to those He alone has chosen before the foundation of the world. Those who know the LORD or rather are known of the LORD are crucified in Christ's death upon the cross. We merely await the resurrection to come that LAST DAY.

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Ecclesiastes 3 (cont)

² A **time to be born**, and a **time to die** [lit or fig]; a **time to plant**, and a **time to pluck up** that which is planted;

Also on that Last Day it is clear the tares who are not planted by the LORD are deceivers being sons of the deceiver. They shall be taken up by the roots and cast into the lake of fire that is unquenchable.

Plant/ planted – [OT:5193](#) נָטַע **nata`** (naw-tah'); a primitive root; properly, to strike in, i.e. fix; specifically, to plant (literally or figuratively): **KJV** - fastened, plant (-er).

Pluck up – [OT:6131](#) אָקַר **`aqar** (aw-kar'); a primitive root; to pluck up (especially by the roots); specifically, to hamstring; figuratively, to exterminate:

KJV - dig down, hough, pluck up, root up.

We are sons, born of women, whose Father is God! Amen

Prepared

Ecclesiastes 3

³ A **time to kill**, and a **time to heal**; a **time to break down**, and a **time to build up**;

Kill – [OT:2026](#) הָרַג **harag** (haw-rag'); a primitive root; to smite with deadly intent:

KJV - destroy, out of hand, kill, murder (-er), put to [death], make [slaughter], slay (-er), ^x surely.

Heal – [OT:7495](#) רָפָא **rapha'** (raw-faw'); or **raphah** (raw-faw'); a primitive root; properly, to mend (by stitching), i.e. (figuratively) to cure:

KJV - cure, (cause to) heal, physician, repair, ^x thoroughly, make whole.

Break down – [OT:6555](#) פָּרַץ **parats** (paw-rats'); a primitive root; to break out (in many applications, direct and indirect, literal and figurative):

KJV - ^x abroad, (make a) breach, break (away, down, -er, forth, in, up), burst out, come (spread) abroad, compel, disperse, grow, increase, open, press, scatter, urge.

Build up – [OT:1129](#) בָּנָה **banah** (baw-naw'); a primitive root; to build (literally and figuratively):

KJV - (begin to) build (-er), obtain children, make, repair, set (up), ^x surely.

Even as there was a time when the body of the Jesus Christ, the temple, was broken down the LORD was raised up again the 3rd day as He promised.

Even these heavens and this earth shall be broken down for ever but Our God will make a new heaven and new earth wherein there should be no sin in that New Jerusalem that comes down from out of heaven. It is the Work of the LORD and builded up by Him for His glory. Amen

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Pleasure

Ecclesiastes 3

⁴ A time to weep, and a time to laugh [play]; a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

Weep – [OT:1058](#) בָּכָה **bakah** (baw-kaw'); a primitive root; to weep; generally to bemoan [lament, regret, grumble]:

KJV - ^xat all, bewail, complain, make lamentation, ^xmore, mourn, ^xsore, ^xwith tears, weep.

Laugh – [OT:7832](#) שָׂחַק **sachaq** (saw-khak'); a primitive root; to laugh (in pleasure or detraction); by implication, to play:

KJV - deride, have in derision, laugh, make merry, mock (-er), play, rejoice, (laugh to) scorn, be in (make) sport.

Psalm 2

⁴ He that sitteth in the heavens shall **laugh**: the LORD shall have them in **derision**.

Psalm 59

⁸ But thou, O LORD, shalt **laugh at them**; thou shalt have **all the heathen in derision**.

Mourn – [OT:5594](#) בָּכָה **caphad** (saw-fad'); a primitive root; properly, to tear the hair and beat the breasts (as Orientals do in grief); generally to lament; by implication, to wail: **KJV** - lament, mourn (-er), wail.

Dance – [OT:7540](#) רָקַד **raqad** (raw-kad'); a primitive root; properly, to stamp, i.e. to spring about (wildly or for joy): **KJV** - dance, jump, leap, skip.

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Pleasure (*cont*)

Ecclesiastes 3 (*cont*)

⁴ A time to weep, and a time to laugh [play]; a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

John 11

³⁴ And said, Where have ye laid him? They said unto Him, Lord, come and see.

³⁵ **Jesus wept.**

³⁶ Then said the Jews, **Behold how He loved him!**

³⁷ And some of them said, **Could not this man, which opened the eyes of the blind, have caused that even this man should not have died?**

³⁸ Jesus therefore again groaning in himself cometh to the grave. It was a cave, and a stone lay upon it.

Groaning – [NT:1690](#) ἐμβριμάομαι **embrimaomai** (em-brim-ah'-om-ahee); from [NT:1722](#) and brimaomai (to snort with anger); to have indignation on, i.e. (transitively) to blame, (intransitively) to sigh with chagrin, (specially) to sternly enjoin: **KJV** - straitly charge, groan, murmur against.

³⁹ Jesus said, Take ye away the stone. Martha, the sister of him that was dead, saith unto him, Lord, by this time he stinketh: for he hath been dead four days.

⁴⁰ Jesus saith unto her, Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldest see the glory of God?

⁴¹ Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead was laid. And Jesus lifted up His eyes, and said, Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me.

⁴² And I knew that thou hearest me always: but because of the people which stand by I said it, that they may believe that thou hast sent me.

⁴³ And when He thus had spoken, He cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth.

⁴⁴ And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with graveclothes: and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, Loose him, and let him go.

⁴⁵ Then **many of the Jews which came to Mary, and had seen the things which Jesus did, believed on Him.**

1 Samuel 16

¹ And the LORD said unto Samuel, **How long wilt thou mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Israel?** fill thine horn with oil, and go, I will send thee to Jesse the Bethlehemite: for I have provided me a king among his sons.

Ezekiel 24

¹⁶ Son of man, behold, **I take away from thee the desire of thine eyes with a stroke: yet neither shalt thou mourn nor weep, neither shall thy tears run down.**

¹⁷ **Forbear to cry, make no mourning for the dead**, bind the tire of thine head upon thee, and put on thy shoes upon thy feet, and cover not thy lips, and eat not the bread of men.

¹⁸ So I spake unto the people in the morning: and at even my wife died; and I did in the morning as I was commanded.

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Partitioned

Ecclesiastes 3

⁵ A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather [collect] [building] stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

Cast away – [OT:7993](#) **שָׁלַק** **shalak** (shaw-lak); a primitive root; to throw out, down or away (literally or figuratively):

Stones – [OT:68](#) **אֶבֶן** **'eben** (eh'-ben); from the root of [OT:1129](#) through the meaning to build; a stone:

KJV - + carbuncle, + mason, + plummet, [chalk-, hail-, head-, sling-] stone (-ny), (divers) weight (-s).

KJV - adventure, cast (away, down, forth, off, out), hurl, pluck, throw.

Embrace/embracing – [OT:2263](#) **חָבַק** **chabaq** (khaw-bak'); a primitive root; to clasp (the hands or in embrace): **KJV** - embrace, fold.

Ephesians 2

¹⁹ Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but **fellowcitizens** with the saints, and of the **household of God**;

²⁰ And are **built upon the foundation** of the apostles and prophets, **Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner stone**;

²¹ In whom all the **building fitly framed together** groweth unto an **holy temple in the Lord**:

²² In whom ye also are **builded together for an habitation of God** through the Spirit.

Hebrews 3

⁴ For every house is builded by some man; but **He that built all things is God**.

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Protected

Ecclesiastes 3

⁶ A time to **get**, and a time to **lose**; a time to **keep**, and a time to **cast away**;

Get – [OT:1245](#) שָׁקַח **baqash** (baw-kash'); a primitive root; to search out (by any method, specifically in worship or prayer); by implication, to strive after:

KJV - ask, beg, beseech, desire, enquire, get, make inquisition, procure, (make) request, require, seek (for). **Acquire, God will make possible and will never tire**

Lose – [OT:6](#) אָבַד **'abad** (aw-bad'); a primitive root; properly, to wander away, i.e. lose oneself; by implication to perish (causative, destroy):

KJV - break, destroy (-uction), + not escape, fail, lose, (cause to, make) perish, spend, * and surely, take, be undone, * utterly, be void of, have no way to flee.

Keep – [OT:8104](#) שָׁמַר **shamar** (shaw-mar'); a primitive root; properly, to hedge about (as with thorns), i.e. guard; generally, to protect, attend to, etc.:

KJV - beware, be circumspect, take heed (to self), keep (-erself), mark, look narrowly, observe, preserve, regard, reserve, save (self), sure, (that lay) wait (for), watch (-man).

Cast away – [OT:7993](#) שָׁלַךְ **shalak** (shaw-lak); a primitive root; to throw out, down or away (literally or figuratively):

KJV - adventure, cast (away, down, forth, off, out), hurl, pluck, throw.

Matthew 10

³⁸ And he that taketh **not** his cross, and **followeth after me**, is **not** worthy of me.

³⁹ He that **findeth his life** shall **lose it**: and he that **loseth his life** for my sake shall **find it**.

⁴⁰ He that **receiveth you** receiveth me, and he that **receiveth me** receiveth him that sent me.

Matthew 16

²⁴ Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.

²⁵ For **whosoever will save his life** shall **lose it**: and **whosoever will lose his life** for my sake shall **find it**.

²⁶ For what is **a man profited**, if he shall **gain the whole world** [his life], and **lose his own soul**? or what shall a man give in **exchange** for his soul?

Mark 8

³⁴ And when He had called the people unto Him with His disciples also, He said unto them, Whosoever will come after me, let him **deny himself**, and **take up his cross**, and **follow me**.

³⁵ For **whosoever will save his life** shall **lose it**; but **whosoever shall lose his life** for my sake and the gospel's, the **same shall save it**.

³⁶ For what shall it **profit** a man, if he shall **gain the whole world**, and **lose his own soul**?

Ecclesiastes 3 – The Times Appointed by God

Protected (*cont*)

Ecclesiastes 3 (*cont*)

⁶ A time to get, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away;

Luke 9

²³ And He said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him **deny himself**, and take up his cross daily, and **follow me**.

²⁴ For **whosoever will save his life shall lose it**; but **whosoever will lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it**.

²⁵ For **what is a man advantaged**, if he **gain the whole world**, and **lose himself, or be cast away?**

Luke 17

³³ Whosoever shall seek to **save his life shall lose it**; and **whosoever shall lose his life shall preserve it**.

John 12

²⁴ Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but **if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit**.

²⁵ **He that loveth his life shall lose it**; and **he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal**.

²⁶ **If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honour**.

Matthew 8

²² But Jesus said unto him, **Follow me**; and **let the dead bury their dead**.

Luke 9

⁶⁰ Jesus said unto him, **Let the dead bury their dead**: but go thou and **preach the kingdom of God**.

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Persuasive

Ecclesiastes 3

⁷ A time to **rend**, and a time to **sew**; a time to **keep silence**, and a time to **speak**;

Rend – [OT:7167](#) קָרַע **qara`** (kaw-rah'); a primitive root; to **rend** [tear], literally or figuratively (revile, **paint the eyes**, as if **enlarging them**):

KJV - cut out, rend, ^xsurely, tear.

Sew – [OT:8609](#) תָּפַח **taphar** (taw-far'); a primitive root; to **sew**:

KJV - (women that) **sew** (together).

Keep silence – [OT:2814](#) חָשַׁח **chashah** (khaw-shaw'); a primitive root; to hush or keep quiet: **KJV** - hold peace, keep silence, be silent, (be) still.

Speak – [OT:1696](#) דָּבַר **dabar** (daw-bar'); a primitive root; perhaps properly, to arrange; but used figuratively (of words), to speak; rarely (in a destructive sense) to subdue: **KJV** - answer, appoint, bid, command, commune, declare, destroy, give, name, promise, pronounce, rehearse, say, speak, be spokesman, subdue, talk, teach, tell, think, use [entreaties], utter, ^xwell, ^xwork.

Leviticus 13

⁵⁵ And the **priest shall look on the plague**, after that it is **washed**: and, behold, if the plague have not changed his colour, and the **plague be not spread**; it is **unclean**; thou shalt burn it in the fire; it is fret inward, whether it be bare within or without.

⁵⁶ And if the priest look, and, behold, the **plague be somewhat dark** after the **washing** of it; then he shall **rend it out of the garment**, or **out of the skin**, or out of the **warp** [weaving], or out of the **woof** [web of traversed threads]:

⁵⁷ And if it appear still in the garment, either in the **warp**, or in the **woof**, or **in any thing of skin**; it is a **spreading plague**: thou shalt **burn that wherein the plague is with fire**.

Ecclesiastes 3 – The Times Appointed by God

Peace

Ecclesiastes 3

⁸ A time to **love**, and a time to **hate**; a time of **war**, and a time of **peace**.

Love – [OT:157](#) אָהַב 'ahab (aw-hab'); or 'ahab (aw-hab)'; a primitive root; to have affection for (sexually or otherwise): **KJV** - (be-) love (-d, -ly, -r), like, friend.

Hate – [OT:8130](#) שָׂנֵא 'sane' (saw-nay'); a primitive root; to hate (personally):

KJV - enemy, foe, (be) hate (-ful, -r), odious, ^xutterly.

War – [OT:4421](#) מִלְחָמָה 'milchamah (mil-khaw-maw)'; from [OT:3898](#) (in the sense of fighting); a battle (i.e. the engagement); generally, war (i.e. warfare):

KJV - battle, fight (-ing), war ([-rior]).

Peace – [OT:7965](#) שָׁלוֹם 'shalom (shaw-lome)'; or 'shalom (shaw-lome)'; from [OT:7999](#); safe, i.e. (figuratively) well, happy, friendly; also (abstractly) welfare, i.e. health, prosperity, peace:

KJV - ^xdo, familiar, ^xfare, favour, + friend, ^xgreat, (good) health, (X perfect, such as be at) peace (-able, -ably), prosper (-ity, -ous), rest, safe (-ty), salute, welfare, (X all is, be) well, ^xwholly.

Ezekiel 16

⁷ I have caused thee to multiply as the bud of the field, and thou hast increased and waxen great, and thou art come to excellent ornaments: thy breasts are fashioned, and thine hair is grown, whereas thou wast naked and bare.

⁸ Now when I passed by thee, and looked upon thee, behold, thy time was the time of love; and I spread my skirt over thee, and covered thy nakedness: yea, I swore unto thee, and entered into a covenant with thee, saith the Lord GOD, and thou becamest mine.

⁹ Then washed I thee with water; yea, I thoroughly washed away thy blood from thee, and I anointed thee with oil.

1 John 4

¹¹ Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.

¹² No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and His love is perfected in us.

¹³ Hereby know we that we dwell in Him, and He in us, because He hath given us of His Spirit.

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Peace (*cont*)

Ecclesiastes 3 (*cont*)

⁸ A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace.

Matthew 5

⁴² Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of thee **turn not thou away**.

⁴³ Ye have **heard that it hath been said**, Thou shalt **love thy neighbour**, and **hate thine enemy**.

⁴⁴ But I say unto you, **Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;**

⁴⁵ That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for **He maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust**.

⁴⁶ For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same?

⁴⁷ And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others? do not even the publicans so?

⁴⁸ **Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.**

Profit

Ecclesiastes 3

⁹ What profit [GAIN] hath he that **worketh in that wherein he laboureth** [toiled; fig ~ sorrow]?

1 Corinthians 10

³³ Even as I please all men in all things, **not seeking mine own profit, but the profit of many, that they may be saved.**

1 Corinthians 12

⁶ And there are **diversities of operations**, but it is the same God which worketh all in all.

⁷ But the **manifestation of the Spirit** is given to every man to **profit** withal.

1 Corinthians 14

⁶ Now, brethren, if I come unto you speaking with tongues, **what shall I profit you, except I shall speak to you either by revelation, or by knowledge, or by prophesying, or by doctrine?**

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Profit (*cont*)

Ecclesiastes 3

¹⁰ I have seen the travail, which **God hath given to the sons of men to be exercised [tried] in it.**

Travail – [OT:6045](#) עֲנָוָה `inyan (in-yawn'); from [OT:6031](#); ado, i.e. (generally) employment or (specifically) an affair: **KJV** - business, travail.

Exercised – [OT:6031](#) עָנָה `anah (aw-naw'); a primitive root [possibly rather ident. with [OT:6030](#) through the idea of looking down or browbeating]; to depress literally or figuratively, transitive or intransitive (in various applications, as follows): **KJV** - abase self, afflict (-ion, self), answer [by mistake for [OT:6030](#)], chasten self, deal hardly with, defile, exercise, force, gentleness, humble (self), hurt, ravish, sing [by mistake for [OT:6030](#)], speak [by mistake for [OT:6030](#)], submit self, weaken, ^x in any wise.

Luke 10

²⁷ And he answering said, Thou shalt **love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself.**

James 2

⁸ If ye **fulfil the royal law according to the Scripture, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself, ye do well:**

Romans 13

¹⁰ **Love worketh no ill** to his neighbour: therefore **love is the fulfilling of the law.**

1 Timothy 4

⁸ For **bodily exercise profiteth little: but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise** of the life that now is, and of that which is to come.

Philemon 1

¹⁰ I beseech thee for my son **Onesimus**, whom I have **begotten in my bonds:**

¹¹ Which in **time past** was to thee unprofitable, but **now profitable to thee and to me:**

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Predetermined

Ecclesiastes 3

¹¹ **He hath made every thing beautiful in His time:** also He hath set [**nathan-given**] the world in their heart, so that **no man can find out the work that God maketh [does] from the beginning to the end.**

Made – [OT:6213](#) אָשָׂה **`asah** (aw-saw'); a primitive root; to do or make, in the broadest sense and widest application (as follows):

KJV - accomplish, advance, appoint, apt, be at, become, bear, bestow, bring forth, bruise, be busy, ^x certainly, have the charge of, commit, deal (with), deck, ⁺ displease, do, (ready) dress (-ed), (put in) execute (-ion), exercise, fashion, ⁺ feast, [fighting-] man, ⁺ finish, fit, fly, follow, fulfill, furnish, gather, get, go about, govern, grant, great, ⁺ hinder, hold ([a feast]), ^x indeed, ⁺ be industrious, ⁺ journey, keep, labour, maintain, make, be meet, observe, be occupied, offer, ⁺ officer, pare, bring (come) to pass, perform, practise, prepare, procure, provide, put, requite, ^x sacrifice, serve, set, shew, ^x sin, spend, ^x surely, take, ^x thoroughly, trim, ^x very, ⁺ vex, be [warr-] ior, work (-man), yield, use.

Beautiful – [OT:3303](#) יָפֵה **'yapheh** (yaw-feh'); from [OT:3302](#); beautiful (literally or figuratively): -+beautiful, beauty, comely, fair (-est, one), ⁺ goodly, pleasant, well.

Psalm 48

² **Beautiful** for situation [elevation], the joy of the whole earth, is **mount Zion**, on the sides of the north, the city of the great King.

Psalm 33

¹ Rejoice in the LORD, O ye righteous: for praise is **comely** for the upright.

Work – [OT:4639](#) מַעֲשֵׂה **ma`aseh** (mah-as-eh'); from [OT:6213](#); an action (good or bad); generally, a transaction; abstractly, activity; by implication, a product (specifically, a poem) or (generally) property:

KJV - act, art, ⁺ bakemeat, business, deed, do (-ing), labor, thing made, ware of making, occupation, thing offered, operation, possession, ^x well, ([handy-, needle-, net-]) work (ing, -manship), wrought.

Beginning – [OT:7218](#) רֹשׁ **ro'sh** (roshe); from an unused root apparently meaning to shake; the head (as most easily shaken), whether literal or figurative (in many applications, of place, time, rank, etc.):

KJV - band, beginning, captain, chapter, chief (-est place, man, things), company, end, ^x every [man], excellent, first, forefront, ([be-]) head, height, (on) high (-est part, [priest]), ^x lead, ^x poor, principal, ruler, sum, top.

End – [OT:5490](#) סוּף **cowph** (sofe); from [OT:5486](#); a termination:

KJV - conclusion, end, hinder participle

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Predetermined (*cont*)

Ecclesiastes 3 (*cont*)

¹¹ He hath made every thing beautiful in His time: also He hath set [nathan-given] the world in their heart, so that no man can find out the work that God maketh [does] from the beginning to the end.

Psalm 111

² The **Works of the LORD** are great, sought out of all them that have **pleasure** therein.

Philippians 2

¹³ For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.

Ecclesiastes 3

¹¹ He hath made every thing beautiful in His time: also He hath set [nathan-given] the world in their heart, so that no man can find out the work that God maketh [does] from the beginning to the end.

Isaiah 46

⁹ Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me,

¹⁰ **Declaring the end from the beginning**, and from ancient times the things **that are not yet done**, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:

And so He hath made us according to His good pleasure which He hath purposed in Himself.

1 Chronicles 16

²⁹ Give unto the LORD the glory due unto His name: bring an offering, and come before Him: **worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

Psalm 27

⁴ One thing have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after; that I may dwell **in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to enquire in His temple.**

Psalm 90

¹⁷ And let the beauty of the LORD our God be upon us: and establish thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, **the work of our hands establish thou it.**

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Prosper

Ecclesiastes 3

¹² I know that there is **no good in them [work that God maketh]**, but for a man to **rejoice**, and to **do good in his life [from beginning to end]**.

Rejoice – [OT:8055](#) **רָגַעַ** **samach** (saw-makh'); a primitive root; probably to brighten up, i.e. (figuratively) be (causatively, make) blithe or gleesome:

KJV - cheer up, be (make) glad, (have, make) joy (-ful), be (make) merry, (cause to, make to) rejoice, ^xvery.

Present

Ecclesiastes 3

¹³ And also that every man should eat and drink, and **enjoy the good of all his labour, it is the gift [present] of God**.

Enjoy – [OT:7200](#) **רָאָה** **ra'ah** (raw-aw'); a primitive root; to see, literally or figuratively (in numerous applications, direct and implied, transitive, intransitive and causative):

KJV - adviseself, appear, approve, behold, ^xcertainly, consider, discern, (make to) enjoy, have experience, gaze, take heed, ^xindeed, ^xjoyfully, lo, look (on, one another, one on another, one upon another, out, up, upon), mark, meet, ^xbe near, perceive, present, provide, regard, (have) respect, (fore-, cause to, let) see (-r, -m, one another), shew (self), ^xsight of others, (e-) spy, stare, ^xsurely, ^xthink, view, visions.

Labour – [OT:5999](#) **עָמַל** **`amal** (aw-mawl'); from [OT:5998](#); toil, i.e. wearing effort; hence, worry, wheth. of body or mind:

KJV - grievance (-vousness), iniquity, labour, mischief, miserable (-sery), pain (-ful), perverseness, sorrow, toil, travail, trouble, wearisome, wickedness.

Acts 8

²⁰ But Peter said unto him, Thy **money perish with thee, because thou hast thought** that the **gift of God** may be **purchased with money**.

Romans 6

²³ For the wages of sin is death; but the **gift of God** is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Ephesians 2

⁸ For **by grace are ye saved through faith**; and that **not of yourselves: it** [faith] is the **gift of God**:

We know that we can enjoy the good of our labour through and with FAITH of God!

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Perpetual

Ecclesiastes 3

¹⁴ I know that, **whatsoever God doeth, it shall be for ever**: nothing can be put to it [added], **nor any thing taken from it** [subtracted]: and **God doeth it, that men should fear before Him.**

For ever – [OT:5769](#) עוֹלָם **`owlam** (o-lawm'); or **`olam** (o-lawm'); from [OT:5956](#); properly, concealed, i.e. the vanishing point; generally, time out of mind (past or future), i.e. (practically) eternity; frequentatively, adverbial (especially with prepositional prefix) always:

KJV - alway (-s), ancient (time), any more, continuance, eternal, (for, [n-]) ever (-lasting, -more, of old), lasting, long (time), (of) old (time), perpetual, at any time, (beginning of the) world (+without end). Compare [OT:5331](#), [OT:5703](#).

Fear – [OT:3372](#) יָרֵא **'yare'** (yaw-ray'); a primitive root; to fear; morally, to revere; caus. to frighten:

KJV - affright, be (make) afraid, dread (-ful), (put in) fear (-ful, -fully, -ing), (be had in) reverence (-end), ^x see, terrible (act, -ness, thing).

1 John 2

¹⁶ For **all that is in the world**, the **lust of the flesh**, and the **lust of the eyes**, and the **pride of life**, is **not of the Father**, but is **of the world**.

¹⁷ And the **world passeth away**, and the **lust thereof**: but **he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever**.

Lamentations 5

¹⁹ **Thou, O LORD, remainest for ever**; thy throne from generation to generation.

1 Thessalonians 4

¹⁷ Then we which are **alive and remain** shall be **caught up together with them in the clouds**, to meet the **Lord in the air**: and **so shall we ever be with the Lord**.

Ephesians 3

⁷ Whereof I was made a minister, according to the **gift of the grace of God** given unto me by the **effectual working of his power**.

⁸ Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this **grace given**, that I should **preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ**;

⁹ And to **make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery**, which from the **beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ**:

¹⁰ To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God,

¹¹ According to the **eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord**:

¹² In whom **we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of Him**.

Psalm 10

¹⁶ **The LORD is King for ever and ever**: the heathen are perished out of his land.

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Predestination

Ecclesiastes 3

¹⁵ **That which hath been is now; and that which is to be hath already been; and God requireth that which is past.**

Requireth – [OT:1245](#) **שָׁקַח** **baqash** (baw-kash'); a primitive root; to search out (by any method, specifically in worship or prayer); by implication, to strive after:
KJV - ask, beg, beseech, desire, enquire, get, make inquisition, procure, (make) request, require, seek (for).

Ecclesiastes 1

⁹ **The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun.**

Punctuated

Ecclesiastes 3

¹⁶ And moreover I saw under the sun the **place of judgment**, that **wickedness was there**; and the **place of righteousness**, that **iniquity was there**.

Judgment – [OT:4941](#) **מִשְׁפָּט** **mishpat** (mish-pawt'); from [OT:8199](#); properly, a verdict (favorable or unfavorable) pronounced judicially, especially a sentence or formal decree (human or [participant's] divine law, individual or collective), including the act, the place, the suit, the crime, and the penalty; abstractly, justice, including a participant's right or privilege (statutory or customary), or even a style:
KJV - + adversary, ceremony, charge, ^xcrime, custom, desert, determination, discretion, disposing, due, fashion, form, to be judged, judgment, just (-ice, -ly), (manner of) law (-ful), manner, measure, (due) order, ordinance, right, sentence, usest, ^xworthy, + wrong.

Righteousness – [OT:6664](#) **צְדָקָה** **tsedeq** (tseh'-dek); from [OT:6663](#); the right (natural, moral or legal); also (abstractly) equity or (figuratively) prosperity:
KJV - ^xeven, (X that which is altogether) just (-ice), ([un-]) right (-eous) (cause, -ly, -ness).

Wickedness/ iniquity – [OT:7562](#) **רָשָׁע** **resha`** (reh'-shah); from [OT:7561](#); a wrong (especially moral): **KJV** - iniquity, wicked (-ness).

Psalm 9

⁷ But the LORD shall endure for ever: He hath prepared His throne for judgment.

⁸ And He shall judge the world in righteousness, He shall minister judgment to the people in uprightness.

⁹ The LORD also will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble.

Psalm 33

⁵ He loveth righteousness and judgment: **the earth is full of the goodness of the LORD.**

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Punctuated (*cont*)

Ecclesiastes 3 (*cont*)

¹⁶ And moreover I saw under the sun the **place of judgment**, that **wickedness** was there; and the **place of righteousness**, that **iniquity** was there.

Psalm 72

¹ Give the king thy judgments, O God, and thy righteousness unto the king's son.

² **He shall judge thy people with righteousness, and thy poor with judgment.**

³ The mountains shall bring peace to the people, and the little hills, **by righteousness.**

Zephaniah 2

³ Seek ye the LORD, all ye **meek of the earth**, which have wrought His judgment; **seek righteousness, seek meekness**: it may be **ye shall be hid in the day of the LORD's anger.**

John 16

⁷ Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send Him unto you.

⁸ And when He is come, **He will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:**

⁹ **Of sin, because they believe not on me;**

Ecclesiastes 3

¹⁷ I said **in mine heart**, **God shall judge the righteous and the wicked**: for **there is a time there for every purpose and for every work.**

Heart – [OT:3820](#) **לב** (*lebe*); a form of [OT:3824](#); the heart; also used (figuratively) very widely for the feelings, the will and even the intellect; likewise for the centre of anything:

KJV - + care for, comfortably, consent, ^x considered, courag [-eous], friend [-ly], ([broken-], [hard-], [merry-], [stiff-], [stout-], double) heart ([-ed]), ^x heed, ^x I, kindly, midst, mind (-ed), ^x regard ([-ed]), ^x themselves, ^x unawares, understanding, ^x well, willingly, wisdom.

God alone will prove whether the works of men are their works or His Works through those He alone has chosen.

Revelation 20

¹² And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the **books were opened**: and **another book was opened**, which is the **book of life**: and the **dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.**

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Punctuated (*cont*)

Ecclesiastes 3

¹⁸ I said **in mine heart** concerning the estate of the sons of men, that **God might manifest them**, and that they might see that **they [sons of men] themselves are beasts**.

Heart – [OT:3820](#) לב **leb** (labe); a form of [OT:3824](#); the heart; also used (figuratively) very widely for the feelings, the will and even the intellect; likewise for the centre of anything:

KJV - + care for, comfortably, consent, ^x considered, courag [-eous], friend [-ly], ([broken-], [hard-], [merry-], [stiff-], [stout-], double) heart ([-ed]), ^x heed, ^x I, kindly, midst, mind (-ed), ^x regard ([-ed]), ^x themselves, ^x unawares, understanding, ^x well, willingly, wisdom.

Revelation 21

²⁷ **And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life [will enter in].**

Ecclesiastes 3 – The Times Appointed by God

Preeminence

Ecclesiastes 3

¹⁹ For that which befalleth the sons of men befalleth beasts; even one thing befalleth them: **as the one dieth, so dieth the other**; yea, **they have all one breath**; so that a **man hath no preeminence above a beast: for all is vanity**.

Befalleth – [OT:4745](#) מִקְרֶה **miqreh** (mik-reh'); from [OT:7136](#); something met with, i.e. an accident or fortune:

KJV - something befallen, befalleth, chance, event, hap (-peneth).

Preeminence – [OT:4195](#) מוֹתָר **mowthar** (mo-thar'); from [OT:3498](#); literally, gain; figuratively, superiority: **KJV** - plenteousness, preeminence, profit.

Vanity – [OT:1892](#) הֶבֶל **hebel** (heh'bel); or (rarely in the abs.) **habel** (hab-ale'); from [OT:1891](#); emptiness or vanity; figuratively, something transitory and unsatisfactory; often used as an adverb: **KJV** - ^xaltogether, vain, vanity.

Colossians 1

¹⁶ For by **Him** were **all things created**, that are in **heaven**, and that are in **earth, visible and invisible**, whether they be **thrones**, or **dominions**, or **principalities**, or **powers**: **all things were created by Him, and for Him**:

¹⁷ And **He** is **before all things**, and by **Him** **all things consist**.

¹⁸ And **He** is **the head of the body, the church**: who is the **beginning**, the **firstborn from the dead**; that in **all things He might have the preeminence**.

¹⁹ **For it pleased the Father that in Him should all fulness dwell**;

Placed

Ecclesiastes 3

²⁰ **All go unto one place** [when men and animals die]; all are of the **dust**, and **all turn to dust** again.

Ecclesiastes 3

²¹ Who knoweth the spirit of man that **goeth upward**, and the spirit of the beast that **goeth downward to the earth**?

Spirit – [OT:7307](#) רוּחַ **ruwach** (roo'-akh); from [OT:7306](#); wind; by resemblance breath, i.e. a sensible (or even violent) exhalation; figuratively, life, anger, unsubstantiality; by extension, a region of the sky; by resemblance spirit, but only of a rational being (including its expression and functions):

KJV - air, anger, blast, breath, ^xcool, courage, mind, ^xquarter, ^xside, spirit ([-ual]), tempest, ^xvain, ([whirl-]) wind (-y).

Downward – [OT:4295](#) מַטָּה **mattah** (mat'-taw); from [OT:5786](#) with directive enclitic appended; downward, below or beneath; often adverbially with or without prefixes: **KJV** - beneath, down (-ward), less, very low, under (-neath).

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Portioned

Ecclesiastes 3

²² Wherefore I perceive [see, discern] that there is **nothing better**, than that a man should **rejoice in his own works**; for **that is his portion**: for **who shall bring him to see what shall be after [hereafter] him?**

Rejoice – [OT:8055](#) שמח **samach** (saw-makh'); a primitive root; probably to brighten up, i.e. (figuratively) be (causatively, make) blithe or gleesome:

KJV - cheer up, be (make) glad, (have, make) joy (-ful), be (make) merry, (cause to, make to) rejoice, ^xvery.

Own works – [OT:4639](#) מעשה **ma`aseh** (mah-as-eh'); from [OT:6213](#); an action (good or bad); generally, a transaction; abstractly, activity; by implication, a product (specifically, a poem) or (generally) property:

KJV - act, art, ⁺bakemeat, business, deed, do (-ing), labor, thing made, ware of making, occupation, thing offered, operation, possession, ^xwell, ([handy-, needle-, net-]) work (ing, -manship), wrought.

Portion – [OT:2506](#) חֵלֶק **cheleq** (khay'lek); from [OT:2505](#); properly, smoothness (of the tongue); also an allotment:

KJV - flattery, inheritance, part, ^xpartake, portion.

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Time Righteous Judgment

Ezekiel 7

¹ Moreover the **Word of the LORD** came unto me, saying,

² Also, thou son of man, thus saith the Lord GOD unto the land of Israel; **An end, the end is come upon the four corners of the land.**

³ Now is **the end come upon thee**, and **I will send mine anger upon thee**, and will **judge thee according to thy ways**, and will **recompense upon thee all thine abominations.**

Time of Righteous Favour

Psalms 102

¹³ **Thou shalt arise, and have mercy upon Zion: for the time to favour her, yea, the set time, is come.**

Time for a Righteous House

1 Peter 4

¹⁷ **For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?**

The LORD's Righteous Time Appointed

Mark 1

¹⁵ And saying, **The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.**

Ecclesiastes 4 - Conflict of the Will

Oppression

Ecclesiastes 4

¹ So I returned, and considered all the oppressions that are done under the sun: and **behold the tears** [weeping] of such as were oppressed, and they had **no comforter**; and **on the side of their oppressors there was power**; but **they had no comforter**.

Oppressions/ oppressed – OT:6217 אֲשׁוּק `ashuwq (aw-shook'); or `ashuq (aw-shook'); passive participle of OT:6231; used in plural masculine as abstractly, tyranny [oppression dictatorship domination totalitarianism cruelty]: **KJV** - oppressed

Comforter – OT:5162 נַחַם nacham (naw-kham'); a primitive root; properly, to sigh, i.e. breathe strongly; by implication, to be sorry, i.e. (in a favorable sense) to pity, console or (reflexively) rue regret lament rue rue; or (unfavorably) to avenge (oneself): **KJV** - comfort (self), ease [one'sself], repent (-eringself,-).

Oppressors – OT:6231 אֲשַׁק `ashaq (aw-shak'); a primitive root (compare OT:6229); to press upon, i.e. bring stife oppress, defraud, violate, overflow: **KJV** - get deceitfully, deceive, defraud, drink up, (use) oppress ([-ion]), -or), do violence (wrong).

Power – OT:3581 כֹּחַ koach (ko'-akh); or (Dan 11:6) כֹּוַח kowach (ko'-akh); from an unused root meaning to be firm; vigor, literally (force, in a good or a bad sense) or figuratively (capacity, means, produce); also (from its hardness) a large lizard: -ability, able, chameleon, force, fruits, might, power (-ful), strength, substance, wealth.

Psalm 73

⁷ Their eyes stand out with fatness: they **have more than heart could wish**.

⁸ **They are corrupt, and speak wickedly** [ra ~ bad, evil] concerning oppression: they speak loftily [haughty].

Corrupt – OT:4167 מִדָּק muwq (mook); a primitive root; to jeer, i.e. (intens.) blaspheme: **KJV** - be corrupt.

Oppression – OT:6233 אֲשַׁק `osheq (o'-shek); from OT:6231; injury, fraud, (subjectively) distress, (concretely) unjust gain: **KJV** - cruelly, extortion, oppression, thing [deceitfully gotten].

Psalm 62

⁹ Surely **men of low degree are vanity**, and **men of high degree are a lie**: to be laid in the balance, **they are altogether lighter than vanity**.

¹⁰ **Trust not in oppression**, and become not vain in robbery: **if riches increase, set not your heart upon them**.

¹¹ God hath spoken once; twice have I heard this; that **power belongeth unto God**.

Ecclesiastes 4 - Conflict of the Will

Oppression (*cont*)

Ecclesiastes 4 (*cont*)

¹ So I returned, and considered all the oppressions that are done under the sun: and **behold the tears** of such as were oppressed, and they had **no comforter**; and **on the side of their oppressors there was power**; but **they had no comforter**.

Colossians 1

¹⁶ For by Him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be **thrones**, or **dominions**, or **principalities**, or **powers**: **all things were created by Him, and for Him**:

¹⁷ And He is before all things, and by Him all things consist.

Isaiah 30

⁹ That this is a rebellious people, lying children, children that will not hear the law of the LORD:

¹⁰ Which say to the seers, See not; and to the prophets, Prophecy not unto us right things, speak unto us smooth things, prophecy deceits:

¹¹ Get you out of the way, turn aside out of the path, cause the Holy One of Israel to cease from before us.

¹² Wherefore thus saith the Holy One of Israel, Because ye **despise this Word**, and **trust in oppression and perverseness**, and **stay thereon**:

¹³ Therefore this iniquity shall be to you as a breach ready to fall, swelling out in a high wall, whose breaking cometh suddenly at an instant.

Isaiah 59

¹³ In **transgressing** and **lying** against the LORD, and **departing away from our God, speaking oppression** and revolt, **conceiving and uttering from the heart words of falsehood**.

Ecclesiastes 5

⁸ If thou seest the **oppression of the poor**, and violent perverting of judgment and justice in a province, marvel not at the matter: for he that is higher than the highest regardeth; and there be higher than they.

Psalms 119

¹³³ Order my steps in thy Word: and **let not any iniquity have dominion over me**.

¹³⁴ **Deliver me from the oppression of man**: so will I keep thy precepts.

¹³⁵ Make thy face to shine upon thy servant; and **teach me thy statutes**.

Psalms 55

² **Attend unto me, and hear me**: I **mourn in my complaint**, and make a noise;

³ Because of the voice of the enemy, because of the **oppression of the wicked**: for they cast **iniquity upon me, and in wrath they hate me**.

⁴ My **heart is sore pained** within me: and the **terrors of death are fallen upon me**.

Ecclesiastes 4 - Conflict of the Will

Oppression (*cont*)

Ecclesiastes 4

² Wherefore I praised [loudly commend] the dead which are already **dead more than the living** which are yet alive.

Praised – [OT:7623](#) **שָׁבַח** **shabach** (shaw-bakh'); a primitive root; properly, to address in a loud tone, i.e. (specifically) loud; figuratively, to pacify (as if by words): **KJV** - commend, glory, keep in, praise, still, triumph.

2 Corinthians 1

⁸ For we would not, brethren, have you ignorant of our trouble which came to us in Asia, that we were **pressed out of measure, above strength, insomuch that we despaired even of life:**

⁹ But we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves, but in God which raiseth the dead:

¹⁰ Who delivered us from so great a death, and doth deliver: in whom we trust that he will yet deliver us;

¹¹ Ye also helping together by prayer for us, that for the gift bestowed upon us by the means of many persons **thanks may be given by many** on our behalf.

Ecclesiastes 4

³ Yea, **better is he** than both they, **which hath not yet been**, who **hath not seen the evil work that is done under the sun.**

Mark 14

²¹ The Son of man indeed goeth, as it is written of him: but woe to that man by whom the **Son of man is betrayed! good were it for that man if he had NEVER been born.**

Psalm 17

⁸ **Keep me as the apple of the eye, hide me under the shadow of thy wings,**

⁹ From **the wicked that oppress me**, from my **deadly enemies**, who **compass me about.**

Oppress – [OT:7703](#) **שָׁדַד** **shadad** (shaw-dad'); a primitive root; properly, to be burly [brawny strong tough guy, bully], i.e. (figuratively) powerful (passively, impregnable); by implication, to ravage [destroy]: **KJV** - dead, destroy (-er), oppress, robber, spoil (-er), ^xutterly, (lay) waste.

¹⁰ They are inclosed in their own fat: with **their mouth they speak proudly** [geuwth ~ **excellent things, loftily, majesty, raging**].

Ecclesiastes 4 - Conflict of the Will

Oppression (*cont*)

Ecclesiastes 4 (*cont*)

³ Yea, **better is he** than both they, **which hath not yet been**, who **hath not seen the evil work that is done under the sun.**

Job 3

² And Job spake, and said,

³ **Let the day perish wherein I was born**, and the night in which it was said, There is a man child conceived.

⁴ Let that day be darkness; let not God regard it from above, neither let the light shine upon it.

⁵ Let darkness and the shadow of death stain it; let a cloud dwell upon it; let the blackness of the day terrify it.

⁶ As for that night, let darkness seize upon it; let it not be joined unto the days of the year, let it not come into the number of the months.

⁷ Lo, let that night be solitary, let **no joyful voice** come therein.

⁸ Let them curse it that **curse the day**, who are ready to raise up their mourning.

⁹ Let the stars of the twilight thereof be dark; let it look for light, but have none; neither let it see the dawning of the day:

¹⁰ Because it shut not up the doors of my mother's womb, nor hid sorrow from mine eyes.

¹¹ **Why died I not from the womb? why did I not give up the ghost** when I came out of the belly?

¹² Why did the knees prevent me? or why the breasts that I should suck?

¹³ For **now should I have lain still and been quiet**, I should have **slept**: then had I **been at rest**,

¹⁴ **With kings and counsellors of the earth, which build desolate places for themselves;**

¹⁵ **Or with princes that had gold, who filled their houses with silver:**

Psalm 58

³ The **wicked are estranged from the womb**: they go astray as soon as they be born, **speaking lies.**

Ecclesiastes 4 - Conflict of the Will

Envy

Ecclesiastes 4

⁴ Again, I considered all **travail**, and every **right work**, that for **this a man is envied** [coveted, begrudged, resented,] of his **neighbour**. This is also **vanity and vexation of spirit**.

Travail – [OT:5999](#) עֲמַל `amal (aw-mawl'); from [OT:5998](#); **toil**, i.e. wearing effort; hence, worry, wheth. of body or mind:

KJV - grievance (-vousness), iniquity, labour, mischief, miserable (-sery), pain (-ful), perverseness, sorrow, toil, travail, trouble, wearisome, wickedness.

Vanity – [OT:1892](#) הֶבֶל hebel (heh'bel); or (rarely in the abs.) **habel** (hab-ale'); from [OT:1891](#); emptiness or vanity; fig, something transitory [fleeting, temporary] and unsatisfactory; often used as an adverb: **KJV** - ^xaltogether, vain, vanity. [conceit, self-importance]

Vexation – [OT:7469](#) רָעוּת re`uwth (reh-ooth'); probably from [OT:7462](#); a feeding upon, i.e. grasping after: **KJV** - vexation.

Psalm 7

¹¹ God **judgeth the righteous**, and **God is angry with the wicked every day**.

¹² If he turn not, **He will whet his sword; He hath bent his bow, and made it ready**.

¹³ He hath also **prepared for him the instruments of death; He ordaineth His arrows against the persecutors**.

¹⁴ Behold, he **travaileth with iniquity**, and hath **conceived mischief**, and **brought forth falsehood**.

Travaileth – [OT:2254](#) חָבַל chabal (khaw-bal'); a primitive root; to wind tightly (as a rope), i.e. to bind; specifically, by a pledge; figuratively, to pervert, destroy; also to writh in pain (especially of parturition):

KJV - ^xat all, band, bring forth, (deal) corrupt (-ly), destroy, offend, lay to (take a) pledge, spoil, travail, ^xvery, withhold.

¹⁵ **He made a pit**, and **digged it**, and is **fallen into the ditch which he made**.

Romans 8

²¹ Because the **creature** itself also shall be **delivered from the bondage of corruption** into the **glorious liberty** of the children of God.

²² For we know that **the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now**.

²³ And **not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body [in the 1st Resurrection]**.

Ecclesiastes 4 - Conflict of the Will

Envy (*cont*)

Ecclesiastes 4

⁵ The fool foldeth [clasps] his **hands together** [idleness], and eateth his own flesh [kind].

The fool will destroy others of his own flesh or even himself

Romans 1

²¹ Because that, when they **knew God**, they **glorified Him not as God**, neither were **thankful**; but became **vain in their imaginations**, and their **foolish heart was darkened**.

1 Peter 5

⁷ Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

⁸ Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, **seeking whom he may devour**:

⁹ Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.

Psalm 14

¹ The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. They are **corrupt**, they have done **abominable works**, there is **none that doeth good**.

Psalm 53

¹ The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. **Corrupt** are they, and have done **abominable iniquity**: there is **none that doeth good**.

Jeremiah 19

⁹ And **I will cause them [wicked Israelites] to eat the flesh of their sons and the flesh of their daughters**, and **they shall eat every one the flesh of his friend** in the siege and straitness, wherewith their enemies, and **they that seek their lives, shall straiten [oppress, distress] them**.

...all this because they hardened their hearts that they might not hear the Words of the LORD.

Psalm 27

² When **the wicked**, even mine enemies and my foes, **came upon me to eat up my flesh**, they **stumbled and fell**.

Ecclesiastes 4 - Conflict of the Will

Envy (*cont*)

Ecclesiastes 4 (*cont*)

⁵ **The fool** foldeth [clasps] his **hands together** [idleness], and eateth his own flesh [kind].

John 6

⁵¹ I am the **living bread** which came down from heaven: **if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever**: and the bread that I will **give is my flesh**, which I will give for the life of the world.

⁵² The Jews therefore strove among themselves, saying, How can this man give us his flesh to eat?

⁵³ Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, **Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you.**

⁵⁴ Whoso **eateth my flesh**, and **drinketh my blood**, hath **eternal life**; and I will **raise him up at the last day.**

Ecclesiastes 4

⁶ Better is an **handful with quietness** [rest imposition], than **both the hands full with travail** [toil] and **vexation of spirit** [ruwach].

Quietness – [OT:5183](#) נַחַת **Nachath** (nakh'-ath); from [OT:5182](#); a descent, i.e. imposition, unfavorable (punishment) or favorable (food); also (intransitively; perhaps from [OT:5117](#)), restfulness:

KJV - lighting down, quiet (-ness), to rest, be set on.

Vexation – [OT:7469](#) רִעַוּת **re`uwth** (reh-ooth'); probably from [OT:7462](#); a feeding upon, i.e. grasping after: **KJV** - vexation.

Proverbs 17

¹ **Better is a dry morsel, and quietness therewith, than an house full of sacrifices with strife.**

Isaiah 32

¹⁶ Then judgment shall dwell in the wilderness, and righteousness remain in the fruitful field.

¹⁷ And the **work of righteousness shall be peace**; and the **effect of righteousness quietness and assurance for ever.**

¹⁸ And **my people shall dwell in a peaceable** habitation, and in sure dwellings, and in quiet resting places;

2 Thessalonians 3

¹² Now them that are such we command and exhort by our Lord Jesus Christ, **that with quietness they work, and eat their own bread.**

Ecclesiastes 4 - Conflict of the Will

Envy (*cont*)

Ecclesiastes 4 (*cont*)

⁶ Better is an **handful with quietness** [rest imposition], than **both the hands full with travail** [toil] and **vexation of spirit** [ruwach].

Proverbs 31 a wise wife

²⁶ She openeth her mouth with **wisdom**; and in her tongue is the law of **kindness**.

²⁷ She **looketh well to the ways of her household**, and **eateth not the bread of idleness**.

²⁸ Her children arise up, and call her blessed; **her husband also, and he praiseth [commends] her**.

Ecclesiastes 4 - Conflict of the Will

Loneliness

Ecclesiastes 4

⁷ Then I returned, and I saw vanity [emptiness, dissatisfaction] under the sun.

Ecclesiastes 4

⁸ There is one alone [no one else], and there is not a second [double others]; yea, he hath neither child nor brother: yet is there **no end of all his labour** [toil]; **neither is his eye satisfied with riches**; neither saith he, **For whom do I labour, and bereave my soul of good?** This is also vanity, yea, **it is a sore travail.**

Ecclesiastes 1

⁸ **All things are full of labour**; man cannot utter it: the **eye is not satisfied with seeing, nor the ear filled with hearing.**

Proverbs 27

²⁰ **Hell and destruction are never full**; so the eyes of man are never satisfied.

Proverbs 20

¹³ **Love not sleep, lest thou come to poverty**; open thine eyes, and **thou shalt be satisfied with bread.**

Ecclesiastes 4

⁹ **Two are better than one**; because **they have a good reward for their labour.**

Amos 3

² You only have I known of all the families of the earth: therefore I will punish you for all your iniquities.

³ **Can two walk together, except they be agreed?**

⁴ Will a lion roar in the forest, when he hath no prey? will a young lion cry out of his den, if he have taken nothing?

Matthew 18

¹⁹ Again I say unto you, That if **two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven.**

Ecclesiastes 4 - Conflict of the Will

Loneliness (*cont*)

Ecclesiastes 4

¹⁰ For if they fall, the **one will lift up** his fellow: but **woe to him that is alone** when he falleth; for **he hath not another to help** him up.

Psalm 118

¹² They compassed me about like bees: they are quenched as the fire of thorns: for in **the name of the LORD I will destroy them.**

¹³ Thou hast thrust sore at me **that I might fall**: but **the LORD helped me.**

¹⁴ The LORD is my strength and song, and is become my salvation.

Proverbs 11

⁵ The righteousness of the perfect shall direct his way: but the **wicked shall fall by his own wickedness.**

Proverbs 11

²⁸ He that trusteth in his riches shall fall; but the **righteous shall flourish as a branch.**

Proverbs 24

¹⁶ For a just man falleth seven times, and riseth up again: but the **wicked shall fall into mischief.**

Ecclesiastes 4

¹¹ Again, **if two lie together, then they have heat: but how can one be warm alone?**

Ecclesiastes 4

¹² And if one prevail against him, two shall withstand him; and a **threefold cord is not quickly broken.**

Psalm 65

² O thou that hearest prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come.

³ **Iniquities prevail against me**: as for our transgressions, **thou shalt purge them away.**

⁴ **Blessed is the man whom thou choolest, and causest to approach unto thee, that he may dwell in thy courts: we shall be satisfied with the goodness of thy house, even of thy holy temple.**

Matthew 16

¹⁸ And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this **rock** [Revelation of Christ our King] I will build my church; and the gates of **hell shall not prevail against it.**

Ecclesiastes 4 - Conflict of the Will

Experience

Ecclesiastes 4

¹³ **Better is a poor and a wise child [offspring] than an old and foolish king**, who will no more be admonished [enlightened].

Admonished – [OT:2094](#) זָהַר **zahar** (zaw-har'); a primitive root; to gleam; figuratively, to enlighten (by caution):

KJV - admonish, shine, teach, (give) warn (-ing).

Proverbs 1

⁵ **A wise man will hear, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels:**

Proverbs 9

⁸ **Reprove not a scorner, lest he hate thee: rebuke a wise man, and he will love thee.**

⁹ **Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be yet wiser: teach a just man, and he will increase in learning.**

¹⁰ **The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding.**

Ecclesiastes 1

¹⁶ I communed with mine own heart, saying, Lo, I am come to great estate, and have gotten more wisdom than all they that have been before me in Jerusalem: yea, my heart had **great experience** [seeing, discernment] of wisdom and knowledge.

*There is an old adage that A wise man can learn from a fool...(not so)
A wise man will learn from those who are only wise and that wisdom only from the only always wise LORD God. Amen*

Ecclesiastes 4

¹⁴ For out of prison [family seclusion] he cometh to reign; whereas also **he that is born in his kingdom becometh poor** [by paying tribute to their king].

Reign – [OT:4427](#) מָלַךְ **malak** (maw-lak'); a primitive root; to reign; inceptively, to ascend the throne; causatively, to induct into royalty; hence (by implication) to take counsel:

KJV - consult, ^x indeed, be (make, set a, set up) king, be (make) queen, (begin to, make to) reign (-ing), rule, ^x surely.

Becometh poor – [OT:7326](#) רָשָׁע **ruwsh** (roosh); a primitive root; to be destitute:

KJV - lack, needy, (makeself) poor (man).

Ecclesiastes 4 - Conflict of the Will

John 3

³ Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, **Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.**

⁴ Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?

⁵ Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, **Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.**

⁶ That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

⁷ Marvel not that I said unto thee, **Ye must be born again.**

Matthew 5

³ **Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

Luke 6

²⁰ And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said, **Blessed be ye poor: for yours is the kingdom of God.**

James 2

⁵ Hearken, my beloved brethren, **Hath not God chosen the poor of this world rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which he hath promised to them that love Him?**

⁶ But ye have despised the poor. Do not **rich men oppress you**, and draw you before the judgment seats?

⁷ Do not they **blaspheme that worthy name by the which ye are called?**

⁸ If ye fulfil the royal law according to the Scripture, **Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself**, ye do well:

It is the Rich in the world or worldly things who should find it difficult to enter the kingdom of God.

Ecclesiastes 4

¹⁵ I considered all the living which walk under the sun, with the second [sharing likeness and thereby duplicating the father] child that shall stand up in his stead.

Second – [OT:8145](#) שֵׁנִי **sheniy** (shay-nee'); from [OT:8138](#); properly, double, i.e. second; also adverbially, again:

KJV - again, either [of them], (an-) other, second (time).

Ecclesiastes 4 - Conflict of the Will

Ecclesiastes 4

¹⁶ There is **no end of all the people**, even of all that have been before them: they also that come after shall not rejoice in Him. Surely this also is vanity and vexation of spirit.

No mater the will of the father to instill in his son the knowledge and wisdom of old, the very next generation of man will forget the his father even the chosen king.

Psalm 102

²⁵ Of old hast thou laid the foundation of the earth: and the heavens are the work of thy hands.

²⁶ They shall perish, but thou shalt endure: yea, all of them shall wax old like a garment; as a vesture shalt thou change them, and they shall be changed:

²⁷ But thou art the same, and thy years shall have no end.

²⁸ The children of thy servants shall continue, and their seed shall be established before thee.

Isaiah 9

⁶ For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The **everlasting Father**, The Prince of Peace.

⁷ **Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.**

⁸ The Lord sent a word into Jacob, and it hath lighted upon Israel.

Ecclesiastes 5 – Watch Yourself

Watch your Step

Ecclesiastes 5

¹ **Keep** [hedge about, guard] **thy foot** [watch your step, think about what you are doing] **when** thou goest to the **house of God**, and be **more ready** [draw near obediently] to hear, **than** to give the sacrifice of fools [stupid or silly]: for they consider not that **they do evil**.

Psalm 121

³ He will **not suffer thy foot to be moved**: he that keepeth thee will not slumber.

Proverbs 3

²⁶ For the **LORD shall be thy confidence**, and shall **keep thy foot from being taken**.

1 Samuel 2

⁸ He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, and lifteth up the beggar from the dunghill, to set them among princes, and to **make them inherit the throne of glory**: for the pillars of the earth are the **LORD's**, and He hath set the world upon them.

⁹ **He will keep the feet of His saints**, and the wicked shall be silent in darkness; for by strength shall no man prevail.

¹⁰ The adversaries of the **LORD shall be broken to pieces**; out of heaven shall he thunder upon them: the **LORD shall judge the ends of the earth**; and he shall give strength unto his king, and exalt the horn of his anointed.

Psalm 56

⁶ They conspire, they lurk, **they watch my steps**, hoping to take my life.

Proverbs 4

¹⁹ The way of the wicked is as **darkness: they know not at what they stumble**.

The wicked are so busy watching our steps seeking to do evil, they fail to watch their step and thus they stumble.

Proverbs 3

²³ Then shalt thou walk in thy way safely, and thy foot shall not **stumble**.

Psalm 42

⁴ When **I remember** these things, I **pour out my soul** in me: for **I had gone with the multitude**, I went with them to the **house of God**, with the **voice of joy and praise**, with a **multitude that kept holyday**.

Ecclesiastes 5 – Watch Yourself

Psalm 23

⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the **house of the LORD** for ever.

Psalm 27

⁴ One thing have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the **house of the LORD** all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to enquire in his temple.

Psalm 92

¹³ Those that be planted in the **house of the LORD** shall flourish in the courts of our God.

Psalm 122

¹ **I was glad** when they said unto me, **Let us go into the house of the LORD.**

Psalm 95

⁶ O come, **let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the LORD our maker.**

Psalm 96

⁹ O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness: fear before him, all the earth.

Who are those who Worship the LORD?!

Those who serve Him

Those who seek His help

Those who believe Him

Those who reverence Him whose name is Reverend

Ecclesiastes 5 – Watch Yourself

Watch your mouth

Measure your words

Ecclesiastes 5

² Be not **rash** [impulsive] with thy mouth, and let not thine heart be hasty to utter any thing before God: for **God is in heaven, and thou upon earth**: therefore **let thy words be few**.

Rash – [OT:926](#) **בָּהָל** (baw-hal'); a primitive root; to tremble inwardly (or palpitate), i.e. (figuratively) be (causative, make) (suddenly) alarmed or agitated; by implication to hasten anxiously:

KJV - be (make) affrighted (afraid, amazed, dismayed, rash), (be, get, make) haste (-n, -y, -ily), (give) speedy (-ily), thrust out, trouble, vex.

Ephesians 3

² If ye have heard of the **dispensation of the grace** of God which is given me to you-ward:

³ How that **by revelation He made known unto me the mystery**; (as I **wrote afore in few words**,

⁴ Whereby, **when ye read**, ye may **understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ**)

Hebrews 13

²² And I beseech you, brethren, suffer the word of exhortation: for I have **written a letter unto you in few words**.

Psalm 119

¹⁷² My tongue shall **speak** of thy **word**: for all thy commandments are righteousness.

Isaiah 50

⁴ The Lord GOD hath given me the tongue of the learned, that I should know how to **speak** a **word** in season to him that is weary: he wakeneth morning by morning, he wakeneth mine ear to hear as the learned.

John 3

³⁴ For he whom God hath sent **speaketh the words** of God: for God giveth not the Spirit by measure unto him.

1 Corinthians 2

¹³ Which things also we **speak**, not in the **words** which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

Ecclesiastes 5 – Watch Yourself

Simplify your words

Ecclesiastes 5

³ For a **dream** [desires] cometh through the **multitude of business** [travail]; and a **fool's voice is known by multitude of words.**

Business – [OT:6045](#) **יַיִן** **`inyan** (in-yawn'); from [OT:6031](#); ado, i.e. (generally) employment or (specifically) an affair: **KJV** - business, travail.

1 Corinthians 14

⁹ So likewise ye, except ye utter by the tongue **words easy to be understood**, how shall it be known what is spoken? for ye shall speak into the air.

Matthew 6

⁷ But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for **they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking.**

2 Peter 2

¹⁸ For when they **speak great swelling words of vanity**, they **allure through the lusts of the flesh**, through **much wantonness**, those that were **clean escaped** from them **who live in error.**

Jude 1

¹⁶ These are **murmurers, complainers, walking after their own lusts**; and **their mouth speaketh great swelling words**, having **men's persons in admiration because of advantage.**

Proverbs 10

¹⁹ In the **multitude of words** there wanteth not sin [they make excuses]: but **he that refraineth his lips is wise** [there is no excuse].

Acts 12

²⁴ But the **Word of God** grew and **multiplied**

Ecclesiastes 5 – Watch Yourself

Be sure about your words

Ecclesiastes 5

⁴ When thou vowest a vow unto God, defer not to pay it; for He hath **no pleasure in fools: pay that which thou hast vowed.**

Numbers 30

² If a man vow a vow unto the **LORD**, or swear an oath to bind his soul with a bond; he **shall not break his word**, he shall **do according to all that proceedeth out of his mouth.**

Ecclesiastes 5

⁵ Better is it that thou shouldest not vow, than that thou shouldest vow and **not** pay.

Keep your words

Ecclesiastes 5

⁶ Suffer not thy mouth to cause thy flesh [person] to sin; neither say thou before the angel, that it was an error: wherefore should God be angry [displeased] at thy voice, and destroy [or bind] the work of thine hands?

Psalm 116

¹⁴ **I will pay my vows unto the LORD** now in the presence of all his people.

Use God's words

Ecclesiastes 5

⁷ For in the **multitude of dreams and many words** there are also **divers vanities**: but **fear thou God.**

We should align with the Word of God...

...NOT the Multitude of dreams, works, vanities

Just Fear the LORD God and keep His Word!

Ecclesiastes 12

¹³ Let us **hear the conclusion** of the whole matter: **Fear God**, and keep his **commandments**: for this is **the whole duty of man.**

1 Peter 2

¹⁷ Honour all men. Love the brotherhood. **Fear God.** Honour the king.

The Fear of the LORD is the beginning of Knowledge...just the beginning... And until I know it all, I Fear the LORD...because it seems at the end of "just beginning", it is always like I am just beginning afresh to learn....

Ecclesiastes 5 – Watch Yourself

Watch your Judgment

Ecclesiastes 5

⁸ If thou seest the oppression of the poor, and violent perverting [plundering] of judgment [sentencing] and justice in a province, marvel not at the matter: for he that is **higher [more powerful] than the highest [most powerful]** regardeth; and **there be higher [more powerful] than they**.

Oppression – [OT:6233](#) עֲשֵׂק **osheq** (o'-shek); from [OT:6231](#); injury, fraud, (subjectively) distress, (concretely) unjust gain:

KJV - cruelly, extortion, oppression, thing [deceitfully gotten].

Poor – [OT:7326](#) רוּשׁ **ruwsh** (roosh); a primitive root; to be destitute:

KJV - lack, needy, (makeself) poor (man).

Judgment – [OT:4941](#) מִשְׁפָּט **mishpat** (mish-pawt'); from [OT:8199](#); properly, a verdict (favorable or unfavorable) pronounced judicially, especially a sentence or formal decree (human or [participant's] divine law, individual or collective), including the act, the place, the suit, the crime, and the penalty; abstractly, justice, including a participant's right or privilege (statutory or customary), or even a style:

KJV - + adversary, ceremony, charge, ^x crime, custom, desert, determination, discretion, disposing, due, fashion, form, to be judged, judgment, just (-ice, -ly), (manner of) law (-ful), manner, measure, (due) order, ordinance, right, sentence, usest, ^x worthy, + wrong.

Justice – [OT:6664](#) צְדָקָה **tsedeq** (tseh'-dek); from [OT:6663](#); the right (natural, moral or legal); also (abstractly) equity or (figuratively) prosperity:

KJV - ^x even, (X that which is altogether) just (-ice), ([un-]) right (-eous) (cause, -ly, -ness).

Province – [OT:4082](#) מְדִינָה **mediynah** (med-ee-naw'); from [OT:1777](#); properly, a judgeship, i.e. jurisdiction; by implication, a district (as ruled by a judge); generally, a region: **KJV** - (X every) province.

Matter – [OT:2656](#) חֵפְזִים **chephets** (khay'-fets); from [OT:2654](#); pleasure; hence (abstractly) desire; concretely, a valuable thing; hence (by extension) a matter (as something in mind):

KJV - acceptable, delight (-some), desire, things desired, matter, pleasant (-ure), purpose, willingly.

Regardeth – [OT:8104](#) שָׁמַר **shamar** (shaw-mar'); a primitive root; properly, to hedge about (as with thorns), i.e. guard; generally, to protect, attend to, etc.:

KJV - beware, be circumspect, take heed (toself), keep (-erself), mark, look narrowly, observe, preserve, regard, reserve, save (self), sure, (that lay) wait (for), watch (-man).

Ecclesiastes 5 – Watch Yourself

Watch your Judgment

Financially

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⁹ Moreover **the profit of the earth is [enough] for all [the world]**: the king himself is served by the field.

Field – [OT:5647](#) עָבַד `abad (aw-bad'); a primitive root; to work (in any sense); by implication, to serve, till, (causatively) enslave, etc.:

KJV - ^x be, keep in bondage, be bondmen, bond-service, compel, do, dress, ear, execute, + husbandman, keep, labour (-ing man, bring to pass, (cause to, make to) serve (-ingself,)), (be, become) servant (-s), do (use) service, till (-er), transgress [from margin], (set a) work, be wrought, worshipper,

Elusive Entrepreneurial Enterprise

Ecclesiastes 5

¹⁰ **He that loveth silver shall not be satisfied with silver; nor he that loveth abundance [wealth] with increase [income]**: this is also vanity.

Vanity – [OT:1892](#) הֶבֶל hebel (heh'bel); or (rarely in the abs.) habel (hab-ale'); from [OT:1891](#); emptiness or vanity; fig., something transitory and unsatisfactory; often used as an adverb:

KJV - ^x altogether, vain, vanity. [vanity pride narcissism self-importance conceit arrogance egotism bigheadedness ...Hebrew denotes transitory = temporary, fleeting]

Strong Balance Sheets attract many

Ecclesiastes 5

¹¹ **When goods increase, they are increased that eat them: and what good is there to the owners thereof, saving the beholding of them with their eyes?**

Including those who are attorneys, insurance people, vendors, financial planners, family, friends and other thieves and robbers.

Large Payroll ~ people made to be slaves

Ecclesiastes 5

¹² **The sleep of a labouring man is sweet, whether he eat little or much: but the abundance of the rich will not suffer him to sleep.**

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Watch your Judgment

Financially

Noticeable Net Worth for the pleasure of owners

Ecclesiastes 5

¹³ There is a sore [afflicting] evil which I have seen under the sun, namely, **riches [riches are] kept [observed] for the owners thereof to their hurt.**

Hurt – [OT:7451](#) חָרַץ **ra`** (rah); from [OT:7489](#); bad or (as noun) evil (natural or moral): **KJV** - adversity, affliction, bad, calamity, + displease (-ure), distress, evil ([-favouredness], man, thing), + exceedingly, ^x great, grief (-vous), harm, heavy, hurt (-ful), ill (favoured), + mark, mischief (-vous), misery, naught (-ty), noisome, + not please, sad (-ly), sore, sorrow, trouble, vex, wicked (-ly, -ness, one), worse (-st), wretchedness, wrong. [Incl. feminine ra`ah; as adjective or noun.].

Responsibility

James 2

¹⁵ If a **brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food,**

¹⁶ And one of you **say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled;**

notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit?

¹⁷ Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.

1 Timothy 6

¹⁷ Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy;

¹⁸ That they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate;

¹⁹ Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may **lay hold on eternal life.**

Romans 2

⁷ To them who by **patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honour and immortality, eternal life:**

Galatians 6

⁹ And let us **not be weary in well doing:** for in due season **we shall reap, if we faint not.**

2 Thessalonians 3

¹³ But ye, brethren, **be not weary in well doing.**

Hebrews 13

¹⁶ But to **do good** and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

1 Peter 2

¹⁵ For so is **the will of God, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men:**

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Misuse of funds

Ecclesiastes 5

¹⁴ But those **riches perish** by evil **travail**: and he begetteth a son, and there is nothing in his hand [no inheritance].

Perish – [OT:6](#) אָבַד 'abad (aw-bad'); a primitive root; properly, to wander away, i.e. lose oneself; by implication to perish (causative, destroy):

KJV - break, destroy (-uction), + not escape, fail, lose, (cause to, make) perish, spend, * and surely, take, be undone, * utterly, be void of, have no way to flee.

Travail – [OT:6045](#) עֵינָן 'inyan (in-yawn'); from [OT:6031](#); ado, i.e. (generally) employment or (specifically) an affair: **KJV** - business, travail.

Psalm 73

³ For I was envious at the foolish, when I saw the prosperity of the wicked.

Psalm 73

¹² Behold, these are the ungodly, who **prosper in the world; they increase in riches.**

Psalm 73

¹⁷ Until I **went into the sanctuary of God**; then **understood I their end.**

Deuteronomy 29

⁹ **Keep therefore the words** of this covenant, and **do them**, that ye may **prosper in all that ye do.**

Zechariah 8

¹² For **the seed shall be prosperous**; the vine shall give her fruit, and the ground shall give her increase, and the heavens shall give their dew; **and I will cause the remnant of this people to possess all these things.**

3 John 1

² Beloved, **I wish above all things** that thou mayest **prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.**

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Finite Finality

Completion

Ecclesiastes 5

¹⁵ As he came forth of his mother's womb, naked shall he return to go as he came, and shall take nothing of his labour, which he may carry away in his hand.

Job 34

¹⁵ All flesh shall perish together, and man shall turn again unto dust.

Isaiah 55

¹¹ So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: **it shall not return unto me void**, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

Confusion

Ecclesiastes 5

¹⁶ And this also is a sore evil, that **in all points as he came, so shall he go**: and **what profit hath he that hath laboured** for the wind?

Calamity

Ecclesiastes 5

¹⁷ All his days also he **eateth in darkness**, and he hath **much sorrow and wrath with his sickness**.

Sickness – [OT:2483](#) חֹלִי **choliy** (khol-ee'); from [OT:2470](#); malady, anxiety, calamity: **KJV** - disease, grief, (is) sick (-ness).

Ecclesiastes 5 – Watch Yourself

Watch your Portions

Ecclesiastes 5

¹⁸ Behold [see] that which I have seen: **it is good and comely [beautiful] for one to eat and to drink, and to enjoy the good of all his labour [toil of body or mind] that he taketh [labours in] under the sun all the days of his life, which God giveth him: for it is his portion.**

Psalm 73

²⁰ **As a dream** when one awaketh; so, O Lord, when thou awakest, thou shalt despise their image.

²¹ Thus my **heart was grieved**, and I was **pricked in my reins**.

²² So **foolish was I**, and **ignorant**: I was **as a beast** before thee.

²³ Nevertheless **I am continually with thee: thou hast holden me** by my right hand.

²⁴ Thou shalt **guide me with thy counsel**, and afterward **receive me to glory**.

²⁵ Whom have I in heaven but thee? and **there is none upon earth that I desire beside thee**.

²⁶ My **flesh and my heart faileth**: but **God is the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever**.

²⁷ For, lo, they that are **far from thee shall perish**: thou hast **destroyed all them** that go a whoring from thee.

²⁸ But **it is good for me to draw near to God**: I have **put my trust in the Lord GOD, that I may declare all thy works**.

Ecclesiastes 3

²² Wherefore I perceive that there is **nothing better**, than that a **man should rejoice in his own works**; for **that is his portion**: for who shall bring him to see what shall be after him?

*We begin to see the portion in this life, in this world, is given by God as is that portion He gives to those He alone has chosen.
I know that my portion is DISPROPORTIONATE with what I deserve but FAR beyond all that I can imagine and desire from Him who is possessor of all things! Hallelujah!*

1 Thessalonians 4

¹⁰ And indeed ye do it toward all the brethren which are in all Macedonia: but we beseech you, brethren, that ye **increase more and more**;

¹¹ And that ye **study to be quiet**, and to **do your own business**, and to **work with your own hands**, as we commanded you;

¹² That ye may **walk honestly** toward them that are without, and that ye may have **lack of nothing**.

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Watch your Portions

Psalm 29

² Give unto the LORD the glory due unto His name; **worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

Excursive:

True business is built upon one's own labour. As that portion increases, it affords the owner to hire others to support the increase of sales and to labour and receive their portion.

There are no expense centers in a company. There are only revenue centers.

For example, if a salesman increases sales, it might be said of him that he increased sales. However, if the margin remains the same then the business has not really grown. As good as it may be that sales increased, those sales merely increase the need to incur more laborers to fulfil orders and make collections. However if the salesman increases the margin on each sale, then sales increase but now the net effect is that business has grown requiring no additional resources in order to fulfil the order.

Now, while sales is generally referred to as the most important department, the account payables/ordering department its counterpart or often thought of as an expense center. However, if the ordering department can purchase a product sold at a reduced cost, then it has effectively raise the margin. The account payables/ordering department now appears to be the income generator that might bring business growth.

Are you an expense center indeed in the work of the kingdom or are you one who is engaged in building up the family of God...?

Ecclesiastes 5 – Watch Yourself

Watch your Portions

Ecclesiastes 2

²¹ For there is a man whose **labour is in wisdom**, and **in knowledge**, and **in equity [success, right]**; yet to a man that hath not laboured therein [wisdom, knowledge, equity] shall he leave it [behind] for his portion.

This also is **vanity and a great evil**.

Portion – [OT:2506](#) **חֵלֶק** **cheleq** (khay'lek); from [OT:2505](#); properly, smoothness (of the tongue); also an allotment:

KJV - flattery, inheritance, part, ^xpartake, portion.

Thus is their labour in vain!!!

1 Peter 1

³ **Blessed be the God and Father** of our Lord Jesus Christ, which **according to His abundant mercy** hath **begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ** from the dead,

⁴ To an **inheritance** incorruptible, and **undefiled**, and that **fadeth not away**, reserved in heaven for you,

⁵ Who are kept by the **power of God** through **faith unto salvation** ready to be **revealed in the last time**.

Psalm 27

⁴ **One thing have I desired** of the LORD, that will I seek after; that I may **dwell in the house of the LORD** all the days of my life, to **behold the beauty of the LORD**, and to enquire in His temple.

Gift of God

Ecclesiastes 5

¹⁹ Every man also to whom **God hath given riches and wealth**, and hath given him **power to eat** thereof, and to **take his portion**, and to **rejoice in his labour**; this is **the gift of God**.

Ecclesiastes 3

¹³ And also that every man should eat and drink, and **enjoy the good of all his labour**, it is **the gift of God**.

John 4

¹⁰ Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest **the gift of God**, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of Him, and **he would have given thee living water**.

Ecclesiastes 5 – Watch Yourself

Watch your Portions Gift of God

Romans 6

²³ For the wages of sin is death; but **the gift of God** is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Ephesians 2

⁸ For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that **not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:**

⁹ **Not of works**, lest any man should boast.

Matthew 6

¹⁹ **Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth**, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal:

²⁰ But **lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven**, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:

²¹ **For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.**

Joy in Heart

Ecclesiastes 5

²⁰ For he shall not much remember the days of his life; because **God answereth him in the joy of his heart.**

Psalms 32

¹¹ Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, ye righteous: and shout for **joy**, all ye that are upright in heart.

Our exuberance for the things accumulated in our lives is NOTHING compared to the LORD's response which brings everlasting Joy in our hearts that follow after the heart of God...

...thus it could be said that God's response is His joy in our hearts that are made a heart after God's own heart.

John 16

²¹ A woman when she is in travail hath sorrow, because her hour is come: but as soon as she is delivered of the child, she remembereth no more the anguish, for joy that a man is born into the world.

²² And ye now therefore have sorrow: but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man taketh from you.

²³ And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you.

Philippians 4

⁴ **Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice.**

Ecclesiastes 6 - Abundance of Evil

Evil is Abundant

Ecclesiastes 6

¹ There is an evil which I have seen under the sun, and it is **common** [abundant] among men [mankind]:

Evil – [OT:7451](#) רָעָה **ra`** (rah); from [OT:7489](#); bad or (as noun) evil (natural or moral):

KJV - adversity, affliction, bad, calamity, + displease (-ure), distress, evil ([-favouredness], man, thing), + exceedingly, ^x great, grief (-vous), harm, heavy, hurt (-ful), ill (favoured), + mark, mischief (-vous), misery, naught (-ty), noisome, + not please, sad (-ly), sore, sorrow, trouble, vex, wicked (-ly, -ness, one), worse (-st), wretchedness, wrong. [Incl. feminine ra`ah; as adjective or noun.].

1 Corinthians 10

¹² Wherefore let him that **thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.**

Only God is ...able to keep you from falling... (Jude 1:24)

¹³ **There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man [human]: but **God is faithful**, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also **make a way to escape**, that ye may be **able to bear it.****

Temptation – [NT:3986](#) πειρασμός **peirasmos** (pi-ras-mos'); from [NT:3985](#); a putting to proof (by experiment [of good], experience [of evil], solicitation, discipline or provocation); by implication, adversity:

KJV - temptation, ^x try.

Common to man – [NT:442](#) ἀνθρώπινος **anthropinos** (anth-ro'-pee-nos); from [NT:444](#); human:

KJV - human, common to man, man [-kind], [man-] kind, men's, after the manner of men.

¹⁴ Wherefore, my dearly beloved, **flee from idolatry.**

Idolatry – [NT:1495](#) εἰδωλολατρεία **eidololatreia** (i-do-lol-at-ri'-ah); from [NT:1497](#) and [NT:2999](#); image-worship (lit or fig): **KJV** - idolatry.

Idolatry is worship, adoration, love, reverence, or adulation of anything other than the living God. It is in all forms worshipping the image of evil.

The distinction is evident and apparent by that which is spoken by men:

Luke 6

⁴⁵ **A good man** out of the **good treasure** of his heart bringeth forth that which is **good**; and an **evil man** out of the **evil treasure** of his heart bringeth forth that which is **evil**: for of the **abundance of the heart** his mouth speaketh.

3 John 1

¹¹ Beloved, **follow not that which is evil, but that which is good. He that doeth good is of God**: but he that doeth evil hath not seen God.

Ecclesiastes 6 - Abundance of Evil

Evil is Abundant (*cont*)

Ecclesiastes 6 (*cont*)

¹ There is **an evil** which I have seen under the sun, and it is **common** [abundant] **among men** [mankind]:

Romans 5

²⁰ Moreover **the law entered**, that the **offence might abound**. But **where sin abounded, grace did much more abound:**

Abound – [NT:5248](#) ὑπερπερισσεύω **hyperperisseuo** (hoop-er-per-is-syoo'-o); from [NT:5228](#) and [NT:4052](#); to super-abound:

KJV - abound much more, exceeding.

2 Corinthians 8

⁷ Therefore, as **ye abound in every thing**, in **faith**, and **utterance**, and **knowledge**, and in all **diligence**, and in your **love to us**, **see that ye abound in this grace also.**

2 Corinthians 9

⁸ And **God is able to make all grace abound toward you**; that ye, always having all **sufficiency in all things**, may **abound to every good work:**

Psalm 116

⁷ Return unto thy **rest, O my soul**; for **the LORD hath dealt bountifully with thee.**

The LORD ~ JEHOVAH ~ God has dealt bountifully with us in all grace which does abound in this world abundant in evil.

Ecclesiastes 6 - Abundance of Evil

Abundance of Wealth

Ecclesiastes 6

² A man to whom **God hath given** riches [wealth], wealth [accumulated treasure], and honour, so that he wanteth nothing for his soul of all that he desireth, yet **God giveth him not power** to eat thereof, but a **stranger [foreigner] eateth it: this is vanity, and it is an evil disease.**

God – [OT:430](#) אֱלֹהִים 'elohiym (el-o-heem'); plural of [OT:433](#); gods in the ordinary sense; but specifically used (in the plural thus, especially with the article) of the supreme God; occasionally applied by way of deference to magistrates; and sometimes as a superlative:

KJV - angels, ^x exceeding, God (gods)- dess, -ly), ^x (very) great, judges, ^x mighty.

Honour – [OT:3519](#) כְּבוֹד **kabowd** (kaw-bode'); rarely kabod (kaw-bode'); from [OT:3513](#); properly, weight, but only figuratively in a good sense, splendor or copiousness: -glorious (-ly), glory, honour (-able).

Wanteth – [OT:2638](#) חָסֵר **chacer** (khaw-sare'); from [OT:2637](#); lacking; hence, without: **KJV** - destitute, fail, lack, have need, void, want.

Desireth – [OT:183](#) אָוָה 'avah (aw-vaw'); a primitive root; to wish for:

KJV - covet, (greatly) desire, be desirous, long, lust (after).

Power – [OT:7980](#) שָׁלַט **shalat** (shaw-lat'); a primitive root; to dominate, i.e. govern; by implication, to permit:

KJV - (bear, have) rule, have dominion, give (have) power.

Vanity – [OT:1892](#) הֶבֶל **hebel** (heh'bel); or (rarely in the abs.) **habel** (hab-ale'); from [OT:1891](#); emptiness or vanity; figuratively, something transitory and unsatisfactory; often used as an adverb: **KJV** - ^x altogether, vain, vanity.

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Disease – [OT:2483](#) חֹלִי **choliy** (khol-ee'); from [OT:2470](#); malady, anxiety, calamity: **KJV** - disease, grief, (is) sick (-ness).

Isaiah 47

⁵ Sit thou silent, and get thee into darkness, O **daughter of the Chaldeans**: for thou shalt no more be called, The lady of kingdoms.

⁶ I was wroth with my people, I have polluted mine inheritance, and given them into thine hand: thou didst **shew them no mercy**; upon the ancient hast thou **very heavily laid thy yoke**.

⁷ And thou saidst, **I shall be a lady for ever**: so that thou **didst not lay these things to thy heart, neither didst remember the latter end of it**.

Ecclesiastes 6 - Abundance of Evil

Abundance of Wealth (*cont*)

Ecclesiastes 6 (*cont*)

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*These are those who are dissatisfied with **much** in their lives.*

Isaiah 47 pleasures...

⁸ Therefore hear now this, **thou that art given to pleasures, that dwellest carelessly, that sayest in thine heart, I am, and none else beside me; I shall not sit as a widow, neither shall I know the loss of children:**

⁹ But these **two things shall come to thee in a moment in one day, the loss of children, and widowhood:** they shall come upon thee in their perfection for the multitude of thy sorceries, and for the **great abundance of thine enchantments.**

Evil is abundant among those who have many treasure and pleasures.

Hebrews 11 riches...

²⁴ By faith **Moses**, when he was come to years, **refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter;**

²⁵ **Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season;**

²⁶ **Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward.**

God would be pleased to bring abundance of good into the life of Moses.

1 Corinthians 10 ...examples of those who lust for evil

⁶ Now these things were our **examples**, to the intent **we should not lust after evil things**, as they also lusted.

2 Timothy 3

³ Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,

⁴ Traitors, heady, highminded, **lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;**

⁵ Having a **form of godliness**, but **denying the power** thereof: from such **turn away.**

2 Timothy 3

¹ This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.

² For **men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,**

Ecclesiastes 6 - Abundance of Evil

Abundance of Dissatisfaction

A full life does not satisfy

Ecclesiastes 6

³ If a man beget an hundred children, and live many years, so that the days of his years be many, and his **soul be not filled [satisfaction] with good**, and also that he have **no burial [sepulchre]**; I say, that **an untimely birth is better than he**.

Burial – [OT:6900](#) קְבוּרָה **qebuwrah** (keb-oo-raw'); or **qeburah** (keb-oo-raw'); feminine passive participle of [OT:6912](#); sepulture; (concretely) a sepulchre: **KJV** - burial, burying place, grave, sepulchre.

Untimely birth – [OT:5309](#) נֶפֶל **nepheh** (neh'-fel); or **nepheh** (nay'-fel); from [OT:5307](#); something fallen, i.e. an abortion: **KJV** - untimely birth.

Life is full of darkness

Ecclesiastes 6

⁴ For he cometh in with **vanity**, and departeth in **darkness**, and his name shall be covered [filled] with **darkness**.

Vanity – [OT:1892](#) הֶבֶל **hebel** (heh'bel); or (rarely in the abs.) **habel** (hab-ale'); from [OT:1891](#); emptiness or vanity; figuratively, something transitory and unsatisfactory; often used as an adverb: **KJV** - ^xaltogether, vain, vanity.

Darkness – [OT:2822](#) חֹשֶׁךְ **choshek** (kho-shek'); from [OT:2821](#); the dark; hence (literally) darkness; figuratively, misery, destruction, death, ignorance, sorrow, wickedness: **KJV** - dark (-ness), night, obscurity.

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Matthew 4

¹⁶ The people which sat in darkness saw great light; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up.

John 8

¹² Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, **I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.**

Life brings unrest and certainly no rest

Ecclesiastes 6

⁵ Moreover he hath not seen the sun, nor known any thing: this hath **more rest** than the other.

Rest – [OT:5183](#) נַחַת **Nachath** (nakh'-ath); from [OT:5182](#); a descent, i.e. imposition, unfavorable (punishment) or favorable (food); also (intransitively); perhaps from [OT:5117](#)), restfulness:

KJV - lighting down, quiet (-ness), to rest, be set on.

Ecclesiastes 6 - Abundance of Evil

Abundance of Dissatisfaction (*cont*)

Life ends in Death and comes to all

Ecclesiastes 6

⁶ Yea, though [but if] he live a thousand years twice told, yet hath he seen no good: **do not all go to one place?**

Place – [OT:4725](#) מקוֹם **maqowm** (maw-kome'); or **maqom** (maw-kome'); also (feminine) meqowmah (mek-o-mah'); or **meqomah** (mek-o-mah'); from [OT:6965](#); properly, a standing, i.e. a spot; but used widely of a locality (general or specific); also (figuratively) of a condition (of body or mind): **KJV** - country, ^x home, ^x open, place, room, space, ^x whither [-soever].

The illusion of evil, through its abundance, is to attempt to lessen the judgment of God by its deceptive appearance. So Adam was deceived. He saw that which was eaten did not kill as God had said. So he with Eve, who was the first transgressor, did eat through the deception of the appearance that eating of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil did not, as God had said, kill them.

Death fell upon all mankind

Romans 5

¹² Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and **death by sin**; and **SO death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:**

Hebrews 9

⁷ And as it is **appointed unto men once to die**, but after this the judgment:

...even the flesh of our LORD Jesus CHRIST had to die according to His Word.

Ecclesiastes 6 - Abundance of Evil

Abundance of Boasting

Does not fill the soul

Ecclesiastes 6

⁷ All the labour of man is **for his mouth**, and yet the appetite [of the soul] is not filled.

Labour – [OT:5999](#) עָמַל `amal (aw-mawl'); from [OT:5998](#); toil, i.e. wearing effort; hence, worry, wheth. of body or mind:

KJV - grievance (-vousness), iniquity, labour, mischief, miserable (-sery), pain (-ful), perverseness, sorrow, toil, travail, trouble, wearisome, wickedness.

Appetite – [OT:5315](#) נֶפֶשׁ nephesh (neh'-fesh); from [OT:5314](#); properly, a breathing creature, i.e. animal of (abstractly) vitality; used very widely in a literal, accommodated or figurative sense (bodily or mental):

KJV - any, appetite, beast, body, breath, creature, ^x dead (-ly), desire, ^x [dis-] contented, ^x fish, ghost, + greedy, he, heart (-y), (hath, ^x jeopardy of) life (X in jeopardy), lust, man, me, mind, mortally, one, own, person, pleasure, (her-, him-, my-, thyself-), them (your)- selves, + slay, soul, + tablet, they, thing, (X she) will, ^x would have it.

Filled – [OT:4390](#) מָלָא male' (maw-lay'); or mala' ([Est 7:5](#)) (maw-law'); a primitive root, to fill or (intransitively) be full of, in a wide application (literally and figuratively):

KJV - accomplish, confirm, + consecrate, be at an end, be expired, be fenced, fill, fulfil, (be, become, ^x draw, give in, go) full (-ly, -ly set, tale), [over-] flow, fulness, furnish, gather (selves, together), presume, replenish, satisfy, set, space, take a [hand-] full, + have wholly.

Brings forth iniquity, deceit, and mischief

Psalm 36

² For he flattereth himself in his own eyes, until his iniquity be found to be hateful.

³ The words of his mouth are iniquity and deceit: he hath left off [ceased] to be wise, and [ceased] to do good.

⁴ He deviseth mischief upon his bed; he setteth himself in a way that is not good; he abhorreth not evil.

Ecclesiastes 6 - Abundance of Evil

Abundance of Boasting (*cont*)

Ecclesiastes 6 (*cont*)

⁷ All the labour of man is **for his mouth**, and yet the **appetite [of the soul] is not filled**.

Brings forth pride, rejection, and rejection

Psalm 10

² The wicked in **his pride doth persecute the poor**: let them be taken in the devices that they have imagined.

³ For the **wicked boasteth of his heart's desire**, and **blesseth the covetous**, whom the LORD abhorreth.

⁴ The **wicked, through the pride of his countenance, will not seek after God: God is not in all his thoughts**.

⁵ **His ways are always grievous; thy judgments are far above out of his sight: as for all his enemies, he puffeth at them**.

⁶ He hath said **in his heart, I shall not be moved: for I shall never be in adversity**.

Psalm 52

¹ Why [wicked] **boatest thou thyself in mischief [that shall end], O mighty man? the goodness of God endureth continually**.

Psalm 34

² **My soul shall make her boast in the LORD [Eternal, Everlasting Father]: the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad**.

Psalm 107

⁹ For **He satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness**.

Psalm 49

⁶ They that **trust in their wealth, and boast themselves in the multitude of their riches**;

⁷ None of them can by any means redeem his brother, nor give to God a ransom for him:

Psalm 94

³ LORD, **how long shall the wicked, how long shall the wicked triumph?**

⁴ **How long shall they utter and speak hard things? and all the workers of iniquity boast themselves?**

⁵ They **break in pieces thy people, O LORD, and afflict thine heritage**.

Ecclesiastes 6 - Abundance of Evil

Abundance of Wisdom

No reward for worldly wisdom

Ecclesiastes 6

⁸ For what hath the wise more than the fool? what hath the poor, that knoweth to walk before the living?

Wise – [OT:2450](#) חָכָם **chakam** (khaw-kawm'); from [OT:2449](#); wise, (i.e. intelligent, skilful or artful): **KJV** - cunning (man), subtil, ([un-]), wise ([hearted], man).

Fool – [OT:3684](#) כְּסִיל **keciyl** (kes-eel'); from [OT:3688](#); properly, fat, i.e. (figuratively) stupid or silly: **KJV** - fool (-ish).

Poor – [OT:6041](#) עָנִי **aniy** (aw-nee'); from [OT:6031](#); depressed, in mind or circumstances [practically the same as [OT:6035](#), although the margin constantly disputes this, making [OT:6035](#) subjective and [OT:6041](#) objective]: **KJV** - afflicted, humble, lowly, needy, poor.

1 Corinthians 1

¹⁹ For it is written, **I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent.**

²⁰ Where is the wise? where is the scribe? where is the disputer of this world? hath not **God made foolish the wisdom of this world?**

²¹ For **after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.**

1 Corinthians 3

¹⁸ **Let no man deceive himself.** If any man among you seemeth to be wise in this world, let him **become a fool, that he may be wise.**

¹⁹ For **the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God.** For it is written, **He taketh the wise in their own craftiness.**

²⁰ And again, **The Lord knoweth the thoughts of the wise, that they are vain.**

Ecclesiastes 6 - Abundance of Evil

Abundance of Desires

Nothing desired nourishes the soul

Ecclesiastes 6

⁹ **Better is the sight of the eyes than the wandering [walk] of the desire [of the soul]:** this is also vanity and vexation of spirit.

Sight – [OT:4758](#) מַרְאֵה **mar'eh** (mar-eh'); from [OT:7200](#); a view (the act of seeing); also an appearance (the thing seen), whether (real) a shape (especially if handsome, comeliness; often plural the looks), or (mental) a vision: **KJV** - ^x apparently, appearance (-reth), ^x as soon as beautiful (-ly), countenance, fair, favoured, form, goodly, to look (up) on (to), look [-eth], pattern, to see, seem, sight, visage, vision.

Desire – [OT:5315](#) נֶפֶשׁ **nepesh** (neh'-fesh); from [OT:5314](#); properly, a breathing creature, i.e. animal of (abstractly) vitality; used very widely in a literal, accommodated or figurative sense (bodily or mental):

KJV - any, appetite, beast, body, breath, creature, ^x dead (-ly), desire, ^x [dis-] contented, ^x fish, ghost, + greedy, he, heart (-y), (hath, ^x jeopardy of) life (X in jeopardy), lust, man, me, mind, mortally, one, own, person, pleasure, (her-, him-, my-, thyself-), them (your)- selves, + slay, soul, + tablet, they, thing, (X she) will, ^x would have it.

Vanity – [OT:1892](#) הֶבֶל **hebel** (heh'bel); or (rarely in the abs.) **habel** (hab-ale'); from [OT:1891](#); emptiness or vanity; figuratively, something transitory and unsatisfactory; often used as an adverb: **KJV** - ^x altogether, vain, vanity.

Vexation – [OT:7469](#) רָעוּת **re`uwth** (reh-ooth'); probably from [OT:7462](#); a feeding upon, i.e. grasping after: **KJV** - vexation.

Proverbs 16

²⁶ He that laboreth laboreth for himself; for his mouth craveth it of him.

Psalm 106

¹³ They soon forgat His works; they waited not for His counsel:

¹⁴ But lusted exceedingly in the wilderness, and tempted God in the desert.

¹⁵ And He gave them their request; but sent leanness into their soul.

Proverbs 17

¹³ Whoso rewardeth evil for good, evil shall not depart from his house.

Ecclesiastes 9

⁵ For the living know that they shall die: but the dead know not any thing, neither have they any more a reward; for the memory of them is forgotten.

Ecclesiastes 6 - Abundance of Evil

Abundance of Desires (*cont*)

Nothing desired nourishes the soul (*cont*)

Ecclesiastes 6 (*cont*)

⁹ **Better is the sight of the eyes than the wandering [walk] of the desire [of the soul]:** this is also vanity and vexation of spirit.

Psalm 103

¹ **Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless His holy name.**

² **Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits:**

³ **Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases;**

⁴ **Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies;**

⁵ **Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.**

Every man desires a mighty name

Ecclesiastes 6

¹⁰ **That which hath been is named already, and it is known that it is man: neither may he contend with him that is mightier than he.**

Hath been – [OT:1961](#) הָיָה **hayah** (haw-yaw); a primitive root [compare [OT:1933](#)]; to exist, i.e. be or become, come to pass (always emphatic, and not a mere copula or auxiliary):

KJV - beacon, ^xaltogether, be (-come), accomplished, committed, like), break, cause, come (to pass), do, faint, fall, ⁺follow, happen, ^xhave, last, pertain, quit (oneself-), require, ^xuse.

Named – [OT:7121](#) קָרָא **qara'** (kaw-raw'); a primitive root [rather identical with [OT:7122](#) through the idea of accosting a person met]; to call out to (i.e. properly, address by name, but used in a wide variety of applications):

KJV - bewray [self], that are bidden, call (for, forthself,, upon), cry (unto), (be) famous, guest, invite, mention, (give) name, preach, (make) proclaim (-ation), pronounce, publish, read, renowned, say.

Already – [OT:3528](#) כְּבָר **kebar** (keb-awr'); from [OT:3527](#); properly, extent of time, i.e. a great while; hence, long ago, formerly, hitherto:

KJV - already, (seeing that which), now.

Contend – [OT:1777](#) דָּיַן **diyn** (deen); or ([Gen 6:3](#)) **duwn** (doon); a primitive root [compare [OT:113](#)]; to rule; by implication to judge (as umpire); also to strive (as at law):

KJV - contend, execute (judgment), judge, minister judgment, plead (the cause), at strife, strive.

Mightier – [OT:8623](#) תַּקִּיף **taqqiyph** (tak-keef'); from [OT:8630](#); powerful:

KJV - mightier.

Ecclesiastes 6 - Abundance of Evil

Abundance of Desires (*cont*)

Every man desires a mighty name (*cont*)

Ecclesiastes 6 (*cont*)

¹⁰ That which hath been is named already, and it is known that it is man: neither may he contend with him that is mightier than he.

Ecclesiastes 1

⁹ **The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done:** and there is no new thing under the sun.

Isaiah 46

⁹ Remember the former things of old: for **I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me,**

¹⁰ **Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:**

¹¹ Calling a ravenous bird from the east, the man that executeth my counsel from a far country: yea, I have spoken it, I will also bring it to pass; **I have purposed it, I will also do it.**

John 3

¹⁸ He that **believeth on Him is not condemned:** but **he that believeth not** is condemned already, because he **hath not believed in the name** of the only begotten Son of God.

Psalms 79

¹¹ Let the sighing of the prisoner come before thee; **according to the greatness of thy power preserve** thou those that are **appointed to die;**

Ephesians 1

⁴ According as **He hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world,** that we should be **holy and without blame before Him in love:**

Acts 4

¹⁰ Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by **the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by Him doth this man stand here before you whole.**

¹¹ This is the **stone** which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the **head of the corner.**

¹² **Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.**

Ecclesiastes 6 - Abundance of Evil

Abundance of Desires (*cont*)

Every man desires a mighty name (*cont*)

Ecclesiastes 6 (*cont*)

¹⁰ That which hath been is named already, and it is known that it is man: neither may he contend with him that is mightier than he.

Ephesians 1

¹⁷ That the **God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory**, may give unto you the **spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him:**

¹⁸ The eyes of your understanding being **enlightened**; that ye may know what is the **hope of His calling**, and what the riches of the **glory of His inheritance** in the saints,

¹⁹ And what is the exceeding **greatness of His power** to us-ward who believe, according to the working of **His mighty power**,

²⁰ Which **He wrought in Christ**, when He **raised Him from the dead**, and **set Him at His own right hand in the heavenly places**,

²¹ **Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come:**

²² And hath **put all things under His feet**, and gave **Him to be the head over all things to the church**,

²³ Which is **His body, the fulness of Him that filleth all in all.**

Ecclesiastes 6 - Abundance of Evil

Abundance of Inadequacy

No man good enough according to vanity

Ecclesiastes 6

¹¹ Seeing [doubtless] there be many things that increase vanity, what is man the better [profited]?

Vanity – [OT:1892](#) הַבֵּל **hebel** (heh'bel); or (rarely in the abs.) **habel** (hab-ale'); from [OT:1891](#); emptiness or vanity; figuratively, something transitory and unsatisfactory; often used as an adverb: **KJV** - ^xaltogether, vain, vanity.

Better – [OT:3148](#) יוֹתֵר **yowther** (yo-thare'); active participle of [OT:3498](#); properly, redundant; hence, over and above, as adjective, noun, adverb or conjunction [as follows]: **KJV** - better, more (-over), over, profit.

No defence determined by the LORD

Ecclesiastes 6

¹² For [doubtless] who knoweth what is good for man in this life, **all the days of his vain life which he spendeth as a shadow?** for who can tell a man what shall be after him under the sun?

Man – [OT:120](#) אָדָם **'adam** (aw-dawm'); from [OT:119](#); ruddy i.e. a human being (an individual or the species, mankind, etc.):

KJV - ^xanother, + hypocrite, + common sort, ^xlow, man (mean, of low degree), person.

Vain – [OT:1892](#) הַבֵּל **hebel** (heh'bel); or (rarely in the abs.) **habel** (hab-ale'); from [OT:1891](#); emptiness or vanity; figuratively, something transitory and unsatisfactory; often used as an adverb: **KJV** - ^xaltogether, vain, vanity.

Shadow – [OT:6738](#) צֶלֶל **tseel** (tsale); from [OT:6751](#); shade, whether literal or figurative: **KJV** - defence, shade (-ow).

Psalm 34 ...years determined to see God

¹¹ Come, ye children, hearken unto me: **I will teach you the fear of the LORD.**

¹² **What man is he that desireth life, and loveth many days, that he may see good?**

¹³ **Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile.**

Proverbs 12 ...the LORD's favour determines a good man, wicked are condemned

² A good man obtaineth favour of the LORD: but a man of wicked devices will he condemn.

Proverbs 15 ...Word of God only brings joy in saints

²³ A man hath joy by the answer of his mouth: and a word spoken in due season, **how good is it!**

Ecclesiastes 6 - Abundance of Evil

Abundance of Inadequacy (*cont*)

Lamentations 3 ...salvation is of the LORD

²⁶ It is good that a man should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the LORD.

Micah 6 ...Do what is goodwhat is good?

⁸ He hath shewed thee, **O man, what is good**; and what doth the LORD require of thee, but to **do justly**, and to **love mercy**, and to **walk humbly with thy God**?

James 3 ...exhibit Works of God with meekness

¹³ Who is a wise **man** and **endued with knowledge** among you? let him **shew [exhibit] out of a good conversation his Works with meekness of wisdom**.

Romans 5

¹⁹ For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made **righteous**.

²⁰ Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound. But **where sin abounded, grace did much more abound:**

²¹ That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord.

Ecclesiastes 6 - Abundance of Evil

In this world is the Abundance of Evil among mankind. What and who they are is evident and apparent by their words and works. They are dangerously advancing that evil through many means. That evil spirit desires to destroy you.

Endeavor to hold fast the blessed gospel once delivered to us by the Word of God. For us, we speak NOT as do the heathen who manifest the evil and idolatrous in their lives. For those who do not believe can only manifest the abundance of evil prevailing in their hearts.

We are to live godly lives amongst an abundance of evil. Yet in and about our lives it should be evident, absolutely conclusive to ourselves and to the saints (our brothers and sisters) that we are children of God. Certainly, it shall be evident in our lives we do not align ourselves with the world.

What are you rehearsing in your life in order for the glory of God to be manifest in you? For whom are you rehearsing? We are to be witness testifying of the things only God has revealed unto us. We are to be evident examples of the righteousness of God which pours out of our hearts and through our lives only His abundant grace that is much more able to abound in the lives of others, who like us, lived a life where it is common to be moved in the abundance of evil.

Recognizing completely the condition of those who remain in condemnation and who live in the abundance of evil, we are the saints who are to speak and do justly and, in the love of God, extending His mercy as we walk now humbly knowing how great is our deliverance, as we minister in our liberty through Christ crucified, the abundance of God's Grace.

We know that where there is an Abundance of Evil, we are ministers of the Grace of God that does much more abound unto the GLORY of our LORD God Almighty and Father by God and through our Saviour, Redeemer Jesus the Christ.

Ecclesiastes 6 - Abundance of Evil

Romans 5

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²¹ That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord.

Ecclesiastes 7 - Better is Good

Good Name

Ecclesiastes 7

¹ A **good name** is better [good] than precious [good] **ointment**; and the day of **death** than the day of one's birth [time of delivery].

Name – [OT:8034](#) שֵׁם **shem** (shame); a primitive word [perhaps rather from [OT:7760](#) through the idea of definite and conspicuous position; compare [OT:8064](#)]; an appellation, as a mark or memorial of individuality; by implication honor, authority, character: **KJV** - + base, [in-] fame [-ous], named (-d), renown, report.

Ointment – [OT:8081](#) שֶׁמֶן **shemen** (sheh'-men); from [OT:8080](#); **grease**, especially liquid (as from the olive, often perfumed); figuratively, **richness**:

KJV - anointing, ^x fat (things), ^x fruitful, oil ([-ed]), ointment, olive, + pine.

Proverbs 22

¹ A **GOOD** name is rather to be chosen than **great riches**, and **loving favour** rather than silver and gold.

Proverbs 13

⁷ There is that maketh himself **rich**, yet **hath nothing**: there is that maketh himself **poor**, yet **hath great riches**.

Psalms 37

¹⁶ A little that a righteous man hath is better than the riches of many wicked.

Psalms 49

⁶ They that **trust in their wealth**, and **boast themselves** in the **multitude of their riches**;

⁷ None of them can by any means **redeem his brother**, nor **give to God a ransom for him**:

Matthew 16

²⁶ For what is a man profited, if he shall **gain the whole world**, and **lose his own soul**? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?

Psalms 62

¹⁰ Trust not in oppression, and become not vain in robbery: **if riches increase, set not your heart upon them**.

1 Timothy 6

¹⁷ Charge them that are **rich in this world**, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who **giveth us richly all things to enjoy**;

Ecclesiastes 7 - Better is Good

Good Name (*cont*)

Ecclesiastes 7 (*cont*)

¹ A **good** name is better [good] than precious [good] ointment; and the day of **death** than the day of one's birth [time of delivery].

Death – [OT:4194](#) מָוֶת **maveth** (maw'-veth); from [OT:4191](#); death (natural or violent); concretely, the dead, their place or state (hades); figuratively, pestilence, ruin: **KJV** - (be) dead ([-ly]), death, die (-d).

Proverbs 11

⁴ Riches profit **not** in the day of wrath: but **righteousness delivereth from death**.

Psalm 116

¹⁵ Precious in the sight of the LORD is the **death of His saints**.

Psalm 52

⁹ I will praise thee for ever, because thou hast done it: and **I will wait on thy name**; for **it is good before thy saints**.

Ephesians 5

²⁰ Giving thanks always for all things unto **God and the Father** in the **name of our Lord Jesus Christ**;

**His Name is Jehovah is a good name to be had...
...that out day of death is better that the day we were delivered.**

We have nothing but GOOD to look forward to! Amen

Hallelujah!

Ecclesiastes 7 - Better is Good

Good Home

Ecclesiastes 7

² It is better [good] to go to the **house of mourning** [lamentation, weeping], than to go to the **house of feasting**: for that is the **end [termination] of all men**; and the **living [alive] will lay [apply] it to his heart**.

House – [OT:1004](#) **בַּיִת** **bayith** (bah'-yith); probably from [OT:1129](#) abbreviated; a house (in the greatest variation of applications, especially family, etc.): **KJV** - court, daughter, door, + dungeon, family, + forth of, *great as would contain, hangings, home [born], [winter] house (-hold), inside (-ward), palace, place, + prison, + steward, + tablet, temple, web, + within (-out).

Feasting – [OT:4960](#) **מִשְׁתֶּה** **mishteh** (mish-teh'); from [OT:8354](#); drink, by implication, drinking (the act); also (by implication) a banquet or (generally) feast: **KJV** - banquet, drank, drink, feast ([-ed], -ing).

In a Day of Judgment...

Jeremiah 16

⁵ For thus saith the LORD, **Enter NOT into the house of mourning, neither go to lament nor bemoan them**: for I have **taken away my peace from this people**, saith the LORD, **even lovingkindness and mercies**.

Jeremiah 16

⁷ **Neither shall men tear themselves for them in mourning, to comfort them** for the dead; **neither shall men give them the cup of consolation** to drink for their father or for their mother.

⁸ **Thou shalt NOT also go into the house of feasting**, to sit with them to eat and to drink.

⁹ For thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; **Behold, I will cause to cease out of this place in your eyes, and in your days, the voice of mirth, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride**.

Ecclesiastes 7 - Better is Good

Good Heart

Ecclesiastes 7

³ **Sorrow is better [good] than laughter: for by the sadness of the countenance [faces] the heart is made better [good, well, happy, beautiful, successful, right].**

Sorrow – [OT:3708](#) כַּעַס **ka`ac** (kah'-as); or (in Job) ka`as (kah'-as); from [OT:3707](#); vexation: -anger, angry, grief, indignation, provocation, provoking, ^x sore, sorrow, spite, wrath.

Laughter – [OT:7814](#) שְׂחֹק **sechowq** (sekh-oke'); or **sechoq** (sekh-oke'); from [OT:7832](#); laughter (in merriment or defiance):

KJV - derision, laughter (-ed to scorn, -ing), mocked, sport.

Sadness – [OT:7455](#) רָעָה **roa`** (ro'-ah); from [OT:7489](#); badness (as marring), physically or morally:

KJV - ^x be so bad, badness, (X be so) evil, naughtiness, sadness, sorrow, wickedness.

2 Corinthians 6

⁴ But in all things approving ourselves as the ministers of God, in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses,

⁵ In stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labours, in watchings, in fastings;

⁶ By pureness, by knowledge, by long suffering, by kindness, by the Holy Ghost, by love unfeigned,

⁷ By the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armour of righteousness on the right hand and on the left,

⁸ By honour and dishonour, by evil report and good report: as deceivers, and yet true;

⁹ As unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and, behold, we live; as chastened, and not killed;

¹⁰ As sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.

¹¹ O ye Corinthians, our mouth is open unto you, our heart is enlarged.

Ecclesiastes 7 - Better is Good

Good Heart (*cont*)

Ecclesiastes 7 (*cont*)

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Sorrow – [OT:3708](#) כַּעַס **ka`ac** (kah'-as); or (in Job) ka`as (kah'-as); from [OT:3707](#);

Heart – [OT:3820](#) לֵב **leb** (labe); a form of [OT:3824](#); the heart; also used (figuratively) very widely for the feelings, the will and even the intellect; likewise for the centre of anything:

KJV - + care for, comfortably, consent, ^x considered, courag [-eous], friend [-ly], ([broken-], [hard-], [merry-], [stiff-], [stout-], double) heart ([-ed]), ^x heed, ^x I, kindly, midst, mind (-ed), ^x regard ([-ed]), ^x themselves, ^x unawares, understanding, ^x well, willingly, wisdom.

Good seed

Luke 8

¹⁵ But that on the good ground are they, which in an honest and **good heart**, having **heard the Word, keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience.**

Matthew 13

³⁷ He answered and said unto them, **He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man;**

Matthew 13

³⁸ The field is the world; the **good seed are the children of the kingdom;** but the **tares [BAD SEED] are the children of the wicked one;**

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Good Heart (*cont*)

Wise heart

Ecclesiastes 7

⁴The **heart of the wise** is in the **house of mourning**; but the **heart of fools** is in the **house of mirth**.

Heart – [OT:3820](#) לֵב **leb** (labe); a form of [OT:3824](#); the heart; also used (figuratively) very widely for the feelings, the will and even the intellect; likewise for the centre of anything:

KJV - + care for, comfortably, consent, ^x considered, courag [-eous], friend [-ly], ([broken-], [hard-], [merry-], [stiff-], [stout-], double) heart ([-ed]), ^x heed, ^x I, kindly, midst, mind (-ed), ^x regard ([-ed]), ^x themselves, ^x unawares, understanding, ^x well, willingly, wisdom.

Wise – [OT:2450](#) חָכָם **chakam** (khaw-kawm'); from [OT:2449](#); wise, (i.e. intelligent, skilful or artful): **KJV** - cunning (man), subtil, ([un-]), wise ([hearted], man).

House – [OT:1004](#) בַּיִת **bayith** (bah'-yith); probably from [OT:1129](#) abbreviated; a house (in the greatest variation of applications, especially family, etc.):

KJV - court, daughter, door, + dungeon, family, + forth of, ^x great as would contain, hangings, home [born], [winter] house (-hold), inside (-ward), palace, place, + prison, + steward, + tablet, temple, web, + within (-out).

Fools – [OT:3684](#) כְּסִיל **keciyl** (kes-eel'); from [OT:3688](#); properly, fat, i.e. (figuratively) stupid or silly: **KJV** - fool (-ish).

Mirth – [OT:8057](#) שִׂמְחָה **simchah** (sim-khaw'); from [OT:8056](#); blithesomeness or glee, (religious or festival):

KJV - ^x exceeding (-ly), gladness, joy (-fulness), mirth, pleasure, rejoice (-ing).

Wise Understanding

Proverbs 16

²²**Understanding is a wellspring of life** unto him that hath it: but the instruction of fools is folly.

Wise Teaching

²³The **heart of the wise** teacheth his mouth, and addeth learning to his lips.

²⁴**Pleasant Words** are as an honeycomb, sweet to the soul, and health to the bones.

Wise Answers

Proverbs 15

²⁸The **heart of the righteous** studieth to answer [according to the good word of God]: but the mouth of the wicked poureth out evil things.

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Good Heart (*cont*)

Wise heart

Wise knowledge

Proverbs 18

¹⁵ The **heart of the prudent** getteth knowledge; and the ear of the wise seeketh knowledge.

Proverbs 16

¹⁶ How much better [good] is it to **get wisdom** than gold! and to **get understanding** rather to be chosen than silver!

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Good Advice

Ecclesiastes 7

⁵ It is **better** [good] to hear the **rebuke** of the **wise**, than for a man to hear the **song** [singing] of **fools**.

Rebuke – [OT:1606](#) גְּעָרָה **ge`arah** (gheh-aw-raw'); from [OT:1605](#); a chiding:
KJV - rebuke (-ing), reproof, criticism, blame, scolding, reprimand, chastisement, admonition,.

Wise – [OT:2450](#) חָכָם **chakam** (khaw-kawm'); from [OT:2449](#); wise, (i.e. intelligent, skilful or artful): **KJV** - cunning (man), subtil, ([un-]), wise ([hearted], man).

Fools – [OT:3684](#) כְּסִיל **keciyl** (kes-eel'); from [OT:3688](#); properly, fat, i.e. (figuratively) stupid or silly: **KJV** - fool (-ish).

Proverbs 27

⁵ **Open rebuke** is **better** [good] than **secret love**.

Proverbs 9

⁸ **Reprove not a scorner**, lest he hate thee: **rebuke a wise man**, and he will love thee.

Ecclesiastes 7

⁶ For as the **crackling** of **thorns** under a pot, so is the **laughter** of the **fool**: this also is **vanity**.

Crackling – [OT:6963](#) קוֹל **qowl** (kole); or **qol** (kole); from an unused root meaning to call aloud; a voice or sound:

KJV - + aloud, bleating, crackling, cry (+out), fame, lightness, lowing, noise, + hold peace, [pro-] claim, proclamation, + sing, sound, + spark, thunder (-ing), voice, + yell.

Thorns – [OT:5518](#) סִיר **ciyr** (seer); or (feminine) **ciyrah** (see-raw'); or **cirah** ([Jer 52:18](#)) (see-raw'); from a primitive root meaning to boil up; a pot; also a thorn (as springing up rapidly); by implication, a hook:

KJV - caldron, fishhook, pan, ([wash-]) pot, thorn.

Laughter – [OT:7814](#) שְׂחֹק **sechowq** (sekh-oke'); or **sechoq** (sekh-oke'); from [OT:7832](#); laughter (in merriment or defiance):

KJV - derision, laughter (-ed to scorn, -ing), mocked, sport.

Fools – [OT:3684](#) כְּסִיל **keciyl** (kes-eel'); from [OT:3688](#); properly, fat, i.e. (figuratively) stupid or silly: **KJV** - fool (-ish).

Vanity – [OT:1892](#) הֶבֶל **hebel** (heh'bel); or (rarely in the abs.) **habel** (hab-ale'); from [OT:1891](#); emptiness or vanity; figuratively, something transitory and unsatisfactory; often used as an adverb: **KJV** - ^x altogether, vain, vanity.

Proverbs 15

¹² A **scorner loveth not** one that reproveth him: **neither will he go unto the wise**.

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Good Advice (*cont*)

Avoid evil gains

Ecclesiastes 7

⁷ Surely **oppression maketh a wise man mad**; and a **gift destroyeth the heart**.

Oppression – [OT:6233](#) עֲשֵׂהָק `osheq (o'-shek); from [OT:6231](#); injury, fraud,

(subjectively) distress, (concretely) unjust gain:

KJV - cruelly, extortion, oppression, thing [deceitfully gotten].

Mad – [OT:1984](#) הָלַל halal (haw-lal'); a primitive root; to be clear (orig. of sound, but usually of color); to shine; hence, to make a show, to boast; and thus to be (clamorously) foolish; to rave; causatively, to celebrate; also to stultify:

KJV - (make) boast (self), celebrate, commend, (deal, make), fool (-ish, -ly), glory, give [light], be (make, feignself) mad (against), give in marriage, [sing, be worthy of] praise, rage, renowned, shine.

Avoid evil gifts (bribes)

Gift – [OT:4979](#) מַתָּנָה mattanah (mat-taw-naw'); feminine of [OT:4976](#); a present; specifically (in a good sense), a sacrificial offering, (in a bad sense) a bribe:

KJV - gift.

Destroyeth – [OT:6](#) אָבַד 'abad (aw-bad'); a primitive root; properly, to wander away, i.e. lose oneself; by implication to perish (causative, destroy):

KJV - break, destroy (-uction), + not escape, fail, lose, (cause to, make) perish, spend, ^xand surely, take, be undone, ^xutterly, be void of, have no way to flee.

There are two in this world...

...those who stand for might

...and those who will stand for right!

Follow good advice and stand for what is right...

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Good Patience

Ecclesiastes 7

⁸ Better [good] is the **end of a thing** than the **beginning** thereof: and the **patient [long] in Spirit is better [good] than the proud [high (impatient)] in spirit.**

Avoid anger

Ecclesiastes 7

⁹ **Be not hasty in thy spirit to be angry:** for anger resteth in the bosom [midst] of fools.

Hasty – [OT:926](#) בָּהַל **bahal** (baw-hal'); a primitive root; to tremble inwardly (or palpitate), i.e. (figuratively) be (causative, make) (suddenly) alarmed or agitated; by implication to hasten anxiously:

KJV - be (make) affrighted (afraid, amazed, dismayed, rash), (be, get, make) haste (-n, -y, -ily), (give) speedy (-ily), thrust out, trouble, vex.

Angry – [OT:3707](#) כָּאַע **ka`ac** (kaw-as'); a primitive root; to trouble; by implication, to grieve, rage, be indignant:

KJV - be angry, be grieved, take indignation, provoke (to anger, unto wrath), have sorrow, vex, be wroth.

Anger – [OT:3708](#) כָּאַע **ka`ac** (kah'-as); or (in Job) ka`as (kah'-as); from [OT:3707](#); vexation: -anger, angry, grief, indignation, provocation, provoking, ^xsore, sorrow, spite, wrath.

Resteth – [OT:5117](#) נָוַח **nuwach** (noo'-akh); a primitive root; to rest, i.e. settle down; used in a great variety of applications, literal and figurative, intransitive, transitive and causative (to dwell, stay, let fall, place, let alone, withdraw, give comfort, etc.):

KJV - cease, be confederate, lay, let down, (be) quiet, remain, (cause to, be at, give, have, make to) rest, set down. Compare [OT:3241](#).

Bosom – [OT:2436](#) חֵיק **cheyq** (khake); or **cheq** (khake); and **chowq** (khoke); from an unused root, apparently meaning to inclose; the bosom (literally or figuratively): -bosom, bottom, lap, midst, within.

Fools – [OT:3684](#) כְּסִיף **keciyl** (kes-eel'); from [OT:3688](#); properly, fat, i.e. (figuratively) stupid or silly: **KJV** - fool (-ish).

Forward thinking

Ecclesiastes 7

¹⁰ Say not thou, What is the cause that the **former** [previous of old times past] **days** were better [good] than these? for thou dost not **enquire** [received counsel] **wisely** [with wisdom] concerning this.

Don't look back ...those were the good old days...is a lie!

Good is only seen in the life of Christ and it resides in us as it was from the beginning and shall endure to the end. We are good to wait for good patiently.

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Good Patience (*cont*)

Forward thinking (*cont*)

Psalm 37

⁹ For evildoers shall be cut off: but those that **wait upon the LORD**, they shall **inherit the earth.**

Wait upon the LORD...

Ecclesiastes 7 - Better is Good

Good Thinking Profitable

Ecclesiastes 7

¹¹ **Wisdom is good with an inheritance:** and by it [inheritance] there is **profit** [greater profits] to them that see the **sun**.

Inheritance – [OT:5159](#) נַחֲלָה **nachalah** (nakh-al-aw'); from [OT:5157](#) (in its usual sense); properly, something inherited, i.e. (abstractly) occupancy, or (concretely) an heirloom; generally an estate, patrimony or portion:

KJV - heritage, to inherit, inheritance, possession. Compare [OT:5158](#).

Profit – [OT:3148](#) יָוֵתֵר **yowther** (yo-thare'); active participle of [OT:3498](#); properly, redundant; hence, over and above, as adjective, noun, adverb or conjunction [as follows]: **KJV** - better, more (-over), over, profit.

Sun – [OT:8121](#) שֶׁמֶשׁ **shemesh** (sheh'-mesh); from an unused root meaning to be brilliant; the sun; by implication, the east; figuratively, a ray, i.e. (arch.) a notched battlement:

KJV - + east side (-ward), sun ([rising]), + west (-ward), window.

Malachi 4

¹ For, behold, **the day cometh**, that shall **burn as an oven**; and **all the proud**, yea, and **all that do wickedly**, shall be **stubble**: and the **day that cometh shall burn them up**, saith the LORD of hosts, that it shall **leave them neither root nor branch**.

² But unto **you that fear my name** shall the **Sun of righteousness** arise with **healing in His wings**; and **ye shall go forth**, and **grow up as calves of the stall**.

Arise – [OT:2224](#) זָרַח **zarach** (zaw-rakh'); a primitive root; properly, to irradiate (or shoot forth beams), i.e. to rise (as the sun); specifically, to appear (as a symptom of leprosy):

KJV - arise, rise (up), as soon as it is up.

³ And ye shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that **I shall do this, saith the LORD of hosts**.

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Good Thinking (*cont*)

Healthy ~ Life Giving

Ecclesiastes 7

¹² For **wisdom is a defence**, and **money [silver] is a defence**; but the **excellency [preeminence, gain, profit, GOOD] of knowledge** is, that **wisdom giveth life** [cause to live, revive] to **them that have it.**

Defence – OT:6738 לִצְלָה **tsel** (tsale); from OT:6751; **shade**, whether literal or figurative: **KJV** - defence, shade (-ow).

Them that have it – OT:1167 לַבַּיִת **ba`al** (bah'-al); from OT:1166; a master; hence, a husband, or (figuratively) owner (often used with another noun in modifications of this latter sense):

KJV - + archer, + babbler, + bird, captain, chief man, + confederate, + have to do, + dreamer, those to whom it is due, + furious, those that are given to it, great, + hairy, he that hath it, have, + horseman, husband, lord, man, + married, master, person, + sworn, they of.

Psalm 121

⁵ The LORD is thy keeper: **the LORD is thy shade** upon thy right hand.

John 6

⁶³ **It is the Spirit that quickeneth**; the flesh profiteth nothing: the **Words that I speak** unto you, they are **Spirit, and they are life.**

John 6

³³ For the **bread of God** is he which cometh down from heaven, and **giveth life** unto the world.

Matthew 4

⁴ But He [Jesus] answered and said, It is written, **Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.**

2 Corinthians 3

⁵ **Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God;**

⁶ Who also hath **made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the Spirit**: for the letter killeth, but the **Spirit giveth life.**

2 Corinthians 9

⁸ **And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work:**

Ecclesiastes 7 - Better is Good

Good Thinking (*cont*)

Healthy ~ Life Giving

Ecclesiastes 7 (*cont*)

¹² For **wisdom is a defence**, and **money [silver] is a defence**: but the excellency [preeminence, gain, profit, GOOD] of knowledge is, that **wisdom giveth life** [cause to live, revive] to **them that have it.**

2 Corinthians 12

⁹ And he said unto me, **My grace is sufficient** for thee: for **my strength is made perfect in weakness**. Most gladly therefore will I rather **glory in my infirmities**, that **the power of Christ may rest upon me**.

Proverbs 3

⁷ **Be not wise in thine own eyes**: fear the LORD, and **depart from evil**.

⁸ It shall be **health to thy navel, and marrow to thy bones**.

⁹ **Honour the LORD with thy substance**, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase:

¹⁰ So shall thy **barns be filled with plenty**, and thy **presses shall burst out** with new wine.

3 John 1

² Beloved, **I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health**, even as thy **soul prospereth**.

Ecclesiastes 7 - Better is Good

Good Works

The Father's Work

Ecclesiastes 7

¹³ Consider [See] the Work of God: for who can make that straight, which He hath made crooked?

Work – [OT:4639](#) מַעֲשֵׂה **ma`aseh** (mah-as-eh'); from [OT:6213](#); an action (good or bad); generally, a transaction; abstractly, activity; by implication, a product (specifically, a poem) or (generally) property:

KJV - act, art, + bakemeat, business, deed, do (-ing), labor, thing made, ware of making, occupation, thing offered, operation, possession, ^xwell, ([handy-, needle-, net-]) work (ing, -manship), wrought.

Straight – [OT:8626](#) יָקַן **taqan** (taw-kan'); a primitive root; to equalize, i.e. straighten (intransitive or transitive); figuratively, to compose:

KJV - set in order, make straight.

Crooked – [OT:5791](#) עָוַת **`avath** (aw-vath'); a primitive root; to wrest:

KJV - bowself, (make) crooked., falsifying, overthrow, deal perversely, pervert, subvert, turn upside down.

Isaiah 45

² **I [the LORD] will go before thee, and make the crooked places straight:** I will break in pieces the gates of brass, and cut in sunder the bars of iron:

Isaiah 42

¹⁶ And I will bring the blind by a way that they knew not; I will lead them in paths that they have not known: I will **make** darkness light before them, and crooked things **straight**. These things will I do unto them, and not forsake them.

Proverbs 16

³ **Commit thy Works unto the LORD, and thy thoughts [intentions, way you think] shall be established [confirmed].**

Ecclesiastes 7 - Better is Good

Good Works (*cont*)

The Father's Purpose

Ecclesiastes 7

¹⁴ In the **day of prosperity** be joyful [good], but in the **day of adversity** [bad]

consider: God also hath set the one over against the other [prosperity ~ adversity], to **the end that man [mankind] should find nothing after him.**

Prosperity – towb (tobe); from OT:2895; good (as an adjective) in the widest sense; used likewise as a noun, both in the masculine and the feminine, the singular and the plural (good, a good or good thing, a good man or woman; the good, goods or good things, good men or women), also as an adverb (well):

KJV - beautiful, best, better, bountiful, cheerful, at ease, X fair (word), (be in) favour, fine, glad, good (deed, -lier, -lieth, -ly, -ness, -s), graciously, joyful, kindly, kindness, liketh (best), loving, merry, X most, pleasant, + pleaseth, pleasure, precious, prosperity, ready, sweet, wealth, welfare, (be) well ([-favoured]).

Joyful – towb (tobe); from OT:2895; good (as an adjective) in the widest sense; used likewise as a noun, both in the masculine and the feminine, the singular and the plural (good, a good or good thing, a good man or woman; the good, goods or good things, good men or women), also as an adverb (well):

KJV - beautiful, best, better, bountiful, cheerful, at ease, X fair (word), (be in) favour, fine, glad, good (deed, -lier, -lieth, -ly, -ness, -s), graciously, joyful, kindly, kindness, liketh (best), loving, merry, X most, pleasant, + pleaseth, pleasure, precious, prosperity, ready, sweet, wealth, welfare, (be) well ([-favoured]).

Adversity – ra` (rah); from OT:7489; bad or (as noun) evil (natural or moral):

KJV - adversity, affliction, bad, calamity, + displeasure (-ure), distress, evil ([-favouredness]), man, thing), + exceedingly, X great, grief (-vous), harm, heavy, hurt (-ful), ill (favoured), + mark, mischief (-vous), misery, naught (-ty), noisome, + not please, sad (-ly), sore, sorrow, trouble, vex, wicked (-ly, -ness, one), worse (-st), wretchedness, wrong. [Incl. feminine ra` ah; as adj or noun.].

Consider – ra`ah (raw-aw'); a primitive root; to see, literally or figuratively (in numerous applications, direct and implied, transitive, intransitive and causative):

KJV - advise self, appear, approve, behold, X certainly, consider, discern, (make to) enjoy, have experience, gaze, take heed, X indeed, X joyfully, lo, look (on, one another, one on another, one upon another, out, up, upon), mark, meet, X be near, perceive, present, provide, regard, (have) respect, (fore-, cause to, let) see (-r, -m, one another), shew (self), X sight of others, (e-) spy, stare, X surely, X think, view, visions.

Also – gam (gam); by contraction from an unused root meaning to gather; properly, assemblage; used only adverbially also, even, yea, though; often repeated as correl. both ... and:

KJV - again, alike, also, (so much) as (soon), both (so). .. and but, either ... or, even, for all, (in) likewise (manner), moreover, nay ... neither, one, then (-refore), though, what, with, yea.

Psalm 73

¹² Behold, these are the **ungodly**, who **prosper in the world**; they **increase in riches**.

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Good Works (*cont*)

The Father's influence

Ecclesiastes 7

¹⁴ **In the day of prosperity be joyful, but in the day of adversity consider: God also hath set the one over against the other, to the end that man should find nothing after him.**

Hath set – `asah (aw-saw'); a primitive root; to do or make, in the broadest sense and widest application (as follows):

KJV - accomplish, advance, appoint, apt, be at, become, bear, bestow, bring forth, bruise, be busy, X certainly, have the charge of, commit, deal (with), deck, + displease, do, (ready) dress (-ed), (put in) execute (-ion), exercise, fashion, + feast, [fighting-] man, + finish, fit, fly, follow, fulfill, furnish, gather, get, go about, govern, grant, great, + hinder, hold ([a feast]), X indeed, + be industrious, + journey, keep, labour, maintain, make, be meet, observe, be occupied, offer, + officer, pare, bring (come) to pass, perform, practise, prepare, procure, provide, put, requite, X sacrifice, serve, set, shew, X sin, spend, X surely, take, X thoroughly, trim, X very, + vex, be [warr-] ior, work (-man), yield, use.

Over against – `ummah (oom-maw'); from OT:6004; conjunction, i.e. society; mostly adverb or preposition (with prepositional prefix), near, beside, along with:

KJV - (over) against, at, beside, hard by, in points.

...from – OT:6004 – `amam (aw-mam'); a primitive root; to associate; by implication, to overshadow (by huddling together):

KJV - become dim, hide.

End – dibrah (dib-raw'); feminine of OT:1697; a reason, suit or style:

KJV - cause, end, estate, order, regard.

...from – OT:1697 – dabar (daw-baw'); from OT:1696; a word; by implication, a matter (as spoken of) or thing; adverbially, a cause:

KJV - act, advice, affair, answer, X any such (thing), because of, book, business, care, case, cause, certain rate, + chronicles, commandment, X commune (-ication), + concern [-ing], + confer, counsel, + dearth, decree, deed, X disease, due, duty, effect, + eloquent, errand, [evil favouredness-], + glory, + harm, hurt, + iniquity, + judgment, language, + lying, manner, matter, message, [no] thing, oracle, X ought, X parts, + pertaining, + please, portion, + power, promise, provision, purpose, question, rate, reason, report, request, X (as hast) said, sake, saying, sentence, + sign, + so, some [uncleanness], somewhat to say, + song, speech, X spoken, talk, task, + that, X there done, thing (concerning), thought, + thus, tidings, what [-soever], + wherewith, which, word, work.

...from – OT:1696 – dabar (daw-bar'); a primitive root; perhaps properly, to arrange; but used figuratively (of words), to speak; rarely (in a destructive sense) to subdue:

KJV - answer, appoint, bid, command, commune, declare, destroy, give, name, promise, pronounce, rehearse, say, speak, be spokesman, subdue, talk, teach, tell, think, use [entreaties], utter, X well, X work.

This is so that the wealthy, having the world's goods, should look back and see no goodness of God.

Ecclesiastes 7 - Better is Good

Good Works (*cont*)

The Father's influence (*cont*)

Ecclesiastes 7 (*cont*)

¹⁴ **In the day of prosperity be joyful, but in the day of adversity consider: God also hath set the one over against the other, to the end that man should find nothing after him.**

Should find – matsa' (maw-tsaw'); a primitive root; properly, to come forth to, i.e. appear or exist; transitively, to attain, i.e. find or acquire; figuratively, to occur, meet or be present:

KJV - + be able, befall, being, catch, X certainly, (cause to) come (on, to, to hand), deliver, be enough (cause to) find (-ing, occasion, out), get (hold upon), X have (here), be here, hit, be left, light (up-) on, meet (with), X occasion serve, (be) present, ready, speed, suffice, take hold on.

Nothing – lo' (lo); or low' (lo); or loh (Deut 3:11) (lo); a primitive particle; not (the simple or abs. negation); by implication, no; often used with other particles (as follows):

KJV - X before, + or else, ere, + except, ig [-norant], much, less, nay, neither, never, no ([-ne], -r, [-thing]), (X as though ... [can-], for) not (out of), of nought, otherwise, out of, + surely, + as truly as, + of a truth, + verily, for want, + whether, without.

After him – 'achar (akh-ar'); from OT:309; properly, the hind part; generally used as an adverb or conjunction, after (in various senses):

KJV - after (that, -ward), again, at, away from, back (from, -side), behind, beside, by, follow (after, -ing), forasmuch, from, hereafter, hinder end, + out (over) live, + persecute, posterity, pursuing, remnant, seeing, since, thence [-forth], when, with.

...from – OT:309 – 'achar (aw-khar'); a primitive root; to loiter (i.e. be behind); by implication to procrastinate:

KJV - continue, defer, delay, hinder, be late (slack), stay (there), tarry (longer).

Exodus 33 ...godly as did Moses will behold God after him...

²¹ And the LORD said, Behold, there is a place by me, and thou shalt stand upon a rock:

²² And it shall come to pass, while my glory passeth by, that I will put thee in a clift of the rock, and will cover thee with my hand while I pass by:

²³ And I will take away mine hand, and **thou shalt see my back parts:** but **my face shall not be seen.**

The key word is “also”...

This verse is not about man. It is about God the supreme ruler God in His devine plan has placed a veil between Himself and man. Yes God has hid Himself even in the darkness...

The last Words are often construed so as to apply them to the man in prosperity or adversity. However, the Words after him refer to God....

If God is in your life the hind parts of God in your life are seen in your past.

Prosperity or calamitous life styles are not evidence of a Godly life.

Further, man in any state is incapable of finding God in his life except that God reveals Himself to that man He alone has chosen.

Ecclesiastes 7 - Better is Good

Good Works (*cont*)

Righteousness

Ecclesiastes 7

¹⁵ **All things have I seen** in the days of my vanity: there is a **just man that perisheth** in his **righteousness**, and there is a **wicked man that prolongeth [lengthens] his life** in his **wickedness**.

Just – [OT:6662](#) צַדִּיק **tsaddiyq** (tsad-deek'); from [OT:6663](#); just:

KJV - just, lawful, righteous (man).

Righteousness – [OT:6664](#) צְדָקָה **tsedeq** (tseh'-dek); from [OT:6663](#); the right (natural, moral or legal); also (abstractly) equity or (figuratively) prosperity:

KJV - * even, (X that which is altogether) just (-ice), ([un-]) right (-eous) (cause, -ly, -ness).

Wicked – [OT:7563](#) רָשָׁע **rasha`** (raw-shaw'); from [OT:7561](#); morally wrong; concretely, an (actively) bad person:

KJV - * condemned, guilty, ungodly, wicked (man), that did wrong.

Wickedness – [OT:7451](#) רָעָה **ra`** (rah); from [OT:7489](#); bad or (as noun) evil (natural or moral):

KJV - adversity, affliction, bad, calamity, + displease (-ure), distress, evil ([favouredness], man, thing), + exceedingly, * great, grief (-vous), harm, heavy, hurt (-ful), ill (favoured), + mark, mischief (-vous), misery, naught (-ty), noisome, + not please, sad (-ly), sore, sorrow, trouble, vex, wicked (-ly, -ness, one), worse (-st), wretchedness, wrong. [Incl. feminine ra`ah; as adjective or noun]

Isaiah 64

⁶ But we are all as an unclean thing, and **all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags**; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.

Meekness and humility

Ecclesiastes 7

¹⁶ **Be not righteous over much [in authority]; neither make [boast, lift] thyself over wise**: why shouldst thou **destroy** thyself ?

Righteous – [OT:6662](#) צַדִּיק **tsaddiyq** (tsad-deek'); from [OT:6663](#); just:

KJV - just, lawful, righteous (man).

Destroy – [OT:8074](#) שָׁמַם **shamem** (shaw-mame'); a primitive root; to stun (or intransitively, grow numb), i.e. devastate or (figuratively) stupefy (both usually in a passive sense):

KJV - make amazed, be astonished, (be an) astonish (-ment), (be, bring into, unto, lay, lie, make) desolate (-ion, places), be destitute, destroy (self), (lay, lie, make) waste, wonder.

Proverbs 22

⁴ By **humility and the fear of the LORD** are riches, and honour, and life.

Ecclesiastes 7 - Better is Good

Good Works (*cont*)

Meekness and humility (*cont*)

Ecclesiastes 7

¹⁷ Be not over much [in authority over] wicked, neither be thou foolish [silly]: why shouldest thou die **before thy time**?

Wicked – [OT:7561](#) רָשָׁע **rasha`** (raw-shah'); a primitive root; to be (causatively, do or declare) wrong; by implication, to disturb, violate:

KJV - condemn, make trouble, vex, be (commit, deal, depart, do) wicked (-ly, -ness).

Daniel 9

¹⁸ **O my God, incline thine ear, and hear; open thine eyes, and behold our desolations, and the city which is called by thy name: for we do not present our supplications before thee for our righteousnesses, but for thy great mercies.**

Hallelujah

His great mercies are a better good than any of our good which are only worse...

Ecclesiastes 7 - Better is Good

Good Possessions

Drawn of God

Ecclesiastes 7

¹⁸ It is good that thou shouldest take hold of this; yea, also from this withdraw not thine hand: for **he that feareth God shall come forth of them all.**

Take hold – [OT:270](#) אָחַז 'achaz (aw-khaz'); a primitive root; to seize (often with the accessory idea of holding in possession):

KJV - + be affrighted, bar, (catch, lay, take) hold (back), come upon, fasten, handle, portion, (get, have or take) possess (-ion).

Withdraw – [OT:3240](#) נָחַח 'yanach (yaw-nakh'); a primitive root; to deposit; by implication, to allow to stay:

KJV - bestow, cast down, lay (down, up), leave (off), let alone (remain), pacify, place, put, set (down), suffer, withdraw, withhold. (The Hiphil forms with the dagesh are here referred to, in accordance with the older grammarians; but if any distinction of the kind is to be made, these should rather be referred to [OT:5117](#), and the others here.)

Feareth – [OT:3373](#) יָרֵא 'yare' (yaw-ray'); from [OT:3372](#); fearing; morally, reverent:

KJV - afraid, fear (-ful).

Psalm 73

²⁸ But **it is good for me to draw near to God**: I have put my trust in the Lord GOD, that I may **declare all thy works.**

James 4

⁸ **Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you.** Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.

Hebrews 7

¹⁹ For the law made nothing perfect, but the **bringing in of a better hope** did; by the which we **draw nigh unto God.**

God is our possession!

Ezekiel 44

²⁸ And it shall be unto them for an inheritance: **I am their inheritance**: and ye shall **give them no possession in Israel: I am their possession.**

Ecclesiastes 7 - Better is Good

Good Possessions (*cont*)

Strength of God

Ecclesiastes 7

¹⁹ **Wisdom strengtheneth the wise more than ten mighty men** which are in the city.

Strengtheneth – [OT:5810](#) אָזַז **`azaz** (aw-zaz'); a primitive root; to be stout (literally or figuratively): **KJV** - harden, impudent, prevail, strengthen (self), be strong.

Wise – [OT:2450](#) חָכָם **chakam** (khaw-kawm'); from [OT:2449](#); wise, (i.e. intelligent, skilful or artful): **KJV** - cunning (man), subtil, ([un-]), wise ([hearted], man).

Mighty – [OT:7989](#) שָׁלִיט **shaliyt** (shal-leet'); from [OT:7980](#); potent; concretely, a prince or warrior: **KJV** - governor, mighty, that hath power, ruler.

The Wise KNOW:

God is Our Strength

Philippians 4

¹³ **I can do all things through Christ** which strengtheneth me.

God is Our Greatness

1 John 4

⁴ Ye are of God, little children, and have **overcome** them: because **greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world.**

Ecclesiastes 7 - Better is Good

Good Behaviour

Just

Ecclesiastes 7

²⁰ For **there is not a just [lawful, righteous] man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not.**

Sinneth – [OT:2398](#) **חָטָא** **chata'** (khaw-taw'); a primitive root; properly, to miss; hence (figuratively and generally) to sin; by inference, to forfeit, lack, expiate, repent, (causatively) lead astray, condemn:

KJV - bear the blame, cleanse, commit [sin], by fault, harm he hath done, loss, miss, (make) offend (-er), offer for sin, purge, purify (self), make reconciliation, (cause, make) sin (-ful, -ness), trespass.

Matthew 19

¹⁷ And he said unto him, Why callest thou me good? **there is none good but one, that is, God:** but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments.

Mark 10

¹⁸ And Jesus said unto him, **Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God.**

Acts 22

¹⁴ And he said, The God of our fathers hath chosen thee, that thou shouldest know his will, and see that **Just One**, and shouldest hear the voice of his mouth.

Psalms 53

³ Every one of them is gone back: they are altogether become filthy; there is **none** that doeth **good**, no, not one.

Romans 3

¹² They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; **there is none that doeth good, no, not one.**

Ecclesiastes 7 - Better is Good

Good Behaviour (*cont*)

Obedient

Ecclesiastes 7

²¹ Also **take no heed unto all words that are spoken**; lest thou **hear thy servant curse thee**:

Curse – [OT:7043](#) לָלַץ **qalal** (kaw-lal'); a primitive root; to be (causatively, make) light, literally (swift, small, sharp, etc.) or figuratively (easy, trifling, vile, etc.): **KJV** - abate, make bright, bring into contempt, (ac-) curse, despise, (be) ease (-y, -ier), (be a, make, make somewhat, move, seem a, set) light (-en, -er, -ly, -ly afflict, -ly esteem, thing), *slight [-ly], be swift (-er), (be, be more, make, re-) vile, whet.

Perfect way

Psalm 101

¹ I will sing of mercy and judgment: unto thee, O LORD, will I sing.

² **I will behave myself wisely in a perfect way.** O when wilt thou come unto me? **I will walk within my house with a perfect heart.**

³ **I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes: I hate the work of them that turn aside; it shall not cleave to me.**

1 Corinthians 13

⁴ Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up,

⁵ **Doth not behave itself unseemly** [unbecoming, inappropriate, indecent], seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil;

⁶ Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth;

Ephesians 5

² And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour.

³ But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, **let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints;**

⁴ Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks.

Convenient – [NT:433](#) ἀνήκω **aneko** (an-ay'-ko); from [NT:303](#) and [NT:2240](#); to attain to, i.e. (fig) be proper: **KJV** - convenient, be fit.

Ecclesiastes 7 - Better is Good

Good Behaviour (*cont*)

Forgiven

Ecclesiastes 7

²² For oftentimes also thine own heart knoweth that thou thyself likewise hast cursed others.

Cursed – [OT:7043](#) **לָלַץ** **qalal** (kaw-lal'); a primitive root; to be (causatively, make) light, literally (swift, small, sharp, etc.) or figuratively (easy, trifling, vile, etc.): **KJV** - abate, make bright, bring into contempt, (ac-) curse, despise, (be) ease (-y, -ier), (be a, make, make somewhat, move, seem a, set) light (-en, -er, -ly, -ly afflict, -ly esteem, thing), *slight [-ly], be swift (-er), (be, be more, make, re-) vile, whet.

Mark 11

²⁵ And when ye stand praying, **forgive**, if ye have **ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.**

²⁶ But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses.

Matthew 6

¹⁴ For if ye **forgive men their trespasses**, your heavenly Father will also forgive you:

¹⁵ But if ye **forgive not** men their trespasses, **neither** will your Father forgive your trespasses.

Ecclesiastes 7 - Better is Good

Good Proof Wisdom

Ecclesiastes 7

²³ All this have I **proved** by wisdom: I said, I will be wise; but it was **far** from me.

Proved – OT:5254 נִסָּה **nacah** (naw-saw'); a primitive root; to test; by implication, to attempt: **KJV** - adventure, assay, prove, tempt, try.

Far – OT:7350 רָחוֹק **rachowq** (raw-khoke'); or **rachog** (raw-khoke'); from OT:7368; remote, literally or figuratively, of place or time; specifically, precious; often used adverbially (with preposition):

KJV - (a-) far (abroad, off), long ago, of old, space, great while to come.

Job 9

⁸ Which alone spreadeth out the heavens, and treadeth upon the waves of the sea.

⁹ Which maketh Arcturus, Orion, and Pleiades, and the chambers of the south.

¹⁰ Which **doeth great things past finding out**; yea, and wonders without number.

¹¹ Lo, He goeth by me, and I see Him not: He passeth on also, but I perceive Him not.

Ephesians 5

⁹ (For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;)

¹⁰ **Proving [examining] what is acceptable [fully agreeable] unto the Lord.**

Revelation

Ecclesiastes 7

²⁴ That which is **far off**, and exceeding deep [deep deep], who can **find it out**?

Far off – OT:7350 רָחוֹק **rachowq** (raw-khoke'); or **rachog** (raw-khoke'); from OT:7368; remote, literally or figuratively, of place or time; specifically, precious; often used adverbially (with preposition):

KJV - (a-) far (abroad, off), long ago, of old, space, great while to come.

Find it out – OT:4672 מָצָא **matsa'** (maw-tsaw'); a primitive root; properly, to come forth to, i.e. appear or exist; transitively, to attain, i.e. find or acquire; figuratively, to occur, meet or be present:

KJV - * be able, befall, being, catch, * certainly, (cause to) come (on, to, to hand), deliver, be enough (cause to) find (-ing, occasion, out), get (hold upon), * have (here), be here, hit, be left, light (up-) on, meet (with), * occasion serve, (be) present, ready, speed, suffice, take hold on.

1 Corinthians 2

⁹ But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which **God hath prepared for them that love Him.**

¹⁰ But **God hath revealed them unto us by His Spirit**: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.

¹¹ For **what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him?** even so **the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.**

Ecclesiastes 7 - Better is Good

Good Proof (*cont*)

Study

Ecclesiastes 7

²⁵ I applied [focused] mine heart to know, and to search [meander], and to seek [search] out wisdom, and the reason of things, and to know the wickedness [wrong] of folly [silliness], even of foolishness [silliness] and madness [folly, craziness, recklessness, stupidity]:

Reason – [OT:2808](#) חֵשְׁבֹן **cheshbown** (khesh-bone'); from [OT:2803](#); properly, contrivance; by implication, intelligence: **KJV** - account, device, reason.

2 Timothy 2

¹⁵ **Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of truth.**

Ecclesiastes 7 - Better is Good

Good Pleasure

Way to escape

Ecclesiastes 7

²⁶ And I find more **bitter** than **death** the woman, whose heart is **snare**s and **nets**, and her **hands** as bands [bonds]: whoso pleaseth God shall **escape** from her; but the **sinner** shall be **taken** by her.

Bitter – [OT:4751](#) מַר **mar** (mar); or (feminine) **marah** (maw-raw'); from [OT:4843](#); bitter (literally or figuratively); also (as noun) bitterness, or (adverbially) bitterly: **KJV** - + angry, bitter (-ly, -ness), chafed, discontented, * great, heavy.

Death – [OT:4194](#) מוֹת **maveth** (maw'-veth); from [OT:4191](#); death (natural or violent); concretely, the dead, their place or state (hades); figuratively, pestilence, ruin: **KJV** - (be) dead ([-ly]), death, die (-d).

Snares – [OT:4685](#) מַצְוֹד **matsowd** (maw-tsode'); or (feminine) **metsowdah** (mets-o-daw'); or **metsodah** (mets-o-daw'); from [OT:6679](#); a net (for capturing animals or fishes):

KJV - also (by interchange for [OT:4679](#)) a fastness or (beseiging) tower:

Nets – [OT:2764](#) חֶרֶם **cherem** (khay'-rem); or ([Zech 14:11](#)) cherem (kheh'-rem); from [OT:2763](#); physical (as shutting in) a net (either literally or figuratively); usually a doomed object; abstr. extermination:

KJV - (ac-) curse (-d, -d thing), dedicated thing, things which should have been utterly destroyed, (appointed to) utter destruction, devoted (thing), net.

Hands – [OT:3027](#) יָד **yad** (yawd); a primitive word; a hand (the open one [indicating power, means, direction, etc.], in distinction from [OT:3709](#), the closed one); used (as noun, adverb, etc.) in a great variety of applications, both literally and figuratively, both proximate and remote [as follows]:

KJV - (+be) able, * about, + armholes, at, axletree, because of, beside, border, * bounty, + broad, [broken-] handed, * by, charge, coast, + consecrate, + creditor, custody, debt, dominion, * enough, + fellowship, force, * from, hand [-staves, -y work], * he, himself, * in, labour, + large, ledge, [left-] handed, means, * mine, ministry, near, * of, * order, ordinance, * our, parts, pain, power, * presumptuously, service, side, sore, state, stay, draw with strength, stroke, + swear, terror, * thee, * by them, * themselves, * thine own, * thou, through, * throwing, + thumb, times, * to, * under, * us, * wait on, [way-] side, where, + wide, * with (him, me, you), work, + yield, * yourselves.

Escape – [OT:4422](#) מָלַט **malat** (maw-lat'); a primitive root; properly, to be smooth, i.e. (by implication) to escape (as if by slipperiness); causatively, to release or rescue; specifically, to bring forth young, emit sparks:

KJV - deliver (self), escape, lay, leap out, let alone, let go, preserve, save, * speedily, * surely.

Ephesians 1

⁹ Having **made known** unto us the **mystery of His will**, according to **His good pleasure** which **He hath purposed in Himself**:

Ecclesiastes 7 - Better is Good

Good Pleasure (*cont*)

Way to escape

Philippians 2

¹³ For it is **God** which worketh in you both **to will and to do of His good pleasure**.

Sinner – [OT:2398](#) חָטָא **chata'** (khaw-taw'); a primitive root; properly, to miss; hence (figuratively and generally) to sin; by inference, to forfeit, lack, expiate, repent, (causatively) lead astray, condemn:

KJV - bear the blame, cleanse, commit [sin], by fault, harm he hath done, loss, miss, (make) offend (-er), offer for sin, purge, purify (self), make reconciliation, (cause, make) sin (-ful, -ness), trespass.

Ecclesiastes 7

²⁶ And I find **more bitter than death the woman, whose heart is snares and nets, and her hands as bands [bonds]: whoso pleaseth God shall escape from her; but the sinner shall be taken by her.**

Taken – [OT:3920](#) לָקַח **lakad** (law-kad'); a primitive root; to catch (in a net, trap or pit); generally, to capture or occupy; also to choose (by lot); figuratively, to cohere: **KJV** - ^xat all, catch (self), be frozen, be holden, stick together, take.

1 Corinthians 10

¹³ There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but **God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.**

Way to the LORD

Ecclesiastes 7

²⁷ Behold, this have I found, saith the preacher, **counting one by one**, to find out the account:

Account – [OT:2808](#) חֶשְׁבֹן **cheshbown** (khash-bone'); from [OT:2803](#); properly, contrivance; by implication, intelligence: **KJV** - account, device, reason.

Ecclesiastes 7

²⁸ Which yet **my soul seeketh** [searches], but **I find not**: one man [human being] among a thousand [perhaps wives] have I found; but a woman among all those have I not found [doesn't appear to exist].

Soul – [OT:5315](#) נֶפֶשׁ **nephesh** (neh'-fesh); from [OT:5314](#); properly, a breathing creature, i.e. animal of (abstractly) vitality; used very widely in a literal, accommodated or figurative sense (bodily or mental):

KJV - any, appetite, beast, body, breath, creature, ^xdead (-ly), desire, ^x[dis-]contented, ^xfish, ghost, ⁺greedy, he, heart (-y), (hath, ^xjeopardy of) life (X in jeopardy), lust, man, me, mind, mortally, one, own, person, pleasure, (her-, him-, my-, thyself-), them (your)- selves, ⁺slay, soul, ⁺tablet, they, thing, (X she) will, ^xwould have it.

Ecclesiastes 7 - Better is Good

Good Pleasure (*cont*)

Way of the upright

Ecclesiastes 7

²⁹ Lo, this only have I found, that **God hath made man [human beings, mankind] upright [straight]**; but they have sought [search] out many inventions.

Inventions – [OT:2810](#)]אֲשֶׁבֶת **chishshabown** (khish-shaw-bone'); from [OT:2803](#); a contrivance [devices, plans, strategies, maneuvers], i.e. actual (a warlike machine) or mental (a machination): **KJV** - engine, invention.

Psalm 106

²⁹ Thus they **provoked Him to anger with their inventions**: and the plague brake in upon them.

Proverbs 8

¹² I wisdom dwell with prudence, and find out knowledge of **witty inventions**.

Proverbs 15

²¹ Folly is joy to him that is destitute of wisdom: but a **man** of understanding walketh **uprightly**.

Psalm 18

²⁴ Therefore hath the LORD recompensed me according to my righteousness, according to the cleanness of my hands in his eyesight.

²⁵ With the merciful thou wilt shew thyself merciful; with an upright man thou wilt shew thyself upright;

²⁶ With the pure thou wilt shew thyself pure; and with the froward thou wilt shew thyself froward.

Psalm 37

³⁷ Mark the **perfect man**, and **behold the upright**: for **the end of that man is peace**.

Galatians 5

²¹ Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things **shall not inherit the kingdom of God**.

²² But the **fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,**

²³ **Meekness**, temperance: against such there is no law.

Difference in us is Goodness of God and only that makes us better than the worse and deserving of God's grace toward us.

Ecclesiastes 8 - Wisdom of God Glorifies God

Wisdom of God Strength

Ecclesiastes 8

¹ Who is as the wise man? and who knoweth the interpretation of a thing? **a man's wisdom maketh his face to shine, and the boldness [strength] of his face shall be changed.**

Wise – [OT:2450](#) חָכָם **chakam** (khaw-kawm'); from [OT:2449](#); wise, (i.e. intelligent, skilful or artful): **KJV** - cunning (man), subtil, ([un-]), wise ([hearted], man).

Interpretation – [OT:6592](#) פִּשְׁרֵי **peshher** (pay'-sher); corresponding to [OT:6591](#): **KJV** – interpretation

[Interpretation is not decoding the unknown. Rather it is knowing and understanding what is written in God's Word. Therefore, a wise man is able to bring interpretation: clarification, understanding, explanation, reading, elucidation, analysis.]

Interpretation is not writing what is NOT known and imagined to be true. Interpretation is knowing and clearly showing what is written is true as it is written. This is the ONLY WISE interpretation.

Shine – [OT:215](#) אָרַר 'owr (ore); a primitive root; to be (causative, make) luminous (literally and metaphorically):

KJV - ^x break of day, glorious, kindle, (be, en-, give, show) light (-en, -ened), set on fire, shine.

Boldness – [OT:5797](#) עֹז 'oz (oze); or (fully) 'owz (oze); from [OT:5810](#); **strength** in various applications (force, security, majesty, praise):

KJV - boldness, loud, might, power, strength, strong.

Changed – [OT:8132](#) שָׁנָה **shana** (shaw-naw'); a primitive root; to alter:

KJV - change.

Strength is a gift of God and so we see the gift of God in the face of those who are wise IN this world. However, not all have the wisdom of God. Many are wise men in the world who have the wisdom of man.

Proverbs 24

⁵ **A wise man is strong; yea, a man of knowledge increaseth strength.**

*Our KNOWLEDGE is from the WORD OF GOD! Amen
...thus we are made strong by what we know!*

Matthew 24

⁴⁴ Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.

⁴⁵ **Who then is a faithful and wise servant**, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season?

⁴⁶ **Blessed is that servant**, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing.

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Wisdom of God

Obedience

Ecclesiastes 8

² I *counsel thee* to keep the king's commandment, and **that** in regard of [according to reason] the **oath of God**.

Keep – [OT:8104](#) שָׁמַר **shamar** (shaw-mar'); a primitive root; properly, to hedge about (as with thorns), i.e. guard; generally, to protect, attend to, etc.: **KJV** - beware, be circumspect, take heed (toself), keep (-erself), mark, look narrowly, observe, preserve, regard, reserve, save (self), sure, (that lay) wait (for), watch (-man).

Commandment – [OT:6310](#) פֶּה **peh** (peh); from [OT:6284](#); the mouth (as the means of blowing), whether literal or figurative (particularly speech); specifically edge, portion or side; adverbially (with preposition) according to:

KJV - accord (-ing as, -ing to), after, appointment, assent, collar, command (-ment), ^xeat, edge, end, entry, ⁺file, hole, ^xin, mind, mouth, part, portion, ^x(should) say (-ing), sentence, skirt, sound, speech, ^xspoken, talk, tenor, ^xto, ⁺two-edged, wish, word.

Oath – [OT:7621](#) שְׁבֻעָה **shebuw`ah** (sheb-oo-aw'); feminine passive participle of [OT:7650](#); properly, something sworn, i.e. an oath: **KJV** - curse, oath, ^xsworn.

According to the Word of God His oath is unequivocal, clear, unambiguous, undeniable.

Hebrews 10

³¹ It is a **fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.**

Proverbs 1

⁵ **A wise man will hear, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels:**

Proverbs 28

⁷ **Whoso keepeth the law is a wise son:** but he that is a companion of riotous men shameth his father.

2 Corinthians 10

⁴ (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)

⁵ Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the **knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;**

⁶ And having in a **readiness to revenge all disobedience**, when your obedience is fulfilled.

Ecclesiastes 8 - Wisdom of God Glorifies God

Wisdom of God (*cont*)

Obedience (*cont*)

Ecclesiastes 8

²I *counsel thee* to keep the king's commandment, and **that** in regard of [according to reason] the **oath** of God.

Psalm 119

¹¹⁵ **Depart from me, ye evildoers: for I will keep the commandments of my God.**

Ecclesiastes 8 - Wisdom of God Glorifies God

Wisdom of God Pleases God

Ecclesiastes 8

³ Be not hasty to go out of His sight [walk away from His face]: **stand not in an evil thing**; for He doeth whatsoever [all] pleaseth Him.

Hasty – [OT:926](#) **בָּהָל** (*bahal* (baw-hal')); a primitive root; to tremble inwardly (or palpitate), i.e. (figuratively) be (causative, make) (suddenly) alarmed or agitated; by implication to hasten anxiously:

KJV - be (make) affrighted (afraid, amazed, dismayed, rash), (be, get, make) haste (-n, -y, -ily), (give) speedy (-ily), thrust out, trouble, vex.

Pleaseth – [OT:2654](#) **חָפַח** (*chaphets* (khaw-fates')); a primitive root; properly, to incline to; by implication (literally but rarely) to bend; figuratively, to be pleased with, desire:

KJV - ~~x~~ any at all, (have, take) delight, desire, favour, like, move, be (well) pleased, have pleasure, will, would.

The wisdom of God pleases God ...did not God by wisdom create the world and was He not pleased. Did He not by wisdom predestinate Himself His ONLY BEGOTTEN SON. ...And was He not well pleased!

1 Corinthians 10

⁴ And did all **drink the same spiritual drink**: for they **drank of that spiritual Rock** that followed them: and **that Rock was Christ**.

⁵ But **with many of them God was not well pleased**: for they were **overthrown in the wilderness**.

⁶ Now these things were **our examples**, to the **intent we should not lust after evil things**, as they also lusted.

Proverbs 14

¹⁶ A wise man feareth, and **departeth from evil**: but the fool rageth, and is confident.

Psalms 34

¹⁴ **Depart from evil**, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.

Psalms 37

²⁷ **Depart from evil**, and do good; and dwell for evermore.

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Wisdom of God

Powerful

Ecclesiastes 8

⁴ Where the **word of a king is, there is power**: and who may say unto him, What doest thou?

Power – [OT:7983](#) שְׁלֹטוֹן **shiltown** (Aramaic) (shil-tone'); from [OT:7980](#); a potentate [monarch ruler leader sovereign king]; KJV - power.

...from – [OT:7980](#) שָׁלַט **shalat** (shaw-lat'); a primitive root; to dominate, i.e. govern; by implication, to permit:

KJV - (bear, have) rule, have dominion, give (have) power.

Jeremiah 9

²³ Thus saith the LORD, **Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches:**

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Wisdom of God Discerning

Ecclesiastes 8

⁵ Whoso keepeth the commandment shall feel [know] no evil thing [word, matter]: and a wise man's heart discerneth [knows] both time and judgment.

Keepeth – [OT:8104](#) שָׁמַר **shamar** (shaw-mar'); a primitive root; properly, to hedge about (as with thorns), i.e. guard; generally, to protect, attend to, etc.:

KJV - beware, be circumspect, take heed (toself), keep (-erself), mark, look narrowly, observe, preserve, regard, reserve, save (self), sure, (that lay) wait (for), watch (-man).

Commandment – [OT:4687](#) מִצְוָה **mitsvah** (mits-vaw'); from [OT:6680](#); a command, whether human or divine (collectively, the Law):

KJV - (which was) commanded (-ment), law, ordinance, precept.

Feel – [OT:3045](#) יָדָע **yada`** (yaw-dah'); a primitive root; to know (properly, to ascertain by seeing); used in a great variety of senses, figuratively, literally, euphemistically and inferentially (including observation, care, recognition; and causatively, instruction, designation, punishment, etc.) [as follow]:

KJV - acknowledge, acquaintance (-ted with), advise, answer, appoint, assuredly, be aware, [un-] awares, can [-not], certainly, comprehend, consider, ^X could they, cunning, declare, be diligent, (can, cause to) discern, discover, endued with, familiar friend, famous, feel, can have, be [ig-] norant, instruct, kinsfolk, kinsman, (cause to let, make) know, (come to give, have, take) knowledge, have [knowledge], (be, make, make to be, makeself) known, + be learned, + lie by man, mark, perceive, privy to, ^X prognosticator, regard, have respect, skilful, shew, can (man of) skill, be sure, of a surety, teach, (can) tell, understand, have [understanding], ^X will be, wist, wit, wot.

Thing – [OT:1697](#) דָּבָר **dabar** (daw-baw'); from [OT:1696](#); a word; by implication, a matter (as spoken of) or thing; adverbially, a cause:

KJV - act, advice, affair, answer, ^X any such (thing), because of, book, business, care, case, cause, certain rate, + chronicles, commandment, ^X commune (-ication), + concern [-ing], + confer, counsel, + dearth, decree, deed, ^X disease, due, duty, effect, + eloquent, errand, [evil favouredness-], + glory, + harm, hurt, + iniquity, + judgment, language, + lying, manner, matter, message, [no] thing, oracle, ^X ought, ^X parts, + pertaining, + please, portion, + power, promise, provision, purpose, question, rate, reason, report, request, ^X (as hast) said, sake, saying, sentence, + sign, + so, some [uncleanness], somewhat to say, + song, speech, ^X spoken, talk, task, + that, ^X there done, thing (concerning), thought, + thus, tidings, what [-soever], + wherewith, which, word, work.

Time – [OT:6256](#) עֵת **`eth** (ayth); from [OT:5703](#); time, especially (adverb with preposition) now, when, etc.:

KJV - + after, [al-] ways, ^X certain, + continually, + evening, long, (due) season, so [long] as, [even-, evening-, noon-] tide, ([meal-]), what) time, when.

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Wisdom of God is Discerning (*cont*)

Ecclesiastes 8 (*cont*)

⁵ **Whoso keepeth the commandment shall feel [know] no evil thing [word, matter]: and a wise man's heart discerneth [knows] both time and judgment.**

Judgment – [OT:4941](#) מִשְׁפָּט **mishpat** (mish-pawt'); from [OT:8199](#); properly, a verdict (favorable or unfavorable) pronounced judicially, especially a sentence or formal decree (human or [participant's] divine law, individual or collective), including the act, the place, the suit, the crime, and the penalty; abstractly, justice, including a participant's right or privilege (statutory or customary), or even a style:

KJV - * adversary, ceremony, charge, ^x crime, custom, desert, determination, discretion, disposing, due, fashion, form, to be judged, judgment, just (-ice, -ly), (manner of) law (-ful), manner, measure, (due) order, ordinance, right, sentence, usest, ^x worthy, + wrong.

Psalm 107

⁴¹ Yet setteth he the poor on high from affliction, and maketh him families like a flock.

⁴² The righteous shall see it, and rejoice: and all iniquity shall stop her mouth.

⁴³ **Whoso is wise, and will observe these things, even they shall understand the lovingkindness of the LORD.**

Proverbs 16

⁶ **By mercy and truth iniquity is purged: and by the fear of the LORD men depart from evil.**

Hebrews 3

¹² **Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God.**

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Wisdom of God

Reveals the matters of Time and Judgment

Ecclesiastes 8

⁶ Because to **every purpose** there is **time and judgment**, therefore the **misery of man** is great [abundant] upon him.

Purpose – [OT:2656](#) **כִּפְתִּים** **chephets** (khay'-fets); from [OT:2654](#); pleasure; hence (abstractly) desire; concretely, a valuable thing; hence (by extension) a matter (as something in mind):

KJV - acceptable, delight (-some), desire, things desired, matter, pleasant (-ure), purpose, willingly.

Time – [OT:6256](#) **עַתָּה** **eth** (ayth); from [OT:5703](#); time, especially (adverb with preposition) now, when, etc.:

KJV - + after, [al-] ways, ^x certain, + continually, + evening, long, (due) season, so [long] as, [even-, evening-, noon-] tide, ([meal-]), what) time, when.

Judgment – [OT:4941](#) **מִשְׁפָּט** **mishpat** (mish-pawt'); from [OT:8199](#); properly, a verdict (favorable or unfavorable) pronounced judicially, especially a sentence or formal decree (human or [participant's] divine law, individual or collective), including the act, the place, the suit, the crime, and the penalty; abstractly, justice, including a participant's right or privilege (statutory or customary), or even a style:

KJV - + adversary, ceremony, charge, ^x crime, custom, desert, determination, discretion, disposing, due, fashion, form, to be judged, judgment, just (-ice, -ly), (manner of) law (-ful), manner, measure, (due) order, ordinance, right, sentence, usest, ^x worthy, + wrong.

Misery – [OT:7451](#) **רָעָה** **ra`** (rah); from [OT:7489](#); bad or (as noun) evil (natural or moral):

KJV - adversity, affliction, bad, calamity, + displease (-ure), distress, evil ([-favouredness], man, thing), + exceedingly, ^x great, grief (-vous), harm, heavy, hurt (-ful), ill (favoured), + mark, mischief (-vous), misery, naught (-ty), noisome, + not please, sad (-ly), sore, sorrow, trouble, vex, wicked (-ly, -ness, one), worse (-st), wretchedness, wrong. [Incl. feminine ra`ah; as adjective or noun.].

1 John 3

8 He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this **purpose** the Son of **God** was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

Ephesians 1

⁸ Wherein **He hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence**;

⁹ Having **made known unto us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He hath purposed in Himself**:

¹⁰ That in the dispensation of the fulness of times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in Him:

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Wisdom of God (*cont*)

Reveals the matters of Time and Judgment (*cont*)

Ecclesiastes 8

⁶ Because to every purpose there is time and judgment, therefore the misery of man is great [abundant] upon him.

2 Timothy 1

⁹ Who hath saved us, and called us with an **holy calling, not** according to our works, but **according to His own purpose and grace**, which was **given us in Christ Jesus before the world began**,

Proverbs 13

²⁰ He that **walketh with wise men** shall be **wise**: but a **companion of fools** shall be **destroyed**.

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Wisdom of Man

Without knowledge

Ecclesiastes 8

⁷ For he knoweth **not** that which shall be [come to pass]: for who [what man] can tell him when it shall be [come to pass]?

Proverbs 27

¹ Boast not thyself of to morrow; for **thou knowest not what a day may bring forth.**

Man knows not what will be tomorrow. God according His Word reveals what shall be.

James 4

¹³ Go to now, ye that say, To day or to morrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain:

¹⁴ Whereas **ye know not what shall be on the morrow.** For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.

¹⁵ For that ye ought to say, **If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that.**

Jeremiah 3

¹⁵ And **I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding.**

Romans 11

³³ O the depth of the riches both of the **wisdom and knowledge of God!** how **unsearchable** are **His judgments**, and **His ways past finding out!**

³⁴ For who hath known the mind of the Lord? or who hath been His counsellor?

³⁵ Or who hath first given to Him, and it shall be recompensed unto Him again?

³⁶ For of Him, and through Him, and to Him, are all things: **to whom be glory for ever. Amen.**

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Wisdom of Man (*cont*)

Without Power ~ over spiritual or himself

Ecclesiastes 8

⁸ There is no man [that exists] that hath power over the spirit to retain the spirit; neither hath he power in the day of death: and there is no discharge in that war; neither shall wickedness deliver those that are given to it.

Power – [OT:7989](#) שְׁלִיט shalliyt (shal-leet'); from [OT:7980](#); potent; concretely, a prince or warrior: **KJV** - governor, mighty, that hath power, ruler.

Retain – [OT:3607](#) כָּלָא kala' (kaw-law'); a primitive root; to restrict, by act (hold back or in) or word (prohibit):

KJV - finish, forbid, keep (back), refrain, restrain, retain, shut up, be stayed, withhold.

Power – [OT:7983](#) שְׁלִטוֹן shiltown (Aramaic) (shil-tone'); from [OT:7980](#); a potentate; **KJV** - power.

Death – [OT:4194](#) מָוֶת maveth (maw'-veth); from [OT:4191](#); death (natural or violent); concretely, the dead, their place or state (hades); figuratively, pestilence, ruin: **KJV** - (be) dead ([-ly]), death, die (-d).

Discharge – [OT:4917](#) מִשְׁלַחַת mishlachath (mish-lakh'-ath); feminine of [OT:4916](#); a mission, i.e. (abstractly) and favorable) release, or (concretely and unfavorable) an army: **KJV** - discharge, sending.

War – [OT:4421](#) מִלְחָמָה milchamah (mil-khaw-maw'); from [OT:3898](#) (in the sense of fighting); a battle (i.e. the engagement); generally, war (i.e. warfare): **KJV** - battle, fight (-ing), war ([-rior]).

Wickedness – [OT:7562](#) רֶשַׁע resha` (reh'-shah); from [OT:7561](#); a wrong (especially moral): **KJV** - iniquity, wicked (-ness).

Deliver – [OT:4422](#) מָלַט malat (maw-lat'); a primitive root; properly, to be smooth, i.e. (by implication) to escape (as if by slipperiness); causatively, to release or rescue; specifically, to bring forth young, emit sparks: **KJV** - deliver (self), escape, lay, leap out, let alone, let go, preserve, save, ^x speedily, ^x surely.

Those that are given to it – [OT:1167](#) בַּעַל ba`al (bah'-al); from [OT:1166](#); a master; hence, a husband, or (figuratively) owner (often used with another noun in modifications of this latter sense):

KJV - + archer, + babbler, + bird, captain, chief man, + confederate, + have to do, + dreamer, those to whom it is due, + furious, those that are given to it, great, + hairy, he that hath it, have, + horseman, husband, lord, man, + married, master, person, + sworn, they of.

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Wisdom of Man (*cont*)

Without Power ~ over others

Ecclesiastes 8

⁹ All this have I seen, and **applied [give] my heart** unto every work that is done under the sun: there is a **time wherein one man ruleth over another to his own hurt**.

Work – [OT:4639](#) מַעֲשֵׂה **ma`aseh** (mah-as-eh'); from [OT:6213](#); an action (good or bad); generally, a transaction; abstractly, activity; by implication, a product (specifically, a poem) or (generally) property:

KJV - act, art, + bakemeat, business, deed, do (-ing), labor, thing made, ware of making, occupation, thing offered, operation, possession, ^xwell, ([handy-, needle-, net-]) work (ing, -manship), wrought.

Sun – [OT:8121](#) שֶׁמֶשׁ **shemesh** (sheh'-mesh); from an unused root meaning to be brilliant; the sun; by implication, the east; figuratively, a ray, i.e. (arch.) a notched battlement:

KJV - + east side (-ward), sun ([rising]), + west (-ward), window.

Jeremiah 10

12 He hath **made the earth by His power**, He hath established the world by **His wisdom**, and hath stretched out the heavens by **His discretion**.

1 Corinthians 2

⁵ That your **faith should not stand in the wisdom of men**, but in the **power of God**.

Forgotten

Ecclesiastes 8

¹⁰ And so I **saw the wicked buried**, who had **come and gone from the place of the holy**, and **they were forgotten** in the city where they had so done: this is also vanity.

Wicked – [OT:7563](#) רָשָׁע **rasha`** (raw-shaw'); from [OT:7561](#); morally wrong; concretely, an (actively) bad person:

KJV - + condemned, guilty, ungodly, wicked (man), that did wrong.

Holy – [OT:6918](#) קֹדֶשׁ **qadowsh** (kaw-doshe'); or **qadosh** (kaw-doshe'); from [OT:6942](#); sacred (ceremonially or morally); (as noun) God (by eminence), an angel, a saint, a sanctuary: **KJV** - holy (One), saint.

Forgotten – [OT:7911](#) שָׁכַח **shakach** (shaw-kakh'); or **shakeach** (shaw-kay'-akh); a primitive root; to mislay, i.e. to be oblivious of, from want of memory or attention: **KJV** - ^xat all, (cause to) forget.

Vanity – [OT:1892](#) הֶבֶל **hebel** (heh'bel); or (rarely in the abs.) **habel** (hab-ale'); from [OT:1891](#); emptiness or vanity; figuratively, something transitory and unsatisfactory; often used as an adverb: **KJV** - ^xaltogether, vain, vanity.

Matthew 7

²³ And then will I profess unto them, **I never knew you**: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

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Wisdom of Man (*cont*)

Without Punishment

Ecclesiastes 8

¹¹ Because sentence [judicial sentence or decree] against an evil work is not executed [accomplished] speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil.

Speedily – OT:4120 מְהֵרָה **meherah** (meh-hay-raw'); feminine of OT:4118; properly, a hurry; hence (adverbially) promptly:

KJV - hastily, quickly, shortly, soon, make (with) speed (-ily), swiftly.

fully set – OT:4390 מָלֵא **male'** (maw-lay'); or **mala'** (Est 7:5) (maw-law'); a primitive root, to fill or (intransitively) be full of, in a wide application (literally and figuratively):

KJV - accomplish, confirm, + consecrate, be at an end, be expired, be fenced, fill, fulfil, (be, become, ^x draw, give in, go) full (-ly, -ly set, tale), [over-] flow, fulness, furnish, gather (selves, together), presume, replenish, satisfy, set, space, take a [hand-] full, + have wholly.

Evil – OT:7451 רָע **ra`** (rah); from OT:7489; bad or (as noun) evil (natural or moral):

KJV - adversity, affliction, bad, calamity, + displease (-ure), distress, evil ([-favouredness], man, thing), + exceedingly, ^x great, grief (-vous), harm, heavy, hurt (-ful), ill (favoured), + mark, mischief (-vous), misery, naught (-ty), noisome, + not please, sad (-ly), sore, sorrow, trouble, vex, wicked (-ly, -ness, one), worse (-st), wretchedness, wrong. [Incl. feminine ra`ah; as adjective or noun.].

Matthew 24 ...parable of unwise servant

⁴⁵ Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season?

⁴⁶ Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing.

⁴⁷ Verily I say unto you, That he shall make him ruler over all his goods.

⁴⁸ But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming;

⁴⁹ And shall begin to smite his fellowservants, and to eat and drink with the drunken;

⁵⁰ The lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for him, and in an hour that he is not aware of,

⁵¹ And shall cut him asunder, and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites:

there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

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Wisdom of Works

To those who fear God

Ecclesiastes 8

¹² Though a sinner do evil an hundred times, and his days be prolonged [lengthened, made long], yet surely I know that **it shall be** [exist, come to pass] **well** [good] **with them that fear God**, which fear before Him:

Evil – [OT:7451](#) רַע ra` (rah); from [OT:7489](#); bad or (as noun) evil (natural or moral):

KJV - adversity, affliction, bad, calamity, + displease (-ure), distress, evil ([-favouredness], man, thing), + exceedingly, ^x great, grief (-vous), harm, heavy, hurt (-ful), ill (favoured), + mark, mischief (-vous), misery, naught (-ty), noisome, + not please, sad (-ly), sore, sorrow, trouble, vex, wicked (-ly, -ness, one), worse (-st), wretchedness, wrong. [Incl. feminine ra`ah; as adjective or noun.].

Fear – [OT:3372](#) יָרֵא yare' (yaw-ray'); a primitive root; to fear; morally, to revere; caus. to frighten:

KJV - affright, be (make) afraid, dread (-ful), (put in) fear (-ful, -fully, -ing), (be had in) reverence (-end), ^x see, terrible (act, -ness, thing).

James 3

¹³ Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him **shew out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom.**

Out of reverence for the LORD, a Wise man's Works, that are done, will glorify the LORD...Not Man.

To those who fear not God

Ecclesiastes 8

¹³ But it shall not be well [good] with the wicked, neither shall he prolong [lengthen] his days, which are as a shadow; because **he feareth not before God**.

Wicked – [OT:7563](#) רָשָׁע rasha` (raw-shaw'); from [OT:7561](#); morally wrong; concretely, an (actively) bad person:

KJV - + condemned, guilty, ungodly, wicked (man), that did wrong.

Shadow – [OT:6738](#) צֶלֶל tsel (tsale); from [OT:6751](#); shade, whether literal or figurative: **KJV** - defence, shade (-ow).

Feareth – [OT:3373](#) יָרֵא yare' (yaw-ray'); from [OT:3372](#); fearing; morally, reverent: **KJV** - afraid, fear (-ful).

1 Corinthians 13

³ And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and **have not charity**, it **profiteth me nothing**.

⁴ **Charity suffereth long**, and is **kind**; charity **envieth not**; charity **vaunteth not itself**, is **not puffed up**,

⁵ Doth not **behave itself unseemly**, seeketh not her own, is **not easily provoked**, **thinketh no evil**;

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Wisdom of Works (*cont*)

Vanity to both Wicked and Righteous

Ecclesiastes 8

¹⁴ There is a **vanity** which is done upon the earth; that there be **just men**, unto whom it **happeneth according to the work of the wicked**; again, there be **wicked men**, to whom it **happeneth according to the work of the righteous**: I said that **this also is vanity**.

Vanity – [OT:1892](#) הַבֶּל **hebel** (heh'bel); or (rarely in the abs.) **habel** (hab-ale'); from [OT:1891](#); emptiness or vanity; figuratively, something transitory and unsatisfactory; often used as an adverb: **KJV** - ^xaltogether, vain, vanity.

Just – [OT:6662](#) צַדִּיק **tsaddiyq** (tsad-deek'); from [OT:6663](#); just: **KJV** - just, lawful, righteous (man).

Wisdom of Works

God gives happiness

Ecclesiastes 8

¹⁵ Then I **commended mirth**, because a **man hath no better thing under the sun, than to eat, and to drink, and to be merry**: for that shall **abide with him of his labour the days of his life, which God giveth him under the sun**.

Commended – [OT:7623](#) שָׁבַח **shabach** (shaw-bakh'); a primitive root; properly, to **address in a loud tone**, i.e. (specifically) **loud**; figuratively, **to pacify** (as if by words): **KJV** - commend, glory, keep in, praise, still, triumph.

Mirth – [OT:8057](#) שִׂמְחָה **simchah** (sim-khaw'); from [OT:8056](#); blithesomeness or **glee** [**delight happiness pleasure joy elation cheerfulness**], (religious or festival): **KJV** - ^xexceeding (-ly), gladness, joy (-fulness), mirth, pleasure, rejoice (-ing).

Abide – [OT:3867](#) לָוַה **lavah** (law-vaw'); a primitive root; properly, to twine, i.e. (by implication) to unite, to remain; also to borrow (as a form of obligation) or (caus.) to lend: **KJV** - abide with, borrow (-er), cleave, join (self), lend (-er).

Proverbs 3

¹³ **Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding.**

Proverbs 28

¹⁴ **Happy is the man that feareth alway: but he that hardeneth his heart shall fall into mischief.**

Psalms 144

¹⁵ **Happy is that people, that is in such a case: yea, happy is that people, whose God is the LORD.**

James 5

¹¹ Behold, **we count them happy which endure**. Ye have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen **the end** of the Lord; that **the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy**.

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Wisdom of Works

Tirelessly

Ecclesiastes 8

¹⁶ When I **applied** [gave] **mine heart to know wisdom**, and to see the **business that is done** upon the earth: (for also there is that **neither day nor night seeth sleep with his eyes**.)

Business – [OT:6045](#) עֲנָן **`inyan** (in-yawn'); from [OT:6031](#); ado, i.e. (generally) employment or (specifically) a business affair: **KJV** - business, travail.

Knowing Wisdom, a wise men will do Works according to wisdom.

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Wisdom of the Knowledge of God

Ecclesiastes 8

¹⁷ Then I beheld all the **work of God**, that a man cannot find out the work that is done under the sun: because though a man labour to seek it out, yet he shall not find it; yea farther; though a wise man think to know it, yet shall he not be able to find it.

1 Corinthians 1

²⁰ Where is the wise? where is the scribe? where is the disputer of this world? hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world?

²¹ For after that in the **wisdom of God** the **world by wisdom knew not God**, it pleased God by the **foolishness of preaching** to save them that believe.

1 Corinthians 1

²⁵ Because the **foolishness of God is wiser than men**; and the **weakness of God is stronger than men**.

²⁶ For ye see **your calling**, brethren, how that **not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called**:

²⁷ But **God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise**; and God hath **chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty**;

²⁸ And **base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen**, yea, and **things which are not, to bring to nought things that are**:

²⁹ **That no flesh should glory in His presence.**

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Ephesians 3

Revealed

⁸ Unto me, who am less than the **least of all saints**, is this **grace given**, that I should **preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches** of Christ;

Spiritual fellowship

⁹ And to **make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God**, who created all things by Jesus Christ:

Abundant

¹⁰ To the intent that now unto the **principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold [abundant] wisdom of God**,

Purposeful

¹¹ According to the **eternal purpose which He purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord**:

Faithful

¹² In whom **we have boldness and access [unto the throne of God] with confidence by the faith of Him**.

Enduring ~ Does not fade

¹³ Wherefore **I desire that ye faint not at my tribulations for you, which is YOUR glory**.

Worshipful

¹⁴ For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

Those who are named by Him ~ given a new name written in heaven

¹⁵ Of whom the whole **family in heaven and earth is named**,

Spiritual Strength

¹⁶ That he would grant you, according to the **riches of his glory**, to be strengthened with might by His Spirit in the inner man;

Loves faithfully

¹⁷ That **Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith**; that ye, being **rooted and grounded in love**,

Understood

¹⁸ May be **able to comprehend with all saints** what is the **breadth, and length, and depth**, and height;

Knows the fulness of God

¹⁹ And to **know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge**, that ye might be **filled with all the fulness of God**.

Works by His power

²⁰ Now unto **Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us**,

Glorifies God

²¹ **Unto Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.**

In the END, the Wisdom of God Glorifies God

Ecclesiastes 9 – In the Hand of God

Works of Man

Ecclesiastes 9

¹For all this **I considered in [gave] my heart** even to declare all this, that **the righteous, and the wise, and their works, are in the hand of God**: no man knoweth either love or hatred by all that is before them.

Even to declare – [OT:952](#) בּוּרַבּ **buwr** (boor); a primitive root; to bore, i.e. (figuratively) examine: **KJV** - declare.

Righteous – [OT:6662](#) צַדִּיקִים **tsaddiyq** (tsad-deek'); from [OT:6663](#); just: **KJV** - just, lawful, righteous (man).

Works – [T:5652](#) עֲבָדָה **'abad** (ab-awd'); from [OT:5647](#); a deed: **KJV** - work.

Hand – [OT:3027](#) יָד **yad** (yawd); a primitive word; a hand (the open one [indicating power, means, direction, etc.], in distinction from [OT:3709](#), the closed one); used (as noun, adverb, etc.) in a great variety of applications, both literally and figuratively, both proximate and remote [as follows]:

KJV - (+be) able, ^xabout, + armholes, at, axletree, because of, beside, border, ^xbounty, + broad, [broken-] handed, ^xby, charge, coast, + consecrate, + creditor, custody, debt, dominion, ^xenough, + fellowship, force, ^xfrom, hand [-staves, -y work], ^xhe, himself, ^xin, labour, + large, ledge, [left-] handed, means, ^xmine, ministry, near, ^xof, ^xorder, ordinance, ^xour, parts, pain, power, ^xpresumptuously, service, side, sore, state, stay, draw with strength, stroke, + swear, terror, ^xthee, ^xby them, ^xthemselves, ^xthine own, ^xthou, through, ^xthrowing, + thumb, times, ^xto, ^xunder, ^xus, ^xwait on, [way-] side, where, + wide, ^xwith (him, me, you), work, + yield, ^xyourselves.

Love – [OT:160](#) אָהַבָה **'ahabah** (a-hab-aw); feminine of [OT:158](#) and meaning the same: **KJV** - love.

...from – [OT:158](#) אָהַב **'ahab** (ah'-hab); from [OT:157](#); affection (in a good or a bad sense): **KJV** - love (-r).

Before – [OT:6440](#) פְּנֵי **paniyim** (paw-neem'); plural (but always as singular) of an unused noun [paneh (paw-neh)]; from [OT:6437](#); the face (as the part that turns); used in a great variety of applications (literally and figuratively); also (with prepositional prefix) as a preposition (before, etc.):

KJV - + accept, a- before (-time), against, anger, ^xas (long as), at, + battle, + because (of), + beseech, countenance, edge, + employ, endure, + enquire, face, favour, fear of, for, forefront (-part), form (-er time, -ward), from, front, heaviness, ^xhim (-self), + honourable, + impudent, + in, it, look [-eth] (-s), ^xme, + meet, ^xmore than, mouth, of, off, (of) old (time), ^xon, open, + out of, over against, the partial, person, + please, presence, propect, was purposed, by reason of, + regard, right forth, + serve, ^xshewbread, sight, state, straight, + street, ^xthee, ^xthem (-selves), through (+-out), till, time (-s) past, (un-) to (-ward), + upon, upside (+down), with (-in, + -stand), ^xye, ^xyou.

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Works of Man (*cont*)

Ecclesiastes 9 (*cont*)

¹For all this **I considered in [gave] my heart** even to declare all this, that **the righteous, and the wise, and their works, are in the hand of God**: no man knoweth either love or hatred by all that is before in them.

Proverbs 10

¹² Hatred stirreth up strifes: but **love covereth all sins.**

Proverbs 27

¹ Boast not thyself of to morrow; for thou knowest **not** what a day may bring forth.

Matthew 6

³⁴ Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. **Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.**

No Man knows what to expect in His future from the hand of God ...But God.

James 4

¹² There is **one Lawgiver**, who is **able to save and to destroy**: who art thou that judgest another?

¹³ **Go to now, ye that say, To day or to morrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain:**

¹⁴ Whereas **ye know not what shall be on the morrow**. For **what is your life?** It is even **a vapour, that appeareth for a little time**, and then **vanisheth away.**

¹⁵ For that ye ought to say, **If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that.**

¹⁶ But **now ye rejoice in your boastings: all such rejoicing is evil.**

Boastings – [NT:212](#) ἀλαζονεία **alazoneia** (al-ad-zon-i'-a); from [NT:213](#); braggadocio, i.e. (by implication) self-confidence: **KJV** - boasting, pride.
Evil – [NT:4190](#) πονηρός **poneros** (pon-ay-ros'); from a derivative of [NT:4192](#); hurtful, i.e. evil (properly, in effect or influence, and thus differing from [NT:2556](#), which refers rather to essential character, as well as from [NT:4550](#), which indicates degeneracy from original virtue); figuratively, calamitous; also (passively) ill, i.e. diseased; but especially (morally) culpable, i.e. derelict, vicious, facinorous; neuter (singular) mischief, malice, or (plural) guilt; masculine (singular) the devil, or (plural) sinners: **KJV** - bad, evil, grievous, harm, lewd, malicious, wicked (-ness).

Ecclesiastes 9 – In the Hand of God

Life of Man

Ecclesiastes 9

² **All things come alike to all: there is one event to the righteous [just], and to the wicked; to the good and to the clean, and to the unclean; to him that sacrificeth, and to him that sacrificeth not: as is the good, so is the sinner; and he that swareth, as he that feareth an oath [something sworn].**

Event - [OT:4745](#) מִקְרָהּ **miqreh** (mik-reh'); from [OT:7136](#); something met with, i.e. an accident [unfortunate] or fortune:

KJV - something befallen, befaller, chance, event, hap (-peneth).

Wicked - [OT:7563](#) רָשָׁע **rasha`** (raw-shaw'); from [OT:7561](#); morally wrong; concretely, an (actively) bad person:

KJV - * condemned, guilty, ungodly, wicked (man), that did wrong.

Clean - [OT:2889](#) טָהוֹר **tahowr** (taw-hore'); or **tahor** (taw-hore'); from [OT:2891](#); pure (in a physical, chemical, ceremonial or moral sense): **KJV** - clean, fair, pure (-ness).

Unclean - [OT:2931](#) טָמֵא **tame'** (taw-may'); from [OT:2930](#); foul in a relig. sense:

KJV - defiled, * infamous, polluted (-tion), unclean.

Sacrificeth - [OT:2076](#) זָבַח **zabach** (zaw-bakh'); a primitive root; to slaughter an animal (usually in sacrifice): **KJV** - kill, offer, (do) sacrifice, slay.

Sinner - [OT:2398](#) חָטָא **chata'** (khaw-taw'); a primitive root; properly, to miss; hence (figuratively and generally) to sin; by inference, to forfeit, lack, expiate, repent, (causatively) lead astray, condemn:

KJV - bear the blame, cleanse, commit [sin], by fault, harm he hath done, loss, miss, (make) offend (-er), offer for sin, purge, purify (self), make reconciliation, (cause, make) sin (-ful, -ness), trespass.

Swareth - [OT:7650](#) שָׁבַע **shaba`** (shaw-bah'); a primitive root; propr. to be complete, but used only as a denominative from [OT:7651](#); to seven oneself, i.e. swear (as if by repeating a declaration seven times):

KJV - adjure, charge (by an oath, with an oath), feed to the full [by mistake for [OT:7646](#)], take an oath, * straitly, (cause to, make to) swear.

Feareth - [OT:3372](#) יָרָא **yare'** (yaw-ray'); a primitive root; to fear; morally, to revere; caus. to frighten:

KJV - affright, be (make) afraid, dread (-ful), (put in) fear (-ful, -fully, -ing), (be had in) reverence (-end), * see, terrible (act, -ness, thing).

Ecclesiastes 3

¹¹ He hath made every thing beautiful in His time: also **He hath set the world in their heart**, so that **no man can find out** the work that God maketh from **the beginning to the end**.

Ecclesiastes 9 – In the Hand of God

Life of Man (*cont*)

Ecclesiastes 9 (*cont*)

² **All things come alike to all: there is one event to the righteous [just], and to the wicked; to the good and to the clean, and to the unclean; to him that sacrificeth, and to him that sacrificeth not: as is the good, so is the sinner; and he that swaureth, as he that feareth an oath [something sworn].**

2 Corinthians 11

¹⁸ Seeing that many **glory after the flesh**, I will glory also.

¹⁹ For ye **suffer fools gladly, seeing ye yourselves are wise**.

²⁰ For ye suffer, if a man bring you into **bondage**, if a man **devour** you, if a man **take** of you, if a man **exalt himself**, if a man **smite you on the face**.

²¹ I speak as concerning reproach, **as though we had been weak**. Howbeit whereinsoever any is bold, (I speak foolishly,) I am bold also.

²² Are they Hebrews? so am I. Are they Israelites? so am I. Are they the seed of Abraham? so am I.

²³ Are they ministers of Christ? (I speak as a fool) I am more; in labours more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequent, in deaths oft.

²⁴ Of the Jews **five times** received I **forty stripes** save one.

²⁵ **Thrice** was I **beaten with rods**, **once** was I **stoned**, **thrice** I suffered **shipwreck**, a night and a day I have been in the deep;

²⁶ In journeyings often, in **perils of waters**, in **perils of robbers**, in **perils by mine own countrymen**, in **perils by the heathen**, in **perils in the city**, in **perils in the wilderness**, in **perils in the sea**, in **perils among false brethren**;

²⁷ In **weariness** and **painfulness**, in **watchings** often, in **hunger** and **thirst**, in **fastings** often, in **cold** and **nakedness**.

²⁸ Beside those **things that are without**, that which **cometh upon me daily**, the **care of all the churches**.

²⁹ **Who is weak**, and **I am not weak** [feeble]? who is **offended** [displeased, enticed to sin], and **I burn** [anger] not?

All things, being events, in life come to mankind alike irrespective of whether they are godly or ungodly.

1 Peter 3

¹³ And who is he that will harm you, if ye be followers of that which is good?

¹⁴ But and if ye suffer for righteousness' sake, happy are ye: and be not afraid of their terror, neither be troubled;

¹⁵ But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:

¹⁶ Having a good conscience; that, whereas they speak evil of you, as of evildoers, they may be ashamed that falsely accuse your good conversation in Christ.

¹⁷ For it is better, if the will of God be so, that ye suffer for well doing, than for evil doing.

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Life of Man (*cont*)

Ecclesiastes 9

³This is an **evil among all things** that are done under the sun, that **there is one event unto all: yea, also the heart of the sons of men is full of evil, and madness is in their heart while they live [are alive], and after that they go to the dead [die].**

Sun - [OT:8121](#) שֶׁמֶשׁ **shemesh** (sheh'-mesh); from an unused root meaning to be brilliant; the sun; by implication, the east; figuratively, a ray, i.e. (arch.) a notched battlement:

KJV - + east side (-ward), sun ([rising]), + west (-ward), window. See also [OT:1053](#).

Event - [OT:4745](#) מִקְרֵה **miqreh** (mik-reh'); from [OT:7136](#); something met with, i.e. an accident [unfortunate] or fortune:

KJV - something befallen, befaller, chance, event, hap (-peneth).

Madness - [OT:1947](#) הוֹלָלָה **howlelah** (ho-lay-law'); feminine active participle of [OT:1984](#); folly: **KJV** - madness.

Psalm 141

⁴**Incline not my heart to any evil thing**, to practise wicked works with men that work iniquity: and let me not eat of their dainties.

Mark 7

²⁰And he said, **That which cometh out of the man, that defileth the man.**

²¹For from **within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders,**

²²**Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness:**

²³All these **evil things come from within, and defile the man**

Jeremiah 17

⁹**The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked:** who can know it?

Hope of Man

Ecclesiastes 9

⁴For to **him that is joined to all the living [alive] there is hope:** for a **living dog is better than a dead lion.**

Joined - [OT:2266](#) חָבַר **chabar** (khaw-bar'); a primitive root; to join (literally or figuratively); specifically (by means of spells) to fascinate:

KJV - charm (-er), be compact, couple (together), have fellowship with, heap up, join (self, together), league.

Hope - [OT:986](#) בִּטְחוֹן **bittachown** (bit-taw-khone'); from [OT:982](#); trust:

KJV - confidence, hope.

Ecclesiastes 9 – In the Hand of God

Life of Man (*cont*)

Ecclesiastes 9 (*cont*)

⁴For to **him that is joined** to all the living [alive] there is **hope**: for a **living dog** is better than a **dead lion**.

Ephesians 2

¹¹Wherefore remember, that ye **being in time past Gentiles in the flesh**, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision **in the flesh made by hands**;

¹²That at that time ye were **without Christ**, being **aliens from the commonwealth of Israel**, and **strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope**, and **without God in the world**:

¹³But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.

Romans 8

²⁴For we are saved by hope: but **hope that is seen is not hope**: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for?

²⁵But if we **hope for that we see not**, then do we with patience wait for it.

The Hope of man is to those who are just and unjust, as long as they live.

Proverbs 14

¹⁴The **backslider in heart shall be filled with his own ways**: and a good man shall be satisfied from himself.

Psalm 37

⁴Delight thyself also in the LORD: and He shall give thee the **desires of thine heart**.

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Death of Man

Ecclesiastes 9

⁵ For the **living know that they shall die**: but the **dead** [them that have died] **know not any thing**, neither have they any more a **reward**; for the **memory [remembrance] of them is forgotten**.

Any thing - [OT:3972](#) מְאִימָה **meuwmah** (meh-oo'-maw); apparently a form of [OT:3971](#); properly, a speck or point, i.e. (by implication) something; with negative, nothing: **KJV** - fault, + no (-ught), ought, somewhat, any ([no-]) thing.

Reward - [OT:7939](#) שָׂכָר **sakar** (saw-kawr'); from [OT:7936](#); payment of contract; concretely, salary, fare, maintenance; by implication, compensation, benefit: **KJV** - hire, price, reward [-ed], wages, worth.

Forgotten - [OT:7911](#) שָׁכַח **shakach** (shaw-kakh'); or **shakeach** (shaw-kay'-akh); a primitive root; to mislay, i.e. to be oblivious of, from want of memory or attention: **KJV** - ^x at all, (cause to) forget.

Colossians 3

²⁴ Knowing that **of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance [in the kingdom of God, Heavenly reward of the LORD!]**: for ye serve the Lord Christ.

After the life of man, just or unjust, he is no longer remembered as soon as he dies.

Psalm 90

⁹ For all our days are passed away in thy wrath: **we spend our years as a tale that is told.**

Psalm 16

⁵ The **LORD is the portion of mine inheritance** and of my cup: thou maintainest my lot.

Psalm 17

¹³ Arise, O LORD, **disappoint him, cast him down: deliver my soul from the wicked, which is thy sword:**

¹⁴ From **men which are thy hand**, O LORD, from **men of the world**, which have **their portion in this life**, and whose belly thou fillest with thy hid treasure: they are **full of children**, and **leave the rest of their substance to their babes.**

¹⁵ As for me, **I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness.**

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Portions of Man

Ecclesiastes 9

⁶ Also their love, and their hatred, and their envy, is now **perished**; neither have they any more a portion [allotment] for ever in any thing that is done under the sun.

Now - [OT:3528](#) כֶּבֶר **kebar** (keb-awr'); from [OT:3527](#); properly, extent of time, i.e. a great while; hence, long ago, formerly, hitherto: **KJV** - already, (seeing that which), now.

Perished - [OT:6](#) אָבַד **'abad** (aw-bad'); a primitive root; properly, to wander away, i.e. lose oneself; by implication to perish (causative, destroy):

KJV - break, destroy (-uction), + not escape, fail, lose, (cause to, make) perish, spend, ^x and surely, take, be undone, ^x utterly, be void of, have no way to flee.

Vanishing point - [OT:5769](#) עוֹלָם **'owlam** (o-lawm'); or `olam (o-lawm'); from [OT:5956](#); properly, concealed, i.e. the vanishing point; generally, time out of mind (past or future), i.e. (practically) eternity; frequently, adverbial (especially with prepositional prefix) always:

KJV - always (-s), ancient (time), any more, continuance, eternal, (for, [n-]) ever (-lasting, -more, of old), lasting, long (time), (of) old (time), perpetual, at any time, (beginning of the) world (+without end). Compare [OT:5331](#), [OT:5703](#).

1 Corinthians 15

²⁷ For He hath put all things under His feet. But when He saith all things are put under Him, it is manifest that **He is excepted**, which did put all things under Him.

Proverbs 11

⁷ When a wicked man dieth, his **expectation shall perish**: and the **hope of unjust men perisheth**.

Psalm 9

¹⁸ For the **needy shall not always be forgotten**: the **expectation of the poor shall not perish for ever**.

Psalm 10

¹⁶ The **LORD is King for ever and ever**: the **heathen are perished out of his land**.

All things acquainted with this life of a man are forever past and perish after death.

Proverbs 24

²⁰ For **there shall be no reward to the evil man**; the **candle of the wicked shall be put out**.

Isaiah 3

¹¹ **Woe unto the wicked!** it shall be ill with him: for the **reward of his hands shall be given him**.

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Way of Just Man

Ecclesiastes 9

⁷ **Go thy way**, eat thy bread **with joy**, and drink thy wine with a **merry heart**; for **God now accepteth thy works** [actions].

Accepteth - [OT:7521](#) **רָצַח** **ratsah** (raw-tsaw'); a primitive root; to be pleased with; specifically, to satisfy a debt:

KJV - (be) accept (-able), accomplish, set affection, approve, consent with, delight (self), enjoy, (be, have a) favour (-able), like, observe, pardon, (be, have, take) please (-ure), reconcileself.

Jesus Christ is the Way, the Truth, and the Life

Psalm 19

¹⁴ Let the **words of my mouth**, and the **meditation of my heart**, be **acceptable** in thy sight, O **LORD**, my strength, and my redeemer.

Isaiah 49

⁸ Thus saith the **LORD**, In an **acceptable time** have I **heard thee**, and in a **day of salvation** have I **helped thee**: and I will **preserve thee**, and **give thee for a covenant of the people**, to **establish the earth**, to cause to **inherit the desolate heritages**;

Isaiah 61

¹ The **Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me**; because the **LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek**; he hath **sent me to bind up the brokenhearted**, to **proclaim liberty to the captives**, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound;

² To **proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD**, and the **day of vengeance** of our God; to **comfort all that mourn**;

³ To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called **trees of righteousness**, the **planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified**.

Luke 4

¹⁹ To **preach the acceptable [approved, favorable] year** of the **Lord**.

Ephesians 5

¹⁰ **Proving [approving, examining] what is acceptable [fully agreeable]** unto the **Lord**.

Ecclesiastes 9 – In the Hand of God

Ordination of Just Man

Ecclesiastes 9

⁸ Let thy garments be **always white**; and let thy head lack no ointment.

Garments - [OT:899](#) בְּגָדִים **beged** (behg'-ed); from [OT:898](#); a covering, i.e. clothing; also treachery or pillage:

KJV - apparel, cloth (-esing,), garment, lap, rag, raiment, robe, ^xvery [treacherously], vesture, wardrobe.

Ointment - [OT:8081](#) שֶׁמֶן **shemen** (sheh'-men); from [OT:8080](#); grease, especially liquid (as from the olive, often perfumed); figuratively, richness:

KJV - anointing, ^xfat (things), ^xfruitful, oil ([-ed]), ointment, olive, + pine.

Ephesians 2

¹⁰ For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

Jude 1

4 For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.

God hath before ordained that we should walk in them

Happiness of Man

Ecclesiastes 9

⁹ Live joyfully with the wife whom thou lovest [ahab ~ have affection for] all the days of the life of thy vanity, which He hath given thee under the sun, all the days of thy vanity: for that is thy portion [allotment] in this life, and in thy labour [toil, i.e., wearing effort] which thou takest under the sun.

Joyfully - [OT:7200](#) רָאָה **ra'ah** (raw-aw'); a primitive root; to see, literally or figuratively (in numerous applications, direct and implied, transitive, intransitive and causative):

KJV - adviseseff, appear, approve, behold, ^xcertainly, consider, discern, (make to) enjoy, have experience, gaze, take heed, ^xindeed, ^xjoyfully, lo, look (on, one another, one on another, one upon another, out, up, upon), mark, meet, ^xbe near, perceive, present, provide, regard, (have) respect, (fore-, cause to, let) see (-r, -m, one another), shew (self), ^xsight of others, (e-) spy, stare, ^xsurely, ^xthink, view, visions.

Endeavors of Man

Ecclesiastes 9

¹⁰ Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest.

Whatsoever you put your hand forth to do, do it with all your might!

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Incidents of Man

Ecclesiastes 9

¹¹ I returned, and saw under the sun, that the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, neither yet bread to the wise, nor yet riches to men of understanding, nor yet favour to men of skill; but time and chance happeneth to them all.

Race – OT:4793 – merowts (may-rotēs'); from OT:7323; a run (the trial of speed):

KJV - race.

...from – OT:7323 – ruwts (roots); a primitive root; to run (for whatever reason, especially to rush):

KJV - break down, divide speedily, footman, guard, bring hastily, (make) run (away, through), post.

Swift – OT:7031 – qal (kal); contracted from OT:7043; light; (by implication) rapid (also adverbial):

KJV - light, swift (-ly).

...from – OT:7043 – qalal (kaw-lal'); a primitive root; to be (causatively, make) light, literally (swift, small, sharp, etc.) or figuratively (easy, trifling, vile, etc.):

KJV - abate, make bright, bring into contempt, (ac-) curse, despise, (be) ease (-y, -ier), (be a, make, make somewhat, move, seem a, set) light (-en, -er, -ly, -ly afflict, -ly esteem, thing), X slight [-ly], be swift (-er), (be, be more, make, re-) vile, whet.

Wise – OT:2450 – chakam (khaw-kawm'); from OT:2449; wise, (i.e. intelligent, skilful or artful):

KJV - cunning (man), subtil, ([un-]), wise ([hearted], man).

Understanding – OT:995 – biyn (bene); a primitive root; to separate mentally (or distinguish), i.e.(generally) understand:

KJV - attend, consider, be cunning, diligently, direct, discern, eloquent, feel, inform, instruct, have intelligence, know, look well to, mark, perceive, be prudent, regard, (can) skill (-full), teach, think, (cause, make to, get, give, have) understand (-ing), view, (deal) wise (-ly, man).

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Skill – OT:3045 – yada` (yaw-dah'); a primitive root; to know (properly, to ascertain by seeing); used in a great variety of senses, figuratively, literally, euphemistically and inferentially (including observation, care, recognition; and causatively, instruction, designation, punishment, etc.) [as follow]:

KJV - acknowledge, acquaintance (-ted with), advise, answer, appoint, assuredly, be aware, [un-] awares, can [-not], certainly, comprehend, consider, X could they, cunning, declare, be diligent, (can, cause to) discern, discover, endued with, familiar friend, famous, feel, can have, be [ig-] norant, instruct, kinsfolk, kinsman, (cause to let, make) know, (come to give, have, take) knowledge, have [knowledge], (be, make, make to be, makeself) known, + be learned, + lie by man, mark, perceive, privy to, X prognosticator, regard, have respect, skilful, shew, can (man of) skill, be sure, of a surety, teach, (can) tell, understand, have [understanding], X will be, wist, wit, wot.

We are all in the race to finish....not win. We have already won!

!...no matter what happens in life.

We, that finish the race, have the Victory!

Ecclesiastes 9 – In the Hand of God

Incidents of Man (*cont*)

Ecclesiastes 9 (*cont*)

¹¹ I returned, and saw under the sun, that the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, neither yet bread to the wise, nor yet riches to men of understanding, nor yet favour to men of skill; but time and chance happeneth to them all.

Time – OT:6256 – `eth (ayth); from OT:5703; time, esp (adverb with preposition) now, when, etc.: KJV - + after, [al-] ways, X certain, + continually, + evening, long, (due) season, so [long] as, [evening-, evening-, noon-] tide, ([meal-]), what) time, when.

...from – OT:5703 – `ad (ad); from OT:5710; properly, a (peremptory) terminus, i.e. (by implication) duration, in the sense of advance or perpetuity (substantially as a noun, either with or without a preposition):

KJV - eternity, ever (-lasting, -more), old, perpetually, + world without end.

...from – OT:5710 – `adah (aw-daw'); a primitive root; to advance, i.e. pass on or continue; causatively, to remove; specifically, to bedeck (i.e. bring an ornament upon):

KJV - adorn, deck (self), pass by, take away.

Chance – OT:6294 – pega` (peh'-gah); from OT:6293; impact (casual): KJV - chance, occurrence.

...from – OT:6293 – paga` (paw-gah'); a primitive root; to impinge, by accident or violence, or (figuratively) by importunity: KJV - come (betwixt), cause to entreat, fall (upon), make intercession, intercessor, intreat, lay, light [upon], meet (together), pray, reach, run.

Incidents Happen!

1 Corinthians 9

²³ And this I do for the gospel's sake, that I might be partaker thereof with you.

²⁴ Know ye not that **they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize?** So run, that ye may obtain.

²⁵ And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible.

Days of Man

Ecclesiastes 9

¹² For man also knoweth not his time [knows not time of death]: as the fishes that are taken in an evil net [captured], and as the birds [little hopping bird] that are caught [seized] in the snare; so are the sons of men snared [ensnared] in an evil time, when it **falleth suddenly [instantly] upon them.**

Snare - OT:6341 פח **pach** (pakh); from OT:6351; a (metallic) sheet (as pounded thin); also a spring net (as spread out like a lamina): **KJV** - gin, (thin) plate, snare.

The End will come and suddenly to those who ignore the impending wrath.

Ecclesiastes 9 – In the Hand of God

Wisdom of Man

Ecclesiastes 9

¹³ This **wisdom** have I seen also under the sun, and it **seemed [exceedingly] great unto me:**

Great - [OT:1419](#) גָּדוֹל **gadowl** (gaw-dole'); or (shortened) **gadol** (gaw-dole'); from [OT:1431](#); great (in any sense); hence, older; also insolent:

KJV - + aloud, elder (-est), + exceeding (-ly), + far, (man of) great (man, matter, thingerness,-,-), high, long, loud, mighty, more, much, noble, proud thing, ^x sore, (X) very.

Expectations of Man

Great

Ecclesiastes 9

¹⁴ There was a **little city**, and **few men** within it; and there came a **great king** against it, and **besieged** it, and **built great bulwarks** against it [the city]:

Besieged - [OT:5437](#) סָבַב **cabab** (saw-bab'); a primitive root; to revolve, surround, or border; used in various applications, literally and figuratively (as follows):

KJV - bring, cast, fetch, lead, make, walk, ^x whirl, ^x round about, be about on every side, apply, avoid, beset (about), besiege, bring again, carry (about), change, cause to come about, ^x circuit, (fetch a) compass (about, round), drive, environ, ^x on every side, beset (close, come, compass, go, stand) round about, inclose, remove, return, set, sit down, turn (self) (about, aside, away, back).

Bulwarks - [OT:4685](#) מְצוּדָה **matsowd** (maw-tsode'); or (feminine) **metsowdah** (mets-o-daw'); or **metsodah** (mets-o-daw'); from [OT:6679](#); a net (for capturing animals or fishes):

KJV - also (by interchange for [OT:4679](#)) a fastness or (beseiging) tower:

KJV - bulwark, hold, munition, net, snare.

Small

Ecclesiastes 9

¹⁵ Now there was found in it a **poor wise man**, and he by his **wisdom delivered the city; yet no man remembered that same poor man.**

Poor - [OT:4542](#) מִכְנֵה **micken** (mis-kane'); from [OT:5531](#); indigent: **KJV** - poor (man).

The greater wisdom

Ecclesiastes 9

¹⁶ Then said I, **Wisdom is better than strength: nevertheless the poor man's wisdom is despised, and his words are not heard.**

Poor - [OT:4542](#) מִכְנֵה **micken** (mis-kane'); from [OT:5531](#); indigent: **KJV** - poor (man).

Strength - [OT:1369](#) גְּבוּרָה **gebuwrah** (gheb-oo-raw'); feminine passive participle from the same as [OT:1368](#); force (literally or figuratively); by implication, valor, victory: **KJV** - force, mastery, might, mighty (act, power), power, strength.

Despised - [OT:959](#) בָּזָה **bazah** (baw-zaw'); a primitive root; to disesteem:

KJV - despise, disdain, contemn (-ptible), + think to scorn, vile person.

Ecclesiastes 9 – In the Hand of God

Words of Man

Ecclesiastes 9

¹⁷The Words of wise men are heard in quiet more than the cry [shriek, outcry] of him that ruleth among fools.

Quiet - [OT:5183](#) נָחַת **Nachath** (nakh'-ath); from [OT:5182](#); a descent [fall], i.e. imposition, unfavorable (punishment) or favorable (food); also (intransitively); perhaps from [OT:5117](#)), restfulness:

KJV - lighting down, quiet (-ness), to rest, be set on.

Fools - [OT:3684](#) כְּסִיף **keciyl** (kes-eel'); from [OT:3688](#); properly, fat, i.e. (figuratively) stupid or silly: **KJV** - fool (-ish).

Wise Words of God speak volumes...in either sense!

Weapons of Man

Ecclesiastes 9

¹⁸Wisdom is better than weapons of war [hostile encounter]: but one sinner destroyeth much [increase, abundance] good.

Wisdom - [OT:2451](#) חֹכְמָה **chokmah** (khok-maw'); from [OT:2449](#); wisdom (in a good sense): **KJV** - skilful, wisdom, wisely, wit.

Weapons - [OT:3627](#) כֵּלִי **keliy** (kel-ee'); from [OT:3615](#); something prepared, i.e. any apparatus (as an implement, utensil, dress, vessel or weapon):

KJV - armour ([-bearer]), artillery, bag, carriage, + furnish, furniture, instrument, jewel, that is made of, ^xone from another, that which pertaineth, pot, + psaltery, sack, stuff, thing, tool, vessel, ware, weapon, + whatsoever.

Sinner - [OT:2398](#) חָטָא **chata'** (khaw-taw'); a primitive root; properly, to miss; hence (figuratively and generally) to sin; by inference, to forfeit, lack, expiate, repent, (causatively) lead astray, condemn:

KJV - bear the blame, cleanse, commit [sin], by fault, harm he hath done, loss, miss, (make) offend (-er), offer for sin, purge, purify (self), make reconciliation, (cause, make) sin (-ful, -ness), trespass.

Destroyeth - [OT:6](#) אָבַד **'abad** (aw-bad'); a primitive root; properly, to wander away, i.e. lose oneself; by implication to perish (causative, destroy):

KJV - break, destroy (-uction), ⁺not escape, fail, lose, (cause to, make) perish, spend, ^xand surely, take, be undone, ^xutterly, be void of, have no way to flee.

2 Corinthians 10

³For though we walk in the flesh, we do **not** war after the flesh:

⁴(For the **weapons of our warfare are not carnal**, but mighty through God to the **pulling down of strong holds**;))

⁵**Casting down imaginations**, and every **high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God**, and **bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ**;

*It takes one unjust man to destroy, and it takes just one wise man to restore all!
Men, good and the evil, are in the Hand of God to do His will for His glory. Amen*

Ecclesiastes 10 - A Foolish Way

Reputation of a fool

They Stink

Ecclesiastes 10

¹ **Dead flies cause the ointment of the apothecary to send forth a stinking savour: so doth a little folly [silliness] him that is in reputation for wisdom and honour.**

Ointment - [OT:8081](#) שֶׁמֶן **shemen** (sheh'-men); from [OT:8080](#); grease, especially liquid (as from the olive, often perfumed); figuratively, richness:

KJV - anointing, ^x fat (things), ^x fruitful, oil ([-ed]), ointment, olive, ⁺ pine.

Apothecary - [OT:7543](#) רִקְחַת **raqach** (raw-kakh'); a primitive root; to perfume:

KJV - apothecary, compound, make [ointment], prepare, spice.

Savour - [OT:887](#) שָׂאֵשׁ **ba'ash** (baw-ash'); a primitive root; to smell bad;

figuratively, to be offensive morally:

KJV - (make to) be abhorred (had in abomination, loathsome, odious), (cause a, make to) stink (-ing savour), ^x utterly.

Reputation - [OT:3368](#) יָקָר **yaqar** (yaw-kawr'); from [OT:3365](#); valuable (obj. or subj.):

-brightness, clear, costly, excellent, fat, honourable women, precious, reputation.

Honour - [OT:3519](#) כְּבוֹד **kabowd** (kaw-bode'); rarely kabod (kaw-bode'); from [OT:3513](#); properly, weight, but only figuratively in a good sense, splendor or copiousness: -glorious (-ly), glory, honour (-able).

The expression “A fly in the ointment” is a reference to a small but irritating flaw that spoils the whole thing

...An ill spoken word, in an otherwise joyful gathering, that taints the whole occasion.

Just one evil word or work flaws an otherwise good statement or occasion.

Dark side of a fool

They're Cross-Eyed

Ecclesiastes 10

² **A wise man's heart is at his right hand [strong side]; but a fool's [stupid or silly one's] heart at his left [dark side].**

Matthew 25

³² **And before Him shall be gathered all nations:** and He shall separate them one from another, as a Shepherd divideth His sheep from the goats:

³³ **And He shall set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left.**

³⁴ **Then shall the King say unto them on His right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:**

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Words of a fool

Silly

Ecclesiastes 10

³ Yea also, when he that is a fool walketh by the way [road; fig course of life], his wisdom faileth [is lacking] him, and he saith to every one that he is a fool.

Fool - [OT:5530](#) לְכוֹל **chakal** (saw-kawl'); from [OT:5528](#); silly:

KJV - fool (-ish), sottish.

A foolish man walks by the way, but not in the way of the LORD.

Proverbs 12

¹⁵ The **way of a fool** is **right in his own eyes**: but he that **hearkeneth unto counsel is wise**.

Proverbs 26

⁴ Answer not a fool according to his folly, lest thou also be like unto him.

⁵ Answer a fool according to his folly, lest he be **wise in his own conceit**.

Proverbs 14

⁸ The **wisdom of the prudent [wise]** is to understand his way: but the **folly of fools is deceit**.

Proverbs 19

³ The **foolishness of man perverteth his way**: and his heart fretteth against the LORD.

Offence of fools

Ecclesiastes 10

⁴ If the spirit [ruwach ~ life, wind] of the ruler rise up against thee, leave not thy place [spot, stand, mind]; for yielding pacifieth great offences.

Yielding – [OT:4832](#) מַרְפֵּי **marpe'** (mar-pay'); from [OT:7495](#); properly, curative, i.e. literally (concretely) a medicine, or (abstractly) a cure; figuratively (concretely) deliverance, or (abstractly) placidity:

KJV - ([in-]) cure (-able), healing (-lth), remedy, sound, wholesome, yielding.

Pacifieth – [OT:3240](#) יָנַח **yanach** (yaw-nakh'); a primitive root; to deposit; by implication, to allow to stay:

KJV - bestow, cast down, lay (down, up), leave (off), let alone (remain), pacify, place, put, set (down), suffer, withdraw, withhold. (The Hiphil forms with the dagesh are here referred to, in accordance with the older grammarians; but if any distinction of the kind is to be made, these should rather be referred to [OT:5117](#), and the others here.)

Offences - [OT:2399](#) חֵטִי' **chet'** (khate); from [OT:2398](#); a crime or its penalty:

KJV - fault, ^x grievously, offence, (punishment of) sin.

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Offence of fools (*cont*)

Matthew 5

²⁵ **Agree with thine adversary quickly, whiles thou art in the way with him; lest at any time the adversary deliver thee to the judge, and the judge deliver thee to the officer, and thou be cast into prison.**

²⁶ **Verily I say unto thee, Thou shalt by no means come out thence, till thou hast paid the uttermost farthing.**

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Status of fools

Ecclesiastes 10

⁵ There is an evil which I have seen under the sun, as an error which **proceedeth from the ruler**:
Error - [OT:7684](#) שְׁגָגָה **shegagah** (sheg-aw-gaw'); from [OT:7683](#); a mistake or inadvertent transgression: **KJV** - error, ignorance, at unawares; unwittingly.
Ruler - [OT:7989](#) שַׁלְיָיִט **shaliyt** (shal-leet'); from [OT:7980](#); potent; concretely, a prince or warrior: **KJV** - governor, mighty, that hath power, ruler.

Ecclesiastes 10

⁶ **Folly [silliness] is set in great dignity** [elevation], and the **rich sit in low place** [humble ranks].

Ecclesiastes 10

⁷ I have seen **servants upon horses**, and **princes walking as servants** upon the earth.

Pitfall of fools

Ecclesiastes 10

⁸ **He that diggeth a pit shall fall into it; and whoso breaketh** [break out/through] **an hedge**, a serpent [hissing snake] shall **bite** him.

Diggeth - [OT:2658](#) חָפַר **chaphar** (khaw-far'); a primitive root; properly, to pry into; by implication, to delve, to explore: **KJV** - dig, paw, search out, seek.

Hedge - [OT:1447](#) גָּדֵר **gader** (gaw-dare'); from [OT:1443](#); a circumvallation; by implication, an inclosure: **KJV** - fence, hedge, wall.

Bite - [OT:5391](#) נָשַׁק **nashak** (naw-shak'); a primitive root; to strike with a sting (as a serpent); figuratively, to oppress with interest on a loan: **KJV** - bite, lend upon usury.

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Precipice of fools

Ecclesiastes 10

⁹ Whoso removeth stones shall be hurt therewith; and he that cleaveth wood shall be endangered [cut himself] thereby.

Removeth - [OT:5265](#) נָסַח **naca`** (naw-sah'); a primitive root; properly, to pull up, especially the tent-pins, i.e. start on a journey:

KJV - cause to blow, bring, get, (make to) go (away, forth, forward, onward, out), (take) journey, march, remove, set aside (forward), *still, be on his (go their) way.

Stones - [OT:68](#) אֶבֶן **'eben** (eh'-ben); from the root of [OT:1129](#) through the meaning to build; a stone:

KJV - + carbuncle, + mason, + plummet, [chalk-, hail-, head-, sling-] stone (-ny), (divers) weight (-s).

Hurt - [OT:6087](#) אָצַב **`atsab** (aw-tsab'); a primitive root; properly, to carve, i.e. fabricate or fashion; hence (in a bad sense) to worry, pain or anger:

KJV - displease, grieve, hurt, make, be sorry, vex, worship, wrest.

Cleaveth - [OT:1234](#) בָּקַע **baqa`** (baw-kah'); a primitive root; to cleave; generally, to rend, break, rip or open:

KJV - make a breach, break forth (into, out, in pieces, through, up), be ready to burst, cleave (asunder), cut out, divide, hatch, rend (asunder), rip up, tear, win.

Endangered - [OT:5533](#) סָכַן **cakan** (saw-kan'); probably a denominative from

[OT:7915](#); properly, to cut, i.e. damage; also to grow (causatively, make) poor:

KJV - endanger, impoverish.

Matthew 16

¹⁸ And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and **upon this rock [Revelation Of Christ our King, Jesus is the Everlasting Father manifest in Jesus Christ] I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.**

Romans 15

¹⁹ Through mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God; so that from Jerusalem, and round about unto Illyricum, I have **fully preached the gospel of Christ.**

²⁰ Yea, so have I strived to **preach the gospel, not where Christ was named, lest I should build upon another man's foundation:**

1 Corinthians 3

¹¹ For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

¹² Now if any man **build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble;**

¹³ **Every man's work shall be made manifest:** for the day shall declare it, because it shall be **revealed by fire;** and the **fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.**

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Profit of fools

Ecclesiastes 10

¹⁰ If the iron [implement for cutting] be **blunt**, and he do not whet [sharpen] the **edge** [face], then must he put to more **strength** [force]: but wisdom is **profitable to direct**.

Blunt - [OT:6949](#) קָהָה **qahah** (kaw-haw'); a primitive root; to be dull:

KJV - be set on edge, be blunt.

Edge - [OT:6440](#) פָּנִים **paniyim** (paw-neem'); plural (but always as singular) of an unused noun [paneh (paw-neh)]; from [OT:6437](#); the face (as the part that turns); used in a great variety of applications (literally and figuratively); also (with prepositional prefix) as a preposition (before, etc.):

KJV - + accept, a- before (-time), against, anger, X as (long as), at, + battle, + because (of), + beseech, countenance, edge, + employ, endure, + enquire, face, favour, fear of, for, forefront (-part), form (-er time, -ward), from, front, heaviness, X him (-self), + honourable, + impudent, + in, it, look [-eth] (-s), X me, + meet, X more than, mouth, of, off, (of) old (time), X on, open, + out of, over against, the partial, person, + please, presence, propect, was purposed, by reason of, + regard, right forth, + serve, X shewbread, sight, state, straight, + street, X thee, X them (-selves), through (+-out), till, time (-s) past, (un-) to (-ward), + upon, upside (+down), with (-in, + -stand), X ye, X you.

Strength - [OT:2428](#) חַיִּיל **chayil** (khah'-yil); from [OT:2342](#); probably a force, whether of men, means or other resources; an army, wealth, virtue, valor, strength:

KJV - able, activity, (+)army, band of men (soldiers), company, (great) forces, goods, host, might, power, riches, strength, strong, substance, train, (+)valiant (-ly), valour, virtuous (-ly), war, worthy (-ily).

Profitable - [OT:3504](#) יָתְרוֹן **yithrown** (yith-rone'); from [OT:3498](#); preeminence, gain: **KJV** - better, excellency (-leth), profit (-able).

Direct - [OT:3787](#) כָּשֶׁר **kasher** (kaw-share'); a primitive root properly, to be straight or right; by implication, to be acceptable; also to succeed or prosper:

KJV - direct, be right, prosper.

Psalm 64

² Hide me from the secret counsel of the wicked; from the **insurrection of the workers of iniquity**:

³ Who **whet their tongue like a sword**, and bend their bows to shoot their arrows, even **bitter words**:

⁴ That they may shoot in secret at the perfect: suddenly do they shoot at him, and fear not.

They Fear NOT what we KNOW and Fear

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Argument of fools

Ecclesiastes 10

¹¹ Surely the **serpent** [hissing snake] will **bite** [strike] without **enchantment** [snake charming] and a **babblers** [gabby] is no **better**.

Bite - [OT:5391](#) נָשַׁח **nashak** (naw-shak'); a primitive root; to strike with a sting (as a serpent); figuratively, to oppress with interest on a loan:

KJV - bite, lend upon usury.

Enchantment – [OT:3908](#) לַחֶשֶׁךְ **lachash** (lakh'-ash); from [OT:3907](#); properly, a whisper, i.e. by implication, (in a good sense) a private prayer, (in a bad one) an incantation; concretely, an amulet:

KJV - charmed, earring, enchantment, orator, prayer.

Better - [OT:3504](#) יָתֵרוֹן **yithrown** (yith-rone'); from [OT:3498](#); preeminence, gain:

KJV - better, excellency (-leth), profit (-able).

Psalm 58

¹ Do ye **indeed speak righteousness**, O congregation? do ye judge uprightly, O ye sons of men?

² Yea, **in heart ye work wickedness**; ye **weigh the violence of your hands in the earth**.

³ The **wicked are estranged from the womb**: they go astray as soon as they be born, **speaking lies**.

⁴ Their **poison is like the poison of a serpent**: they are like the **deaf adder that stoppeth her ear**;

⁵ Which will not hearken to the voice of charmers, charming never so wisely.

2 Timothy 2

¹⁵ Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, **rightly dividing the Word of truth**.

¹⁶ But shun profane and **vain babblings**: for **they will increase unto more ungodliness**.

1 Timothy 6

¹⁹ Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may **lay hold on eternal life**.

²⁰ O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, **avoiding profane and vain babblings**, and **oppositions of science** falsely so called:

²¹ Which **some professing have erred concerning the faith**. Grace be with thee. Amen.

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Argument of fools (*cont*)

Don't give me "NO LIP"

Ecclesiastes 10

¹² **The words of a wise man's mouth are gracious; but the lips of a fool will swallow up himself.**

Gracious – [OT:2580](#) חַנּוּן **chen** (khane); from [OT:2603](#); graciousness, i.e. subjective (kindness, favor) or objective (beauty):

KJV - favour, grace (-ious), pleasant, precious, [well-] favoured.

Lips – [OT:8193](#) שָׂפָה **saphah** (saw-faw'); or (in dual and plural) sepheth (sef-eth'); probably from [OT:5595](#) or [OT:8192](#) through the idea of termination (compare [OT:5490](#)); the lip (as a natural boundary); by implication, language; by analogy, a margin (of a vessel, water, cloth, etc.):

KJV - band, bank, binding, border, brim, brink, edge, language, lip, prating, ([sea-]) shore, side, speech, talk, [vain] words.

Fool – [OT:3684](#) כְּסִיף **keciyl** (kes-eel'); from [OT:3688](#); properly, fat, i.e. (figuratively) stupid or silly: **KJV** - fool (-ish).

Swallow up – [OT:1104](#) בָּלַע **balah** (baw-lah'); a primitive root; to make away with (specifically by swallowing); generally, to destroy:

KJV - cover, destroy, devour, eat up, be at end, spend up, swallow down (up).

They'll eat you alive...

Proverbs 1

¹⁰ My son, **if sinners entice thee, consent thou not.**

¹¹ If **they say, Come with us**, let us lay wait for blood, let us lurk privily for the innocent without cause:

¹² **Let us swallow them up alive** as the grave; and whole, as those that go down into the pit:

¹³ We shall **find all precious substance**, we shall **fill our houses with spoil**:

¹⁴ **Cast in thy lot among us; let us all have one purse**:

Psalms 120

² **Deliver my soul, O LORD, from lying lips, and from a deceitful tongue.**

³ What shall be given unto thee? or what shall be done unto thee, thou false tongue?

⁴ Sharp arrows of the mighty, with coals of juniper.

Ecclesiastes 10 - A Foolish Way

Argument of fools (*cont*)

End justifies the means rather

Ecclesiastes 10

¹³ The beginning [opening] of the words of his [a fool's] mouth is **foolishness**: and the **end** of his talk is **mischievous madness**.

Foolishness – [OT:5531](#) סְכִלְוֹת **cikluwth** (sik-looth'); or **sikluwth** ([Eccl 1:17](#)) (sik-looth'); from [OT:5528](#); silliness: **KJV** - folly, foolishness.

End – [OT:319](#) אַחֲרֵי **'achariyth** (akh-ar-eeth'); from [OT:310](#); the last or end, hence, the future; also posterity:

KJV - (last, latter) end (time), hinder (utter) -most, length, posterity, remnant, residue, reward.

Mischievous – [OT:7451](#) רָע **ra`** (rah); from [OT:7489](#); bad or (as noun) evil (natural or moral):

KJV - adversity, affliction, bad, calamity, + displease (-ure), distress, evil ([-favouredness], man, thing), + exceedingly, ^xgreat, grief (-vous), harm, heavy, hurt (-ful), ill (favoured), + mark, mischief (-vous), misery, naught (-ty), noisome, + not please, sad (-ly), sore, sorrow, trouble, vex, wicked (-ly, -ness, one), worse (-st), wretchedness, wrong. [Incl. feminine ra`ah; as adjective or noun.].

Madness – [OT:1948](#) הוֹלְלוּת **howleluwth** (ho-lay-looth'); from active participle of [OT:1984](#); **folly**: **KJV** - madness.

What begins with foolishness escalates to evil madness

Proverbs 10

¹⁸ He that **hideth hatred with lying lips**, and he that **uttereth a slander**, is a fool.

¹⁹ In the **multitude of words there wanteth not sin**: but he that **refraineth his lips** is wise.

²⁰ The **tongue of the just is as choice silver**: the heart of the wicked is little worth.

Proverbs 17

²⁴ Wisdom is before him that hath understanding; but the **eyes of a fool are in the ends of the earth**.

Jeremiah 17

¹¹ As the **partridge sitteth on eggs**, and **hatcheth them not**; so he that **getteth riches, and not by right, shall leave them in the midst of his days**, and **at his end shall be a fool**.

Ecclesiastes 10 - A Foolish Way

Argument of fools (*cont*)

Ecclesiastes 10

¹⁴ A fool also is **full of words**: a man **cannot tell what shall be**; and **what shall be after him, who can tell him** [...and others do not know to tell him]?

Fool – [OT:5531](#) סְכֵלִית **cikluwth** (sik-looth'); or **sikluwth** ([Eccl 1:17](#)) (sik-looth'); from [OT:5528](#); silliness: **KJV** - folly, foolishness.

Ecclesiastes 5

³ For a dream cometh through the **multitude of business**; and **a fool's voice is known by multitude of words**.

Ezekiel 21

²⁹ Whiles they see vanity unto thee, whiles they divine a lie unto thee, to bring thee upon the necks of them that are slain, of the wicked, whose **day is come, when their iniquity shall have an end**.

They Make my feet tired...

Ecclesiastes 10

¹⁵ The **labour of the foolish wearieth every one** of them, because he **knoweth not how to go to [toward] the city**.

Labour – [OT:5999](#) עֲמַל **`amal** (aw-mawl'); from [OT:5998](#); toil, i.e. wearing effort; hence, worry, wheth. of body or mind:

KJV - grievance (-vousness), iniquity, labour, mischief, miserable (-sery), pain (-ful), perverseness, sorrow, toil, travail, trouble, wearisome, wickedness.

Foolish – [OT:3684](#) כְּסִיל **keciyl** (kes-eel'); from [OT:3688](#); properly, fat, i.e. (figuratively) stupid or silly: **KJV** - fool (-ish).

Wearieth – [OT:3021](#) יָגַע **yaga`** (yaw-gah'); a primitive root; properly, to gasp; hence, to be exhausted, to tire, to toil: **KJV** - faint, (make to) labour, (be) weary.

City – [OT:5892](#) עִיר **`iyr** (eer); or (in the plural) **`ar** (awr); or **`ayar** ([Judg 10:4](#)) (aw-yar'); from [OT:5782](#) a city (a place guarded by waking or a watch) in the widest sense (even of a mere encampment or post):

KJV - Ai [from margin], city, court [from margin], town.

Ecclesiastes 12

¹² And further, by these, my son, be admonished: of **making many books there is no end**; and **much study is a weariness of the flesh**.

Ecclesiastes 10 - A Foolish Way

Argument of fools (*cont*)

They Make my feet tired

Ecclesiastes 10 (*cont*)

¹⁵ The labour of the foolish wearieth every one of them, because he knoweth not how to go to [toward] the city.

They don't have a sense of direction...

They cannot enter the Kingdom of God because they do not know the way!

2 Peter 2

¹¹ Whereas angels, which are greater in power and might, **bring not railing accusation against them before the Lord.**

¹² But these, as **natural brute beasts, made to be taken and destroyed, speak evil of the things that they understand not; and shall utterly perish in their own corruption;**

¹³ And shall **receive the reward of unrighteousness**, as they that count it pleasure to riot in the day time. **Spots they are and blemishes, sporting themselves with their own deceivings while they feast with you;**

¹⁴ Having **eyes full of adultery, and that cannot cease from sin; beguiling unstable souls: an heart they have exercised with covetous practices; cursed children:**

¹⁵ Which have **forsaken the right way, and are gone astray, following the way of Balaam the son of Bosor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness;**

¹⁶ But was **rebuked for his iniquity**: the dumb ass speaking with man's voice forbad the **madness of the prophet.**

¹⁷ These are **wells without water, clouds that are carried with a tempest; to whom the mist of darkness is reserved for ever.**

¹⁸ For when **they speak great swelling words of vanity, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through much wantonness, those that were clean escaped from them who live in error.**

¹⁹ While **they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption: for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage.**

²⁰ For if **after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning.**

²¹ For **it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them.**

Ecclesiastes 10 - A Foolish Way

Childishness of fools

It's just child's play

Ecclesiastes 10

¹⁶ Woe [alas] to thee, O land, when thy **king is a child** [boy], and thy **princes [head rank] eat in the morning** [dawn, day break]!

Ecclesiastes 10

¹⁷ Blessed [how happy] art thou, O land, when thy king is the son of nobles, and thy princes [head people] eat in due season, for strength, and not for drunkenness!

Nobles – [OT:2715](#) חֹר **chor** (khore); or (fully) **chowr** (khore); from [OT:2787](#); properly, white or pure (from the cleansing or shining power of fire [compare [OT:2751](#)]); hence (figuratively) noble (in rank): **KJV** - noble.

Due season – [OT:6256](#) עֵת **eth** (ayth); from [OT:5703](#); time, especially (adverb with preposition) now, when, etc.:

KJV - + after, [al-] ways, ^xcertain, + continually, + evening, long, (due) season, so [long] as, [even-, evening-, noon-] tide, ([meal-]), what) time, when.

Strength – [OT:1369](#) גְּבוּרָה **gebuwrah** (gheb-oo-raw'); feminine passive participle from the same as [OT:1368](#); force (literally or figuratively); by implication, valor, victory: **KJV** - force, mastery, might, mighty (act, power), power, strength.

Drunkenness – [OT:8358](#) שֵׁתִי **shethiy** (sheth-ee'); from [OT:8354](#); intoxication: **KJV** - drunkenness.

Ecclesiastes 10 - A Foolish Way

Idleness of fools

Don't give up your day job

Ecclesiastes 10

¹⁸ By much slothfulness the building decayeth; and through idleness of the hands the house droppeth through.

Slothfulness – OT:6103 עֲצִלָּהּ `atslah (ats-law'); feminine of OT:6102; (as abstractly) indolence: **KJV** - slothfulness.

Building – OT:4746 מִקְרָה meqareh (mek-aw-reh'); from OT:7136; properly, something meeting, i.e. a frame (of timbers): **KJV** - building.

Decayeth – OT:4355 מָכָה makak (maw-kak'); a primitive root; to tumble (in ruins); figuratively, to perish: **KJV** - be brought low, decay.

Idleness – OT:8220 שְׁפִלְוֹת shiphluwth (shif-looth'); from OT:8213; remissness: **KJV** - idleness.

Droppeth through – OT:1811 דָּלַף dalaph (daw-laf'); a primitive root; to drip; by implication, to weep: -drop through, melt, pour out.

Proverbs 15:19

The way of the **slothful man is as an hedge of thorns**: but the way of the righteous is made plain.

Proverbs 12:27

The **slothful man roasteth not that which he took** in hunting: but the substance of a diligent man is precious.

Hebrews 6

¹¹ And we desire that every one of you do shew the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end:

¹² That ye **be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises.**

¹³ For when God made promise to Abraham, because he could swear by no greater, he swore by himself,

¹⁴ Saying, Surely blessing I will bless thee, and multiplying I will multiply thee.

Ecclesiastes 10 - A Foolish Way

Answer of a fool

Don't put your guard down

Ecclesiastes 10

¹⁹ A feast is made for laughter, and wine maketh merry: but money [silver] answereth all things.

Feast – [OT:3899](#) לֶחֶם **lechem** (lekh'-em); from [OT:3898](#); food (for man or beast), especially bread, or grain (for making it):

KJV - ([shew-]) bread, ^xeat, food, fruit, loaf, meat, victuals. See also [OT:1036](#).

Laughter – [OT:7814](#) שֶׁחֹק **sechowq** (sekh-oke'); or **sechoq** (sekh-oke'); from [OT:7832](#); laughter (in merriment or defiance):

KJV - derision, laughter (-ed to scorn, -ing), mocked, sport.

Merry – [OT:8055](#) סָמַח **samach** (saw-makh'); a primitive root; probably to brighten up, i.e. (figuratively) be (causatively, make) blithe or gleesome:

KJV - cheer up, be (make) glad, (have, make) joy (-ful), be (make) merry, (cause to, make to) rejoice, ^xvery.

Answereth – [OT:6030](#) אָנַח **anah** (aw-naw'); a primitive root; properly, to eye or (generally) to heed, i.e. pay attention; by implication, to respond; by extens. to begin to speak; specifically to sing, shout, testify, announce:

KJV - give account, afflict [by mistake for [OT:6031](#)], (cause to, give) answer, bring low [by mistake for [OT:6031](#)], cry, hear, Leannoth, lift up, say, ^xscholar, (give a) shout, sing (together by course), speak, testify, utter, (bear) witness. See also [OT:1042](#), [OT:1043](#).

Ecclesiastes 8

¹⁵ Then I commended mirth, because a man hath no better thing under the sun, than to **eat**, and to **drink**, and to be **merry**: for that shall abide with him of his labour the days of his life, which God giveth him under the sun.

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Secrecy of a fool

A little birdy told me

Ecclesiastes 10

²⁰ Curse not the king, no not in thy thought; and curse not the rich [fig. noble] in thy bedchamber: for a bird of the air shall carry the voice, and that which hath wings shall tell the matter [word].

Curse – [OT:7043](#) קָלַל **qalal** (kaw-lal'); a primitive root; to be (causatively, make) light, literally (swift, small, sharp, etc.) or figuratively (easy, trifling, vile, etc.): **KJV** - abate, make bright, bring into contempt, (ac-) curse, despise, (be) ease (-y, -ier), (be a, make, make somewhat, move, seem a, set) light (-en, -er, -ly, -ly afflict, -ly esteem, thing), ^x slight [-ly], be swift (-er), (be, be more, make, re-) vile, whet.

Thought – [OT:4093](#) מַדָּעַ **madda`** (mad-daw'); or **madda`** (mad-dah'); from [OT:3045](#); intelligence or consciousness: **KJV** - knowledge, science, thought.

Air – [OT:8064](#) שָׁמַיִם **shamayim** (shaw-mah'-yim); dual of an unused singular shameh (shaw-meh'); from an unused root meaning to be lofty; the sky (as aloft; the dual perhaps alluding to the visible arch in which the clouds move, as well as to the higher ether where the celestial bodies revolve): **KJV** - air, ^x astrologer, heaven (-s).

Voice – [OT:6963](#) קוֹל **qowl** (kole); or **qol** (kole); from an unused root meaning to call aloud; a voice or sound:

KJV - + aloud, bleating, crackling, cry (+out), fame, lightness, lowing, noise, + hold peace, [pro-] claim, proclamation, + sing, sound, + spark, thunder (-ing), voice, + yell.

That which hath – [OT:1167](#) בַּעַל **ba`al** (bah'-al); from [OT:1166](#); a master; hence, a husband, or (figuratively) owner (often used with another noun in modifications of this latter sense):

KJV - + archer, + babbler, + bird, captain, chief man, + confederate, + have to do, + dreamer, those to whom it is due, + furious, those that are given to it, great, + hairy, he that hath it, have, + horseman, husband, lord, man, + married, master, person, + sworn, they of.

Wings – [OT:3671](#) כַּנָּף **kanaph** (kaw-nawf'); from [OT:3670](#); an edge or extremity; specifically (of a bird or army) a wing, (of a garment or bed-clothing) a flap, (of the earth) a quarter, (of a building) a pinnacle:

KJV - + bird, border, corner, end, feather [-ed], ^x flying, + (one an-) other, overspreading, ^x quarters, skirt, ^x sort, uttermost part, wing ([-ed]).

Tell – [OT:5046](#) נִגַּד **nagad** (naw-gad'); a primitive root; properly, to front, i.e. stand boldly out opposite; by implication (causatively), to manifest; figuratively, to announce (always by word of mouth to one present); specifically, to expose, predict, explain, praise:

KJV - bewray, ^x certainly, certify, declare (-ing), denounce, expound, ^x fully, messenger, plainly, profess, rehearse, report, shew (forth), speak, ^x surely, tell, utter.

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Secrecy of a fool (*cont*)

Ecclesiastes 10 (*cont*)

²⁰ **Curse not the king, no not in thy thought; and curse not the rich [fig. noble] in thy bedchamber: for a bird of the air shall carry the voice, and that which hath wings shall tell the matter [word].**

Ecclesiastes 12

¹⁴ For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every **secret thing**, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.

Ephesians 5

¹² For it is **a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret.**

James 3

⁴ Behold also the **ships**, which though they be so **great**, and are **driven of fierce winds**, yet are they turned about with a very small **helm**, whithersoever the governor listeth.

⁵ Even so **the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth!**

⁶ And **the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity**: so is the tongue among our members, that it **defileth the whole body**, and **setteth on fire the course of nature**; and it is **set on fire of hell**.

Daniel 2

²¹ And he changeth the times and the seasons: he removeth kings, and setteth up kings: he giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding:

²² **He revealeth the deep and secret things: he knoweth what is in the darkness, and the light dwelleth with him.**

²³ I thank thee, and praise thee, **O thou God of my fathers, who hast given me wisdom and might, and hast made known unto me now what we desired of thee: for thou hast now made known unto us the king's matter.**

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Proverbs 9

⁶ Forsake the foolish [way], and live; and go in the way of understanding.

Isaiah 35

⁷ And the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water: in the habitation of dragons, where each lay, shall be grass with reeds and rushes.

⁸ And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called **The way of holiness**; the unclean shall **not** pass over it; but it shall be for those: **the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein.**

⁹ No lion shall be there, nor any ravenous beast shall go up thereon, it shall not be found there; but the **redeemed shall walk there:**

¹⁰ And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Ezekiel 33

¹³ When I shall say to the righteous, that he shall surely live; **if** he trust to his own righteousness, and commit iniquity, all his righteousnesses shall not be remembered; but for his iniquity that he hath committed, he shall die for it.

¹⁴ Again, when I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; **if** he turn from his sin, and do that which is lawful and right;

¹⁵ **If** the wicked restore the pledge, give again that he had robbed, walk in the statutes of life, without committing iniquity; **he shall surely live, he shall not die.**

In many ways there is A foolish way... a foolish way of living. It makes for foolish way to die.

... But in another Way, only one Way, is there a righteous way. It is made for the foolish to live.

Though we think sometimes it is us the wise and them the foolish, the Subject today is about us.

For all of us who have ever been foolish, there is a righteous way of God who can redeem his blessed children. It is a way of knowledge, understanding, wisdom...all of the gifts of God unto faith, and His salvation

We are to no longer walk in foolishness.

Walk after the way of Wisdom.

Ecclesiastes 11 - Rehearsal Dinner

Palm Sunday

Rehearsal of the Flood

The perfect and upright are delivered

Ecclesiastes 11

¹ Cast thy bread [food] upon the waters [flood]: for thou shalt find it [acquire] **after [the flood over] many [abundance of, great many] days.**

Bread – [OT:3899](#) לֶחֶם **lechem** (lekh'-em); from [OT:3898](#); food (for man or beast), especially bread, or grain (for making it):

KJV - ([shew-]) bread, ^xeat, food, fruit, loaf, meat, victuals. See also [OT:1036](#).

Find it – [OT:4672](#) מָצָא **matsa'** (maw-tsaw'); a primitive root; properly, to come forth to, i.e. appear or exist; transitively, to attain, i.e. find or acquire; figuratively, to occur, meet or be present:

KJV - + be able, befall, being, catch, ^xcertainly, (cause to) come (on, to, to hand), deliver, be enough (cause to) find (-ing, occasion, out), get (hold upon), ^xhave (here), be here, hit, be left, light (up-) on, meet (with), ^xoccasion serve, (be) present, ready, speed, suffice, take hold on.

That heavenly manna, that bread of life... That which is of God who has given us that bread which is the staff of life!

A portion was to 7 and to Noah who was the 8th and last to enter the ark

Ecclesiastes 11

² Give a **portion to seven** [generations who die before the FLOOD], and also to **eight** [who survive the flood]; for thou **knowest not what evil shall be upon the earth.**

When Noah was 84 years of age, there were still 7 generations of the direct descendants of Adam still living.

...to those the LORD gave a portion as He ALSO gave to the eight who entered the ark.

Ecclesiastes 11 - Rehearsal Dinner

Palm Sunday

Rehearsal of the Flow

The perfect and upright are justified in the way

Ecclesiastes 11

³ If the **clouds be full of rain, they empty themselves upon the earth**; and **if the tree fall toward the south, or toward the north, in the place where the tree falleth [cease, die], there it shall be.**

South – [OT:1864](#) דָּרוֹם **darowm** (daw-rome'); of uncertain derivation; the south; poet. the south wind: *KJV* - south.

North – [OT:6828](#) צָפוֹן **tsaphown** (tsaw-fone'); or **tsaphon** (tsaw-fone'); from [OT:6845](#); properly, hidden, i.e. dark; used only of the north as a quarter (gloomy and unknown): *KJV* - north (-ern, side, -ward, wind).

Psalm 77

¹⁵ Thou hast with **thine arm redeemed thy people**, the sons of Jacob and Joseph. Selah.

¹⁶ **The waters saw thee, O God, the waters saw thee; they were afraid: the depths also were troubled.**

¹⁷ The **clouds poured out water**: the **skies sent out a sound**: thine arrows also went abroad.

¹⁸ The **voice of thy thunder** was in the heaven: the **lightnings lightened** the world: the **earth trembled and shook**.

¹⁹ **Thy way is in the sea, and thy path in the great waters, and thy footsteps are not known.**

²⁰ Thou **leddest thy people like a flock** by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

Jude 1

¹¹ Woe unto them! for they have **gone in the way of Cain**, and **ran greedily after the error of Balaam for reward**, and **perished in the gainsaying of Core**.

¹² These are **spots in your feasts of charity**, when they **feast with you, feeding themselves without fear: clouds they are without water, carried about of winds**; trees whose **fruit withereth, without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots**;

¹³ **Raging waves of the sea, foaming out their own shame**; wandering stars, to whom is reserved the blackness of darkness for ever.

Matthew 5

⁴⁵ That ye may be the **children of your Father** which is in heaven: for **He maketh His sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust**.

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Rehearsal of the Flow (*cont*)

Isaiah 55

⁵ Behold, **thou shalt call a nation that thou knowest not, and nations that knew not thee shall run unto thee** because of the LORD thy God, and for the Holy One of Israel; for **He hath glorified thee.**

⁶ **Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon Him while He is near:**

⁷ Let the **wicked forsake** [turn away from evil] **his [own] way**, and the unrighteous man his [own] thoughts: and let him return [turn] unto the LORD, and He will have mercy upon him; and [return, turn] to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.

⁸ For MY thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways MY ways, saith the LORD.

⁹ For **as the heavens are higher than the earth**, so are MY ways higher than your ways, and MY thoughts than your thoughts.

¹⁰ For **as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater:**

¹¹ So shall MY Word be that **goeth forth out of MY mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.**

¹² For ye shall **go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.**

¹³ Instead of the thorn shall come up the **fir tree**, and instead of the brier shall come up the **myrtle tree**: and it shall be **to the LORD for a name, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.**

Ecclesiastes 1

⁵ The sun also ariseth, and the sun goeth down, and hasteth to his place where he arose.

⁶ The wind goeth toward the south, and turneth about unto the north; it whirlleth about continually, and the wind returneth again according to his circuits.

⁷ All the rivers run into the sea; yet the sea is not full; unto the place from whence the rivers come, thither they return again.

Isaiah 2

² And it shall come to pass in the **last days**, that the **mountain of the LORD's house shall be established in the top of the mountains**, and shall be exalted above the hills; and **all nations shall flow unto it.**

John 7

³⁷ In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.

³⁸ He that believeth on me, as the Scripture hath said, **out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.**

³⁹ (But this **spake He of the Spirit, which they that believe on Him should receive**: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)

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Palm Sunday

Rehearsal of the Times

The perfect and upright are discerning and courageous

Ecclesiastes 11

⁴He that observeth the wind shall not sow; and he that regardeth [to see] the clouds shall not reap.

Sow – [OT:2232](#) זָרָא **zara`** (zaw-rah'); a primitive root; to sow; figuratively, to disseminate, plant, fructify: **KJV** - bear, conceive seed, set with sow (-er), yield.

Reap – [OT:7114](#) קָצַר **qatsar** (kaw-tsar'); a primitive root; to dock off, i.e. curtail (transitive or intransitive, literal or figurative); especially to harvest (grass or grain):

KJV - ^x at all, cut down, much discouraged, grieve, harvestman, lothe, mourn, reap (-er), (be, wax) short (-en, -er), straiten, trouble, vex.

Matthew 16

¹The Pharisees also with the Sadducees came, and tempting desired him that he would shew them a sign from heaven.

²He answered and said unto them, When it is **evening**, ye say, It will be **fair weather**: for the sky is red.

³And in the **morning**, It will be **foul weather to day: for the sky is red and lowering**.

O ye hypocrites, ye can **discern the face of the sky**; but can **ye not discern the signs of the times?**

⁴A **wicked and adulterous generation** seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given unto it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas. And he left them, and departed.

The perfect and upright are separated unto God

Ecclesiastes 11

⁵As thou knowest not what is the way of the Spirit, nor how the bones do grow in the womb of her that is with child: even so thou knowest not the Works of God who maketh all.

Psalm 66

⁴All the earth shall **worship** thee, and shall **sing** unto thee; they shall **sing to thy name**.
Selah.

⁵**Come and see the Works of God: He is terrible [fearsome, venerable, frightening, awesome] in His doing toward the children of men.**

⁶**He turned the sea into dry land: they went through the flood on foot: there did we rejoice in Him.**

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Palm Sunday

Rehearsal of the Times (*cont*)

The perfect and upright are prosperous

Ecclesiastes 11

⁶In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine [yad ~ open hand (power)] hand: for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good.

Withhold – [OT:3240](#) יָנַח **yanach** (yaw-nakh'); a primitive root; to deposit; by implication, to allow to stay:

KJV - bestow, cast down, lay (down, up), leave (off), let alone (remain), pacify, place, put, set (down), suffer, withdraw, withhold. (The Hiphil forms with the dagesh are here referred to, in accordance with the older grammarians; but if any distinction of the kind is to be made, these should rather be referred to [OT:5117](#), and the others here.)

Prosper – [OT:3787](#) כָּשַׁר **kasher** (kaw-share'); a primitive root properly, to be straight or right; by implication, to be acceptable; also to succeed or prosper: **KJV** - direct, be right, prosper.

We do not know what will be the outcome of our efforts of sowing the seed of the Word of God or what will be the outcome of our effort to labour benevolently from morning, through the day, and until evening. We are called to labor and not to rest (withhold)

We are assured that the LORD knows and shall turn all things together for good to them that love God to them that are called according to His purpose.

Isaiah 45

²⁵In the LORD shall **all the seed of Israel be justified**, and **shall glory**.

[Note all and seed are in Hebrew masculine, singular nouns]

Ecclesiastes 11 - Rehearsal Dinner

Palm Sunday

Rehearsal of the Light

The perfect and upright are light

Ecclesiastes 11

⁷ Truly the **LIGHT** is sweet, and a pleasant thing it is for the eyes to behold the sun:

Light – [OT:216](#) אֹרֶךְ 'owr (ore); from [OT:215](#); illumination or (concrete) luminary (in every sense, including lightning, happiness, etc.):

KJV - bright, clear, + day, light (-ning), morning, sun.

Truly sweet – [OT:4985](#) מֵתֵק mathaq (maw-thak'); a primitive root; to suck, by implication, to relish, or (intransitively) be sweet: **KJV** - be (made, ^x take) sweet.

Similar word – [OT:4986](#) מֵתֵק metheq (meh'-thek); from [OT:4985](#); figuratively, pleasantness (of discourse): **KJV** - sweetness.

Sun – [OT:8121](#) שֶׁמֶשׁ shemesh (sheh'-mesh); from an unused root meaning to be brilliant; the sun; by implication, the east; figuratively, a ray, i.e. (arch.) a notched battlement:

KJV - + east side (-ward), sun ([rising]), + west (-ward), window.

John 1

⁹ That was the **true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.**

Matthew 5

¹⁴ **Ye are the light of the world.** A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.

John 12

⁴⁶ I am come a **light** into the **world**, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness.

Revelation 21

²³ And the city had **no need of the sun, neither of the moon**, to shine in it: for **the glory of God did lighten it**, and **the Lamb is the light** thereof.

Matthew 13 ...and even we

⁴³ Then shall **the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father**. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.

The perfect and upright are humble

Ecclesiastes 11

⁸ But if a man **live many years, and rejoice in them all**; yet let him remember the days of darkness; for they shall be many. All that cometh is vanity.

Proverbs 4

¹⁰ Hear, O my son, and receive my sayings; and the **years of thy life shall be many**.

¹¹ I have taught thee in the way of wisdom; I have led thee in right paths.

Ecclesiastes 11 - Rehearsal Dinner

Palm Sunday

Rehearsal of Judgment

The perfect and upright are justified

Ecclesiastes 11

⁹ Rejoice, O young man, in thy youth; and **let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth**, and **walk in the ways of thine heart**, and **in the sight of thine eyes**: but know thou, that **for all these things God will bring thee into judgment.**

Proverbs 7

²⁴ **Hearken unto me now** therefore, O ye children, and **attend to the Words** of my mouth.

²⁵ **Let not thine heart decline to her ways, go not astray in her paths.**

Proverbs 23

²⁵ Thy father and thy mother shall be glad, and she that bare thee shall rejoice.

²⁶ My son, **give me thine heart, and let thine eyes observe my ways.**

Ecclesiastes 11 - Rehearsal Dinner

Palm Sunday

Rehearsal of Sanctification

The perfect and upright are sanctified

Ecclesiastes 11

¹⁰ Therefore **remove sorrow from thy heart**, and **put away evil from thy flesh**: for **childhood and youth are vanity**.

Lamentations 3

⁶⁵ Give them **sorrow of heart**, thy curse unto them.

Isaiah 65

¹³ Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, my servants shall eat, but ye shall be hungry: behold, my servants shall drink, but ye shall be thirsty: behold, my servants shall rejoice, but ye shall be ashamed:

¹⁴ Behold, **my servants shall sing for joy of heart**, but ye shall cry for **sorrow of heart**, and shall **howl for vexation of spirit**.

¹⁵ And ye shall leave your name for a curse unto my chosen: for the Lord GOD shall slay thee, and call his servants by another name:

¹⁶ That **he who blesseth himself in the earth shall bless himself in the God of truth; and he that sweareth in the earth shall swear by the God of truth**; because the former troubles are forgotten, and because they are **hid from mine eyes**.

¹⁷ For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind.

Signs of the End

Signs of His 2nd coming

Signs of the Fig tree

Signs of Noah

Signs of the times

Signs in parables of preparedness and stewardship

Division must come...

Judgment unto those whom He has prepared for those He has separated on His right hand

Judgment prepared for those on His left

Then the LORD showed His immediate future 2 days before the feast of Passover which was set to begin this Palm Sunday

The LORD was anointed for His burial to come...

Ecclesiastes 11 - Rehearsal Dinner Palm Sunday

Then on this Palm Sunday when His time was at hand, they made ready the Passover meal and as they sat with our LORD JEHOVAH, Jesus Christ, who is the Passover LAMB, they did eat His body and drank His blood of the New Testament. The LORD gave for us to understand through many rehearsals, according to the Word of God, and it was given, at that Rehearsal Dinner, that which was yet to be according to the Works of God.

We all were given Him, our sustenance, by that which was only His to give...according to that Rehearsal Dinner... He gave Himself, the Word of God, and, by His blood, the remission of sins. He gave a full and perpetual pardon to those who believe and receive the Holy Spirit promised at that Rehearsal Dinner! As His disciples did eat, so when we eat we do remember that Rehearsal Dinner...

*Glory to our LORD the ALMIGHTY GOD of Grace and Mercy...
Hallelujah*

Isaiah 6

³ And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of His glory.

Hallelujah!

Ecclesiastes 12 - Remember NOW, He is Risen

Remember NOW

Before evil days and pleasure ceases

Ecclesiastes 12

¹ **Remember now** [recognize now, mark Him, mention Him NOW, BE MINDFUL NOW of] **thy Creator** in the days of thy youth, while the **evil days** come not, nor the **years draw nigh**, when [in the future] thou shalt say, **I have no pleasure [no value] in them;**

Remember now – [OT:2142](#) זָכַר **zakar** (zaw-kar'); a primitive root; properly, to mark (so as to be recognized), i.e. to remember; by implication, to mention; also (as denominative from [OT:2145](#)) to be male:

KJV - ^x burn [incense], ^x earnestly, be male, (make) mention (of), be mindful, recount, record (-er), remember, make to be remembered, bring (call, come, keep, put) to (in) remembrance, ^x still, think on, ^x well.

Creator – [OT:1254](#) בָּרָא **bara'** (baw-raw'); a primitive root; (absolutely) to create; (qualified) to cut down (a wood), select, feed (as formative processes): -choose, create (creator), cut down, dispatch, do, make (fat).

Pleasure – [OT:2656](#) חֵפֶזֶת **chephets** (khay'-fets); from [OT:2654](#); pleasure; hence (abstractly) desire; concretely, a valuable thing; hence (by extension) a matter (as something in mind):

KJV - acceptable, delight (-some), desire, things desired, matter, pleasant (-ure), purpose, willingly.

Think about the LORD who created you and your actions. Consider the repercussions of those things you do today. For tomorrow, you will think not so well of your bad behaviour.

Remember NOW, as though you were in the future, how you feel about the things you desire today or the behaviour that you exhibit NOW. I project myself into the future and I see my behavior from the standpoint of one looking back.

Consider the Works of the LORD... He saw the GOOD from the future looking back to the beginning of time to determine His actions AND placed limits upon mankind to accomplish and finish all that He alone conceived for His glory.

Remember NOW, Thy Creator declared the END from the BEGINNING!

IF you are focused on today YOU CANNOT SEE WHERE YOU ARE GOING>

Ecclesiastes 12 - Remember NOW, He is Risen

Remember Now (*cont*)

Before evil days and pleasure ceases (*cont*)

Ecclesiastes 12 (*cont*)

¹ **Remember now** [recognize now, mark Him, mention Him NOW] thy **Creator** in the days of thy youth, while the **evil days** come not, nor the years draw nigh, when [in the future] thou shalt say, **I have no pleasure** [no value] **in them**;

When a remedy is not found

Amos 6

³ Ye [wicked] that **put far away the evil day**, and **cause the seat of violence to come near**;

When redemption not found

Ephesians 5

¹⁶ Redeeming the time, because **the days are evil**.

When there is no endurance nor survival

Ephesians 6

¹² For we **wrestle not against flesh and blood**, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against **spiritual wickedness** in high *places*.

¹³ Wherefore **take unto you the whole armour of God**, that ye may be able to **withstand in the evil day**, and **having done all, to stand**.

Ecclesiastes 12 - Remember NOW, He is Risen

Remember Now (*cont*)

Before evil days and pleasure ceases (*cont*)

Ecclesiastes 12 (*cont*)

¹ **Remember now** [recognize now, mark Him, mention Him NOW] thy **Creator** in the days of thy youth, while the **evil days** come not, nor the years draw nigh, when [in the future] thou shalt say, **I have no pleasure** [no value] **in them**;

A Look to the past

Ecclesiastes 3

¹⁵ That which **hath been** is NOW; and that which **IS TO BE** hath already been; and **God requireth that which is past**.

Requireth – [OT:1245](#) **בָּקַשׁ** **baqash** (baw-kash'); a primitive root; to search out (by any method, specifically in worship or prayer); by implication, to strive after:

KJV - ask, beg, beseech, desire, enquire, get, make inquisition, procure, (make) request, require, seek (for).

Past - [OT:7291](#) **רָדַף** **radaph** (raw-daf'); a primitive root; to run after (usually with hostile intent; figuratively [of time] gone by):

KJV - chase, put to flight, follow (after, on), hunt, (be under) persecute (-ion, -or), pursue (-r).

Proverbs 8

³² Now therefore hearken unto me, O ye children: for blessed are they that keep my ways.

Psalms 50

²² Now consider this, ye that forget God, lest I tear you in pieces, and there be none to deliver.

Past Begotten NOW

Psalms 2

⁷ I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, **Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee**.

Begotten – [OT:3205](#) **יָלַד** **yalad** (yaw-lad'); a primitive root; to bear young; causatively, to beget; medically, to act as midwife; specifically, to show lineage:

KJV - bear, beget, birth ([-day]), born, (make to) bring forth (children, young), bring up, calve, child, come, be delivered (of a child), time of delivery, gender, hatch, labour, (do the office of a) midwife, declare pedigrees, be the son of, (woman in, woman that) travail (-eth, -ing woman).

Ecclesiastes 12 - Remember NOW, He is Risen

Remember Now (*cont*)

A Look to the past (*cont*)

Begotten NOW (*cont*)

Ecclesiastes 12 (*cont*)

¹ **Remember now** [recognize now, mark Him, mention Him NOW] thy **Creator** in the days of thy youth, while the **evil days** come not, nor the years draw nigh, when [in the future] thou shalt say, **I have no pleasure** [no value] **in them**;

Acts 13

³² And we declare unto you glad tidings, how that the **promise which was made unto the fathers**,

³³ **God hath fulfilled the same unto us** their children, in that **He hath raised up Jesus again**; as it is also written in the **second psalm, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee.**

³⁴ And as concerning that **He raised Him up from the dead**, now no more to return to corruption, He said on this wise, I will give you the sure mercies of David.

Hebrews 1

⁵ For unto which of the angels said He at any time, Thou art my Son, **this day have I begotten thee?** And again, **I will be to him a Father, and He shall be to me a Son?**

Hebrews 5

⁵ So also **Christ glorified not Himself** to be made an high priest; but He that said unto Him, **Thou art my Son, to day have I begotten thee.**

2 Corinthians 6

¹ We then, as **workers together with Him**, beseech you also that ye **receive not the grace of God in vain.**

² (For He saith, **I have heard thee in a time accepted¹**, and **in the day of salvation** have I succoured thee: behold, **NOW is the accepted² time**; behold, **now is the day of salvation.**)

Accepted¹ - NT:1184 δεκτός **dektos** (dek-tos'); from NT:1209; approved; (figuratively) propitious: **KJV** - accepted (-table).

Accepted² - NT:2144 εὐπρόσδεκτος **euprosdektos** (yoo-pros'-dek-tos); from NT:2095 and a derivative of NT:4327; well-received, i.e. approved, favorable: **KJV** - acceptable (-ted).

³ **Giving no offence [sin] in any thing**, that the **ministry be not blamed [discredited]**;

Ecclesiastes 12 - Remember NOW, He is Risen

Remember Now (*cont*)

A Look to the past (*cont*)

Begotten NOW (*cont*)

Ecclesiastes 12 (*cont*)

¹ **Remember now** [recognize now, mark Him, mention Him NOW] thy **Creator** in the days of thy youth, while the **evil days** come not, nor the years draw nigh, when [in the future] thou shalt say, **I have no pleasure** [no value] **in them**;

2 Corinthians 6

⁴ But **in all things approving ourselves** as the **ministers of God**, in much **patience**, in **afflictions**, in **necessities**, in **distresses**,

Approving - NT:4921 ΣΥΝΙΣΤᾶν **sunistao** (soon-is-tah'-o); or (strengthened) sunistano (soon-is-tan'-o); or **sunistemi** (soon-is'-tay-mee); from NT:4862 and NT:2476 (including its collat. forms); to set together, i.e. (by implication) to introduce (favorably), or (figuratively) to exhibit; intransitively, to stand near, or (figuratively) to constitute:

KJV - approve, commend, consist, make, stand (with).

⁵ In **stripes**, in **imprisonments**, in **tumults**, in **labours**, in **watchings**, in **fastings**;

⁶ By **pureness**, by **knowledge**, by **long suffering**, by **kindness**, by the **Holy Ghost**, by **love unfeigned**,

⁷ By the **Word of Truth**, by the **power of God**, by the **armour of righteousness** on the right hand and on the left,

⁸ By **honour and dishonour**, by **evil report and good report**: as **deceivers**, and yet **true**;

⁹ As **unknown**, and yet **well known**; as **dying**, and, behold, **we live**; as **chastened**, and **not killed**;

¹⁰ As **sorrowful**, yet **alway rejoicing**; as **poor**, yet **making many rich**; as **having nothing**, and yet **possessing all things**.

Luke 24

⁶ **He is not here, but is risen: remember how He spake unto you when He was yet in Galilee,**

John 2

²² When therefore **He was risen from the dead**, His disciples **REMEMBERED that He had said this unto them**; and they **believed the Scripture**, and the **Word** which Jesus had said.

John 21

¹⁴ This is now the **third time** that Jesus shewed himself to his disciples, after that **He was risen from the dead**.

Ecclesiastes 12 - Remember NOW, He is Risen

Remember Now (*cont*)

A Look to the past (*cont*)

Begotten NOW (*cont*)

Ecclesiastes 12 (*cont*)

¹ **Remember now** [recognize now, mark Him, mention Him NOW] **thy Creator** in the days of thy youth, while the **evil days** come not, nor the years draw nigh, when [in the future] thou shalt say, **I have no pleasure** [no value] **in them**;

Matthew 28

⁵ And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek **Jesus, which was crucified**.

⁶ He is not here: for **He is risen**, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.

⁷ And go quickly, and tell His disciples that **He is risen from the dead**; and, behold, He goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see Him: lo, I have told you.

Psalm 106

³ **Blessed are they that keep judgment**, and he that **doeth righteousness** at all times.

⁴ **Remember me, O LORD**, with the favour that thou bearest unto thy people: O visit me with thy salvation;

⁵ That I may **see the good of thy chosen**, that I may **rejoice in the gladness of thy nation**, that I may **glory with thine inheritance [the chosen]**.

Deuteronomy 32

⁷ **Remember the days of old**, consider the years of many generations: ask thy father, and he will shew thee; thy elders, and they will tell thee.

Psalm 77

¹¹ I will remember the Works of the LORD: surely I will remember thy wonders of old.

Psalm 143

⁵ I remember the days of old; I meditate on all thy works; I muse on the work of thy hands.

Ecclesiastes 12 - Remember NOW, He is Risen

Remember Now (*cont*)

A Look to the past (*cont*)

Begotten NOW (*cont*)

Isaiah 46

⁸ **Remember this**, and shew yourselves [to be] men: bring it again to mind, O ye transgressors.

⁹ **Remember the former things of old**: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me,

¹⁰ **Declaring the end from the beginning**, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, **My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:**

The Rehearsals reveal to us that they did not REMEMBER and neither will they REMEMBER until the END comes!

Isaiah 47

⁶ I was wroth with my people, I have polluted mine inheritance, and given them into thine hand: thou didst shew them no mercy; upon the ancient hast thou very heavily laid thy yoke.

⁷ And **thou [the wicked transgressors] saidst**, I shall be a lady for ever: so that thou didst not lay these things to thy heart, **neither didst remember the latter end of it.**

⁸ Therefore hear now this, thou that art given to pleasures, that dwellest carelessly, that [those who are wicked] sayest in thine heart, **I am**, and **none else beside me; I shall not sit as a widow, neither shall I know the loss of children:**

Ecclesiastes 12 - Remember NOW, He is Risen

Remember Now (*cont*)

A Look forward

Before the End comes

Ecclesiastes 12

² While the **sun**, or the **light**, or the **moon**, or the **stars**, be **not darkened**, nor the **clouds return after the rain**:

Darkened – [OT:2821](#) **חָשַׁח** **chashak** (khaw-shak'); a primitive root; to be dark (as withholding light); transitively, to darken:

KJV - be black, be (make) dark, darken, cause darkness, be dim, hide.

If the world will not Remember NOW, they will remember in the END

Psalm 22

²⁷ All **the ends of the world shall remember** and turn unto the **LORD**: and all the **kindreds of the nations shall worship before thee**.

Psalm 98

³ **He hath remembered His mercy and His truth** toward the house of Israel: **all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God**.

Ends - [OT:657](#) **סֵפֶת** **'ephec** (eh'-fes); from [OT:656](#); cessation, i.e. an end (especially of the earth); often used adverb, no further; also (like [OT:6466](#)) the ankle (in the dual), as being the extremity of the leg or foot: **KJV** - ankle, but (only), end, howbeit, less than nothing, nevertheless (where), no, none (beside), not (any, -withstanding), thing of nought, save (-ing), there, uttermost part, want, without (cause).

Psalm 97

¹ The **LORD** reigneth; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of isles be glad thereof.

² **Clouds and darkness** are round about **Him**: **righteousness and judgment** are the habitation of **His throne**.

³ A fire goeth before **Him**, and burneth up **His enemies** round about.

Matthew 26

⁶⁴ Jesus saith unto him, Thou hast said: nevertheless I say unto you, **Hereafter shall ye see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven**.

Revelation 1

⁷ Behold, **He cometh with clouds [cloudiness]**; and **every eye shall see [wide-eyed gazing of the remarkable event] Him**, and they also which pierced Him: and **all kindreds of the earth shall wail** [kopto ~ beat the breast in grief] **because of Him**. Even so, Amen.

Ecclesiastes 12 - Remember NOW, He is Risen

Remember Now (*cont*)

A Look forward (*cont*)

Before mankind is destroyed

Ecclesiastes 12

³In the day when the **keepers of the house** shall **tremble**, and the **strong men** shall **bow themselves**, and the **grinders** **cease** because they are **few**, and those that look out of the windows be **darkened**,

Keepers – [OT:8104](#) שָׁמַר **shamar** (shaw-mar'); a primitive root; properly, to hedge about (as with thorns), i.e. guard; generally, to protect, attend to, etc.:

KJV - beware, be circumspect, take heed (to self), keep (-erself), mark, look narrowly, observe, preserve, regard, reserve, save (self), sure, (that lay) wait (for), watch (-man).

Tremble – [OT:2111](#) זָעַזַע **zuwa`** (zoo'-ah); a primitive root; properly, to shake off, i.e. (figuratively) to agitate (as with fear): **KJV** - move, tremble, vex.

Strong – [OT:2428](#) חַיִּיל **chayil** (khah'-yil); from [OT:2342](#); probably a force, whether of men, means or other resources; an army, wealth, virtue, valor, strength:

KJV - able, activity, (+)army, band of men (soldiers), company, (great) forces, goods, host, might, power, riches, strength, strong, substance, train, (+)valiant (-ly), valour, virtuous (-ly), war, worthy (-ily).

Bow themselves – [OT:5791](#) עָוַת **`avath** (aw-vath'); a primitive root; to wrest:

KJV - bowsself, (make) crooked., falsifying, overthrow, deal perversely, pervert, subvert, turn upside down.

Grinders – [OT:2912](#) תַּחַן **tachan** (taw-khan'); a primitive root; to grind meal; hence, to be a concubine (that being their employment): **KJV** - grind (-er).

Cease – [OT:988](#) בָּטַל **batel** (baw-tale'); a primitive root; to desist from labor:

KJV - cease.

Few – [OT:4592](#) מְעַט **me`at** (meh-at'); or **me`at** (meh-awt'); from [OT:4591](#); a little or few (often adverbial or compar.):

KJV - almost (some, very) few (-er, -est), lightly, little (while), (very) small (matter, thing), some, soon, *very.

Darkened - [OT:2821](#) חָשַׁךְ **chashak** (khaw-shak'); a primitive root; to be dark (as withholding light); transitively, to darken:

KJV - be black, be (make) dark, darken, cause darkness, be dim, hide.

Psalm 95

⁶O come, let us worship and bow down: let us **kneel before the LORD our maker**.

Isaiah 45

²³I have sworn by myself, the Word is gone out of my mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, That unto me **every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear**.

Ecclesiastes 12 - Remember NOW, He is Risen

Remember Now (*cont*)

A Look forward (*cont*)

Before mankind is destroyed (*cont*)

Ecclesiastes 12

³ In the day when the **keepers of the house** shall tremble, and the **strong men** shall bow themselves, and the **grinders** cease because they are few, and those that look out of the windows be darkened,

Romans 14

¹¹ For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, **every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.**

Matthew 27

²⁹ And when they had platted a crown of thorns, they put it upon His head, and a reed in His right hand: and they **bowed the knee before Him, and mocked Him, saying, Hail, King of the Jews!**

Philippians 2

¹⁰ That **at the name of Jesus every knee should bow**, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;

Before merriment is over

Ecclesiastes 12

⁴ And the **doors** shall be shut in the streets, when the sound of the **grinding [hand mill]** is low, and he shall **rise up at the voice of the [hopping] bird**, and all the **daughters of musick** shall be brought low;

Doors – [OT:1817](#) דֶּלֶת **deleth** (deh'-leth); from [OT:1802](#); something swinging, i.e. the valve of a door: **KJV** - door (two-leaved), gate, leaf, lid.

Low – [OT:8217](#) שָׁפַל **shaphal** (shaw-fawl'); from [OT:8213](#); depressed, literally or figuratively: **KJV** - base (-st), humble, low (-er, -ly).

Musick – [OT:7892](#) שִׁיר **shiyr** (sheer); or feminine shiyrah (shee-raw'); a song; abstractly, singing: **KJV** - musical (-ick), ^x sing (-er, -ing), song.

Lamentations 5

¹⁴ The **elders have ceased from the gate**, the **young men from their musick**.

¹⁵ The **joy of our heart is ceased**; our **dance is turned into mourning**.

¹⁶ The **crown is fallen from our head**: woe unto us, that we have sinned!

Ecclesiastes 12 - Remember NOW, He is Risen

Remember Now (*cont*)

[EXCURSIVE]

....hopping....

EASTER - [NT:3957](#) πάσχα **pascha** (pas'-khah); of Aramaic origin [compare [OT:6453](#)]; the Passover (the meal, the day, the festival or the special sacrifices connected with it): **KJV** - Easter, Passover.

...from - [OT:6453](#) פֶּסַח **Pecach** (peh'-sakh); from [OT:6452](#); a pretermission, i.e. exemption; used only technically of the Jewish Passover (the festival or the victim): **KJV** - passover (offering).

...from - [OT:6452](#) פָּחַח **pacach** (paw-sakh'); a primitive root; **to hop**, i.e. (figuratively) skip over (or spare); by implication, to hesitate; also (literally) to limp, to dance: **KJV** - halt, become lame, leap, pass over.

Ecclesiastes 12 - Remember NOW, He is Risen

Remember Now (*cont*)

A Look forward (*cont*)

Before mourning begins

Ecclesiastes 12

⁵ Also when **they shall be afraid** [frightened] of that which is **high**, and fears [terror] shall be **in the way**, and the **almond tree shall flourish**, and the **grasshopper shall be a burden**, and **desire shall fail**: because **man goeth to his long home**, and the **mourners go about** [surround, revolving] the streets:

High – [OT:1364](#) גָּבוֹהַ **gaboahh** (gaw-bo'-ah); or (fully) **gabowahh** (gaw-bo'-ah); from [OT:1361](#); elevated (or elated), powerful, arrogant:

KJV - haughty, height, high (-er), lofty, proud, ^xexceeding proudly.

Way – [OT:1870](#) דֶּרֶךְ **derek** (deh'-rek); from [OT:1869](#); a road (as trodden); figuratively, a course of life or mode of action, often adverb:

KJV - along, away, because of, + by, conversation, custom, [east-] ward, journey, manner, passenger, through, toward, [high-] [path-] way [-side], whither [-soever].

Almond tree – [OT:8247](#) שִׁקְדָּה **shaged** (shaw-kade'); from [OT:8245](#); the almond (tree or nut; as being the **earliest in bloom**): **KJV** - almond (tree).

Flourish – [OT:5006](#) נָאֵץ **na'ats** (naw-ats'); a primitive root; to scorn; or ([Eccl 12:5](#)) by interchange for [OT:5132](#), to bloom:

KJV - abhor, (give occasion to) blaspheme, contemn, despise, flourish, ^xgreat, provoke.

Grasshopper – [OT:2284](#) חָגַב **chagab** (khaw-gawb'); of uncertain derivation; a locust: **KJV** - locust.

Burden – [OT:5445](#) סָבַל **cabal** (saw-bal'); a primitive root; to carry (literally or figuratively), or (reflexively) be burdensome; specifically, to be gravid:

KJV - bear, be a burden, carry, strong to labour.

Desire – [OT:35](#) אֲבִיוֹנָה **'abiyownah** (ab-ee-yo-naw'); from [OT:14](#); provocative of desire; the caper berry (from its stimulative taste): **KJV** - desire.

Fail – [OT:6565](#) פָּרַר **parar** (paw-rar'); a primitive root; to break up (usually figuratively, i.e. to violate, frustrate:

KJV - ^xany ways, break (asunder), cast off, cause to cease, ^xclean, defeat, disannul, disappoint, dissolve, divide, make of none effect, fail, frustrate, bring (come) to nought, ^xutterly, make void.

Long – [OT:5769](#) עוֹלָם **'owlam** (o-lawm'); or `olam (o-lawm'); from [OT:5956](#); properly, concealed, i.e. the vanishing point; generally, time out of mind (past or future), i.e. (practically) eternity; frequently, adverbial (especially with prepositional prefix) always:

KJV - alway (-s), ancient (time), any more, continuance, eternal, (for, [n-]) ever (-lasting, -more, of old), lasting, long (time), (of) old (time), perpetual, at any time, (beginning of the) world (+without end). Compare [OT:5331](#), [OT:5703](#).

Mourners – [OT:5594](#) סָפַד **caphad** (saw-fad'); a primitive root; properly, to tear the hair and beat the breasts (as Orientals do in grief); generally to lament; by implication, to wail: **KJV** - lament, mourn (-er), wail.

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Remember Now (*cont*)

A Look forward (*cont*)

There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth

Matthew 8

¹² But the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness: **there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.**

Matthew 22

¹³ Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness, **there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.**

Matthew 24

⁵¹ And shall cut him asunder, and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites: **there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.**

Matthew 25

³⁰ And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: **there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.**

Luke 13

²⁸ **There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth**, when ye shall see Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrust out.

Ezekiel 7

¹¹ **Violence is risen up into a rod of wickedness: none of them shall remain, nor of their multitude, nor of any of their's: neither shall there be wailing for them.**

There shall be dancing and gladness and praise and thanks

Psalms 30

¹¹ Thou hast **turned for me my mourning into dancing**: thou hast **put off my sackcloth**, and **girded me with gladness**;

¹² To the **end that my glory may sing praise** to thee, and **not be silent**. O LORD my God, I will **give thanks unto thee for ever**.

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Remember Now (*cont*)

A Look forward (*cont*)

Before economies collapse

Ecclesiastes 12

⁶Or ever the silver [AG] cord [rope] be **loosed**, or the golden [AU] bowl be **broken**, or the **pitcher** be broken at the fountain, or the **wheel broken at the cistern**.

Loosed – [OT:7368](#) רָחַק **rachaq** (raw-khak'); a primitive root; to widen (in any direction), i.e. (intransitively) recede or (transitively) remove (literally or figuratively, of place or relation):

KJV - (a-, be, cast, drive, get, go, keep [self], put, remove, be too, [wander], withdraw) far (away, off), loose, ^xrefrain, very, (be) a good way (off).

Broken – [OT:7533](#) שָׁבַר **ratsats** (raw-tsats'); a primitive root; to crack in pieces, literally or figuratively:

KJV - break, bruise, crush, discourage, oppress, struggle together.

Pitcher – [OT:3537](#) כַּד **kad** (kad); from an unused root meaning to deepen; properly, a pail; but generally of earthenware; a jar for domestic purposes:

KJV - barrel, pitcher.

Broken – [OT:7665](#) שָׁבַר **shabar** (shaw-bar'); a primitive root; to burst (literally or figuratively):

KJV - break (down, off, in pieces, up), broken ([-hearted]), bring to the birth, crush, destroy, hurt, quench, ^xquite, tear, view [by mistake for [OT:7663](#)].

Cistern – [OT:953](#) בּוֹר **bowr** (bore); from [OT:952](#) (in the sense of [OT:877](#)); a pit hole (especially one used as a cistern or a prison):

KJV - cistern, dungeon, fountain, pit, well.

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Remember Now (*cont*)

A Look forward (*cont*)

Before death comes

Ecclesiastes 12

⁷Then shall the **dust return to the earth** as it was: and the **Spirit shall return unto God who gave it.**

Deuteronomy 32

¹⁵But Jeshurun waxed fat, and kicked: thou art waxen fat, thou art grown thick, thou art covered with fatness; then **he forsook God which made him, and lightly esteemed the Rock of his salvation.**

¹⁶They **provoked him to jealousy** with strange gods, with **abominations provoked they him to anger.**

¹⁷They **sacrificed unto devils, not to God; to gods whom they knew not, to new gods that came newly up,** whom your fathers feared not.

¹⁸**Of the Rock that begat thee thou art unmindful,** and hast **forgotten God** that formed thee.

Hosea 8

¹⁴For Israel hath **forgotten** his Maker, and buildeth temples; and Judah hath multiplied fenced cities: but I will send a fire upon his cities, and it shall devour the palaces thereof.

2 Peter 1

³According as his divine power hath **given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness,** through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:

⁴Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

⁵And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge;

⁶And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness;

⁷And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.

⁸For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁹But **he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins.**

¹⁰Wherefore the rather, brethren, **give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:**

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Remember Now (*cont*)

A Look forward (*cont*)

Before death comes (*cont*)

Ecclesiastes 12 (*cont*)

⁷Then shall the **dust return to the earth** as it was: and the **Spirit shall return unto God who gave it.**

John 5

²⁴ Verily, verily, I say unto you, **He that heareth my Word, and believeth on Him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.**

The soul that is NOT quickened by the Spirit of God is DEAD and remains dead. Those who are born again, being quickened by the Holy Spirit, NEVER DIE.

John 11

²⁶ And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall **never die**. Believest thou this?

We are spiritual man, that never die. We are indwelled by the LIFE. That LIFE is SPIRITUAL and everlasting. It can NEVER DIE!

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Life is all vanity

Ecclesiastes 12

⁸ **Vanity of vanities, saith the preacher; all is vanity.**

Vanity – [OT:1892](#) הֶבֶל **hebel** (heh'bel); or (rarely in the abs.) **habel** (hab-ale'); from [OT:1891](#); emptiness or vanity; figuratively, something transitory and unsatisfactory; often used as an adverb: **KJV** - ~~x~~ altogether, vain, vanity.

Preacher – [OT:6953](#) קְהֹלֵת **qoheleth** (ko-heh'-leth); feminine of active participle from [OT:6950](#); a (female) assembler (i.e. lecturer): abstractly, preaching (used as a "nom de plume", Koheleth): **KJV** - preacher.

All life in this world is Vanity

Ecclesiastes 1

² Vanity of vanities, saith the Preacher, vanity of vanities; **all is vanity.**

All born into condemnation of Vanity

Romans 8

²⁰ For **the creature was made subject to vanity**, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope,

²¹ Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.

Vanity is Carnal

Ephesians 4

¹⁷ This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth **walk not as other**

Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind,

¹⁸ Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart:

¹⁹ Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.

²⁰ But ye have not so learned Christ;

²¹ If so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as the **truth is in Jesus:**

²² That ye **put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;**

²³ And **be renewed in the spirit of your mind;**

²⁴ And that ye **put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.**

Ecclesiastes 12 - Remember NOW, He is Risen

Spiritual matters

Wisdom

Ecclesiastes 12

⁹ And moreover, because the **preacher** was wise, he still **taught** the people knowledge; yea, he gave **good heed**, and **sought out**, and **set in order** many **proverbs**.

Preacher – [OT:6953](#) קֹהֵלֶת **qoheleth** (ko-heh'-leth); feminine of active participle from [OT:6950](#); a (female) assembler (i.e. lecturer): abstractly, preaching (used as a "nom de plume", Koheleth): **KJV** - preacher.

1 Kings 3

²⁸ And all Israel heard of the judgment which the king had judged; and they feared the king: for they saw that the **wisdom of God was in him, to do judgment**.

Luke 11

⁴⁹ Therefore also said the **wisdom of God**, I will send them prophets and apostles, and *some* of them they shall slay and persecute:

1 Corinthians 1

²¹ For after that in the **wisdom of God** the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.

1 Corinthians 2

⁷ But we speak the **wisdom of God in a mystery**, *even* the **hidden wisdom**, which God **ordained before the world unto our glory**:

Ephesians 3

¹⁰ To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly *places* might be **known by the church the manifold wisdom of God**,

Taught

Taught – [OT:3925](#) לָמַד **lamad** (law-mad'); a primitive root; properly, to goad, i.e. (by implication) to teach (the rod being an Oriental incentive): [un-] accustomed, ^x diligently, expert, instruct, learn, skilful, teach (-er, -ing).

1 Thessalonians 4

⁷ For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness.

⁸ He therefore that despiseth, despiseth not man, but God, who hath also given unto us his holy Spirit.

⁹ But as touching brotherly love ye need not that I write unto you: for ye yourselves are taught of God to love one another.

1 Corinthians 2

¹³ Which things also we speak, **not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth**, but which the **Holy Ghost teacheth**; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

Ecclesiastes 12 - Remember NOW, He is Risen

Spiritual matters (*cont*)

Listened

Ecclesiastes 12 (*cont*)

⁹ And moreover, because the **preacher** was wise, he still **taught** the people knowledge; yea, he gave **good heed**, and **sought out**, and **set in order** many **proverbs**.

Good heed – [OT:238](#) אָזַן 'azan (aw-zan'); a primitive root; probably to expand; but used only as a denominative from [OT:241](#); to broaden out the ear (with the hand), i.e. (by implication) to listen: **KJV** - give (perceive by the) ear, hear

1 John 2

²⁷ But the **anointing which ye have received of Him** abideth in you, and **ye need not that any man teach you**: but as the **same anointing teacheth you of all things**, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.

2 Peter 2

¹² But these, as **natural brute beasts**, made to be taken and destroyed, speak evil of the things that they understand not; and shall utterly **perish in their own corruption**;

¹³ And shall **receive the reward of unrighteousness**, as they that count it **pleasure to riot in the day time**. **Spots** they are and **blemishes**, sporting themselves with their own **deceivings** while they feast with you;

¹⁴ Having **eyes full of adultery**, and that **cannot cease from sin**; **beguiling unstable souls**: an **heart they have exercised with covetous practices**; **cursed children**:

¹⁵ Which have **forsaken the right way**, and are **gone astray**, following the way of Balaam the son of Bosor, who **loved the wages of unrighteousness**;

¹⁶ But was rebuked for his iniquity: the dumb ass speaking with man's voice forbad the madness of the prophet.

¹⁷ These are **wells without water**, **clouds that are carried with a tempest**; to whom the **mist of darkness is reserved for ever**.

¹⁸ For when they **speak great swelling words of vanity**, they **allure through the lusts of the flesh**, through **much wantonness**, those that were clean escaped from them who live in error.

¹⁹ While they **promise them liberty**, they themselves are the **servants of corruption**: for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in **bondage**.

Examine yourself

Sought out – [OT:2713](#) חָקַר **chaqar** (khaw-kar'); a primitive root; properly, to penetrate; hence, to examine intimately:

KJV - find out, (make) search (out), seek (out), sound, try.

1 Corinthians 11

²⁸ But **let a man examine himself**, and so let him eat of *that* bread, and drink of *that* cup.

Ecclesiastes 12 - Remember NOW, He is Risen

Spiritual matters (*cont*)

Examine yourself (*cont*)

Ecclesiastes 12 (*cont*)

⁹ And moreover, because the preacher was wise, he still taught the people knowledge; yea, he gave good heed, and sought out, and set in order many proverbs.

2 Corinthians 13

⁴ For though **He** was crucified through weakness, yet he liveth by the power of God. For we also are **weak in him**, but we shall live with him by the power of God toward you.

⁵ **Examine yourselves**, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that **Jesus Christ is in you**, except ye be reprobates?

Psalm 26

² **Examine me, O LORD, and prove me**; try my reins and my heart.

Sanctify yourself

Set in order – [OT:8626](#) תָּקַן **taqan** (taw-kan'); a primitive root; to equalize, i.e. straighten (intransitive or transitive); figuratively, to compose:
KJV - set in order, make straight.

Leviticus 11

⁴⁴ For I *am* the LORD your God: ye shall therefore **sanctify yourselves**, and ye shall be holy; for I *am* holy: **neither shall ye defile yourselves** with any manner of creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

Leviticus 20

⁷ **Sanctify yourselves** therefore, and **be ye holy**: for I *am* the LORD your God.

Joshua 3

⁵ And Joshua said unto the people, **Sanctify yourselves**: for to morrow the LORD will do wonders among you.

Proverbs – [OT:4912](#) מָשָׁל **mashal** (maw-shawl'); apparently from [OT:4910](#) in some original sense of superiority in mental action; properly, a pithy maxim, usually of metaphorical nature; hence, a simile (as an adage, poem, discourse): **KJV** - byword, like, parable, proverb.

Colossians 3

⁸ But now ye also **put off all these**; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy **communication** out of your mouth.

⁹ **Lie not one to another**, seeing that ye have **put off the old man with his deeds**;

¹⁰ And have **put on the new man**, which is **renewed in knowledge** after the **image of Him that created him**:

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Spiritual matters (*cont*)

Seek the Word

Ecclesiastes 12

¹⁰ **The preacher sought to find out acceptable words:** and that which was written was **upright** [right], even **Words of truth** [trustworthiness].

Preacher – [OT:6953](#) קֹהֵלֶת **qoheleth** (ko-heh'-leth); feminine of active participle from [OT:6950](#); a (female) assembler (i.e. lecturer): abstractly, preaching (used as a "nom de plume", Koheleth): **KJV** - preacher.

Sought – [OT:1245](#) שָׁקַח **baqash** (baw-kash'); a primitive root; to search out (by any method, specifically in worship or prayer); by implication, to strive after: **KJV** - ask, beg, beseech, desire, enquire, get, make inquisition, procure, (make) request, require, seek (for).

Find out – [OT:4672](#) מָצָא **matsa'** (maw-tsaw'); a primitive root; properly, to come forth to, i.e. appear or exist; transitively, to attain, i.e. find or acquire; figuratively, to occur, meet or be present:

KJV - + be able, befall, being, catch, ^xcertainly, (cause to) come (on, to, to hand), deliver, be enough (cause to) find (-ing, occasion, out), get (hold upon), ^xhave (here), be here, hit, be left, light (up-) on, meet (with), ^xoccasion serve, (be) present, ready, speed, suffice, take hold on.

Acceptable – [OT:2656](#) חֵפֶז **chephets** (khay'-fets); from [OT:2654](#); pleasure; hence (abstractly) desire; concretely, a valuable thing; hence (by extension) a matter (as something in mind):

KJV - acceptable, delight (-some), desire, things desired, matter, pleasant (-ure), purpose, willingly.

Psalm 19

¹⁴ Let the **words of my mouth**, and the **meditation of my heart**, be **acceptable in thy sight**, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer.

Acceptable – [OT:7522](#) רָצוֹן **ratsown** (raw-tsone'); or **ratson** (raw-tsone'); from [OT:7521](#); delight (especially as shown):

KJV - (be) acceptable (-ance, -ed), delight, desire, favour, (good) pleasure, (ownself,, voluntary) will, as ... (what) would.

1 Peter 2

²⁰ For what glory is it, if, when ye be buffeted for your faults, ye shall take it patiently? but if, when ye do well, and suffer for it, ye take it patiently, this is **acceptable with God**.

Acceptable – [NT:5485](#) χάρις **charis** (khar'-ece); from [NT:5463](#); graciousness (as gratifying), of manner or act (abstract or concrete; literal, figurative or spiritual; especially the divine influence upon the heart, and its reflection in the life; including gratitude):

KJV - acceptable, benefit, favour, gift, grace (-ious), joy, liberality, pleasure, thank (-s, -worthy).

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Spiritual matters (*cont*)

Teach the Word

Ecclesiastes 12

¹¹ **The Words of the wise are as goads** [sticks, prods], and as nails [pegs] fastened by the masters of assemblies, which are **given from One Shepherd**.

Goads – [OT:1861](#) דָּרְבָן **dorbown** (dor-bone') [also dor-bawn']; of uncertain derivation; a goad: **KJV** - goad.

Fastened – [OT:5193](#) נָטַע **nata`** (naw-tah'); a primitive root; properly, to strike in, i.e. fix; specifically, to plant (literally or figuratively): **KJV** - fastened, plant (-er).

Masters – [OT:1167](#) בַּעַל **ba`al** (bah'-al); from [OT:1166](#); a master; hence, a husband, or (figuratively) owner (often used with another noun in modifications of this latter sense):

KJV - + archer, + babbler, + bird, captain, chief man, + confederate, + have to do, + dreamer, those to whom it is due, + furious, those that are given to it, great, + hairy, he that hath it, have, + horseman, husband, lord, man, + married, master, person, + sworn, they of.

Assemblies – [OT:627](#) אֲצִפָּח **'acuppah** (as-up-paw'); fem of [OT:624](#); a collection of (learned) men (only in the plural): **KJV** - assembly.

Seek not other counsel

Ecclesiastes 12

¹² And further, by these, my son, **be admonished: of making many books there is no end; and much study is a weariness of the flesh.**

Weariness – [OT:3024](#) יָגַעַת **yegi`ah** (yeg-ee-aw'); feminine of [OT:3019](#); fatigue: **KJV** - weariness.

Galatians 6

⁹ And **let us not be weary in well doing**: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

Acts 19

¹⁹ Many of them also which used curious arts **brought their books together, and burned them before all men**: and they counted the price of them, and found *it* fifty thousand *pieces* of silver.

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Conclusion

Ecclesiastes 12

¹³ **Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter [dabar - Word]: Fear God, and keep His commandments: for this is the whole duty of man [human beings].**

Conclusion – [OT:5490](#) **סִוְיָהּ** **cowph** (sofe); from [OT:5486](#); a termination:

KJV - conclusion, end, hinder participle

Commandments – [OT:4687](#) **מִצְוָה** **mitsvah** (mits-vaw'); from [OT:6680](#); a command, whether human or divine (collectively, the Law):

KJV - (which was) commanded (-ment), law, ordinance, precept.

Whole duty – [OT:3605](#) **כֹּל** **kol** (kole); or ([Jer 33:8](#)) **kowl** (kole); from [OT:3634](#);

properly, the whole; hence, all, any or every (in the singular only, but often in a plural sense):

KJV - (in) all (manner, [ye]), altogether, any (manner), enough, every (one, place, thing), howsoever, as many as, [no-] thing, ought, whatsoever, (the) whole, whoso (-ever).

1 John 5

3 For this is the love of God, that we **keep His commandments**: and His commandments are not grievous.

1 John 2

3 And hereby we do know that we know Him, if we **keep His commandments**.

1 John 3

22 And whatsoever we ask, we receive of Him, because we **keep His commandments**, and do those things that are pleasing in His sight.

1 John 5

2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and **keep His commandments**.

Ephesians 5

²⁶ That He might **sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the Word**,

²⁷ That He might **present it to Himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.**

Ecclesiastes 12 - Remember NOW, He is Risen

Conclusion (*cont*)

God is the Judge

Ecclesiastes 12

¹⁴ For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.

Work – [OT:4639](#) מַעֲשֵׂה **ma`aseh** (mah-as-eh'); from [OT:6213](#); an action (good or bad); generally, a transaction; abstractly, activity; by implication, a product (specifically, a poem) or (generally) property:

KJV - act, art, + bakemeat, business, deed, do (-ing), labor, thing made, ware of making, occupation, thing offered, operation, possession, ^xwell, ([handy-, needle-, net-]) work (ing, -manship), wrought.

Judgment – [OT:4941](#) מִשְׁפָּט **mishpat** (mish-pawt'); from [OT:8199](#); properly, a verdict (favorable or unfavorable) pronounced judicially, especially a sentence or formal decree (human or [participant's] divine law, individual or collective), including the act, the place, the suit, the crime, and the penalty; abstractly, justice, including a participant's right or privilege (statutory or customary), or even a style:

KJV - + adversary, ceremony, charge, ^xcrime, custom, desert, determination, discretion, disposing, due, fashion, form, to be judged, judgment, just (-ice, -ly), (manner of) law (-ful), manner, measure, (due) order, ordinance, right, sentence, usest, ^xworthy, + wrong.

Secret – [OT:5956](#) אָלַם **`alam** (aw-lam'); a primitive root; to veil from sight, i.e. conceal (literally or figuratively):

KJV - ^xany ways, blind, dissembler, hide (self), secret (thing).

1 Corinthians 15

¹² Now if Christ be preached that he rose from the dead, how say some among you that there is no resurrection of the dead?

¹³ But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen:

¹⁴ And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain.

¹⁵ Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God that he raised up Christ: whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not.

¹⁶ For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised:

¹⁷ And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins.

¹⁸ Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished.

¹⁹ If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable.

²⁰ But **now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits** of them that slept.

²¹ For since by man came death, by man came also the **resurrection of the dead.**

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Conclusion (*cont*)

Colossians 3

¹ If ye then be **risen with Christ**, seek those things which are above, where **Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.**

² **Set your affection on things above**, not on things on the earth.

³ For **ye are dead**, and **your life is hid with Christ in God.**

Romans 6

⁴ Therefore we are **buried with Him by baptism into death**: that like as **Christ was raised up from the dead** by the glory of the Father, even so **we also should walk in newness of life.**

1 Peter 1

² Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a **lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ** from the dead,

⁴ To an **inheritance incorruptible**, and **undefiled**, and **that fadeth not away**, reserved **in heaven for you**,

⁵ Who are **kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.**

Ecclesiastes 12 - Remember NOW, He is Risen

Conclusion (*cont*)

Revelation 1

⁴ John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace be unto you, and peace, from Him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the seven Spirits which are before His throne;

⁵ And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and **the first begotten of the dead**, and the **Prince of the kings of the earth**. Unto Him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood,

⁶ And hath **made us kings and priests unto God and His Father; to Him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.**

⁷ Behold, **He cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see Him, and they also which pierced Him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of Him.** Even so, Amen.

1 Thessalonians 4

¹⁷ Then we which are **alive and remain** shall be caught up together **with them in the clouds**, to meet the Lord in the air: and **so shall we ever be with the Lord.**

At the End to which we look, we are those who REMEMBER NOW our Creator (Ecclesiastes 12:1) who did determine to save us from the foundation of the world. He, alone, is our Faithful LORD JEHOVAH our only ONE REDEEMER and only ONE SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST. He is KING OF KINGS and LORD OF LORDS. He is HIM who is the FIRST FRUITS receiving a glorified body of flesh and bones BECAUSE HE IS HOLY GOD WHO IS RISEN!

FOR ALL THE SAINTS, the CONCLUSION of the WHOLE MATTER is declared that in the END we shall ever BE WITH THE LORD who will RAISE US UP the LAST DAY AFTER WHICH THE REMNANT of JACOB shall be changed also in the twinkling of the eye...

So shall we receive the remainder of the purchased possession (the glorified body) .

*We are those that will be coming with the LORD,
who REMEMBER NOW, HE IS RISEN!*