



THE WISDOM OF ECCLESIASTES

08.28.16 | THE END OF THE MATTER | ECCLESIASTES 12:9-14

1. SOLOMON REMINDS US OF THE PURPOSE OF ECCLESIASTES.

Ecclesiastes 12:9-10

2. GOD WILL OCCASIONALLY SEND PAIN TO KEEP US FROM GREATER

SUFFERING.

Ecclesiastes 12:11

3. REMEMBER TO OBEY WHAT YOU ALREADY KNOW FROM GOD'S WORD.

Ecclesiastes 12:12

4. EVERYTHING RISES AND FALLS IN LIFE BASED UPON OUR FEAR OF GOD.

Ecclesiastes 12:13-14

Proverbs 1:7

Proverbs 29:25

FURTHER STUDY

1. Read Eccl. 12:9-10. The author differentiates here between wisdom and knowledge. What do you think the difference is? Give an example of each from the book of Ecclesiastes.

2. Verse 10 gives great insight into what balanced teaching is like. Clearly the author saw the great importance of taking time to teach or disciple others. What are the two elements of balanced teaching found in verse 10, and why is it important to have both of these two elements present as we seek to be disciples that make disciples?

3. Verse 11 compares wise teaching to a goad (aka. cattle prod). What does this description teach you about hearing, receiving, and giving wisdom?

4. One of the greatest tensions kept in Scripture is touched on in these last two verses of the book – God is completely sovereign and what we do matters. Why is this such a difficult tension to keep in balance, and why are both sides of the tension important?

5. Verse 14 gives the motivation for fulfilling the duty of man described in verse 13. How is this motivation powerfully built into every human being?

6. Read 1 John 4:13-19. How does having a believing, gospel perspective change the motivation talked about in the conclusion of Ecclesiastes?

7. In what ways are you still being motivated by fear of judgment, and how might your life change if you more fully believed in Christ's perfect love that casts out fear?

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