

THE BOOK OF ECCLESIASTES

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

#9 = TAKE IT SERIOUSLY! (5:1-7)

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Ecclesiastes 5:1-7

- Solomon has formed his thesis statement. He has set out on his experiment. Now he is observing the people and the world around him. He has looked in the palace, in the courtroom, and in the street. Now he looks at the _____.
- The subject of these verses has to do with _____. Sacrifices and vows are religious acts.

THOUGHTS

1. Take your _____ seriously.
 - a. V. 1 = *Keep thy foot* = "Watch your step!"
 - b. After Jesus ascended, He sent the Holy Spirit to live inside of us. Now we are the Temple of God.
 - c. V. 1 = *Sacrifice of fools* = We do not offer sacrifices like they did in the old days, but we are told to present different sacrifices to God:
 - i. Our _____. (Rom. 12:1-2)
 - ii. Our BLESSING. (Heb. 13:15 = sacrifice of praise)
 - iii. Our _____. (Phil. 4:18)
 - iv. Our _____. (Ps. 51:16-17)
 - v. Our BEARING. (Rom. 15:16 = sharing the gospel)
2. Take your _____ seriously.
 - a. V. 1 = *...be more ready to hear...* = Obeying is better than sacrifice.
 - b. V. 2 = *Be not rash* = "To move at a high speed"
 - c. We can apply these thoughts to when we come to God in _____.
 - i. _____ before you speak. (v. 1)
 - ii. Choose your words carefully. (v. 2)
 - iii. _____ more than you speak. (v. 3)
 1. God gave you two ears and one mouth! Use them accordingly!
 2. One of the big mistakes we make in prayer is thinking we have to do all the _____.
 - iv. Take your time in making _____. (v. 6)
 1. Don't allow your mouth to cause you to sin.
 2. It is wrong to make a vow when you have no _____ of keeping it. (v. 4)
 3. It is wrong to make _____ as to why you are refusing to pay your vow. (v. 6)
3. Take God's _____ seriously.
 - a. V. 1 = *...be more ready to hear, than to give the sacrifice of fools...* = Be ready to _____ God's Word.
 - b. God doesn't just want what's in your _____; He wants what's in your _____!
 - c. "In prayer, it is better to have a heart without words, than words without a heart." – John Bunyan
 - d. Solomon was warning against an _____ worship of God.
 - e. There are things that are sacred and should be treated in a sober, serious manner.

***Your body is the Temple of God. Are you presenting it as a sacrifice to Him?
Are you careful with your words and mindful of your prayers?
Do you take the things of God seriously and treat them as _____?***