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THE SOUL'S YEARNING AND GOD'S HUMBLING

Before proceeding with our studies in Ecclesiastes it may be well to point out a peculiar morphological feature of this author. The five books, though they are independent, are yet "dove-tailed" together by the way in which the final thought of each leads directly to the next. The effect is that each successive composition is of the nature of a digression from the composition standing before it, but a digression which is expanded into an independent piece of writing.

The Third Book (5:10-6:12) resumes and carries forward to completion the train of thought developed in Book I. There, the Assembler was engaged in surveying the various departments of human activity; here, he analyzes the spring of all activity under the sun – the soul's desire, or yearning (6:2). The mode of treatment is both simple and methodic. The thoughts are drawn in orderly sequence: maxims (5:10-12); illustrations (5:13-6:6); reflections (6:7-12). The Book opens with a series of maxims setting forth the vanity of desire in its several phases. These are followed by a number of typical instances supporting the ideas expressed in the maxims. Then follow practical reflections suggested by what has been gleaned in the course of investigation.

Like the preceding, this Book is also followed by a string of "notes" responding to the questions of 6:12. These embody in pithy sayings the results which wise thinking has yielded (7:1-12).



In the First Book, where the author successively subjected to review the various phases of human activity, with the only result that each was found wanting, the sentiment was voiced that all labor, though bringing a sense of pleasure, fails to give genuine satisfaction. Now this line of thought is carried one degree further: What has been found to be true of outward activity is found to be equally true of the inward principle which prompted it. Ecclesiastes asserts that the soul is not satisfied with the attainment of the objects yearned for. This is the starting-point of the present book:

10 *One who loves silver is never satisfied with his silver,
And one who loves superabundance never has enough income;
This too is vanity.*

Having thus stated the main thesis of the present discussion, the Assembler proceeds to establish it. He points out that attainment without satisfaction is a familiar experience. He then observes the added fact, attested by concrete examples in actual life, that attainment is frequently attended by hurt and followed by failure while, on the other hand, genuine happiness is found to exist where the most coveted objects of human envy are absent.

11 *When goods increase those who devour them multiply;
And what profit are they to their possessor save*

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STUDIES (continued from front page)

for the sight of his eyes?

- 12 The sleep of the servant is sweet,
Whether he eats little or much;
Yet the plenty *which the rich man* has,
it *does* not permit him to sleep.

These considerations have paved the way for introducing the two contrasts which occupy the place of prominence in this book: On the one hand is a picture of God-given prosperity and God-given satisfaction in it, and on the other hand is the opposite picture of the same God-given prosperity and the satisfaction withheld. These companion pictures emphasize the idea, which is untiringly reiterated, that happiness is not within the power of man, but is the direct and special gift of God to the individual:

- 13 *There is a* travailing evil I have seen under the sun:
Riches *are* kept by their possessor to his peril;
14 Then these riches perish
through *some* experience of evil;
Then he begets *a* son, when *there* is not
anything *left* in his hand.
15 Just as he *came* forth from his mother's belly,
Naked shall he return, to go as he came;
He shall not take up anything from his toil
which he may carry in his hand.
16 This too *is a* travailing evil;
Exactly as he came, so shall he go,
And what advantage *is it* to him since he
toiled for wind?
17 Moreover, all his days *are* in darkness and
mourning,
With much vexation and illness and wrath.
18 Behold, *that* which I have seen *that is* good,
that is fitting, *is*:
To eat and to drink and to see good in all one's
toil that he is toiling under the sun,
During the number of days *in* his life
that the *One*, Elohim, has given to him,
For that *is* his portion.
19 Moreover, *concerning* any man to whom
the *One*,
Elohim, gives riches and substance,
And gives him power to eat of it and to obtain
his portion and to rejoice in his toil,
This *good*, it *is a* gift of Elohim.
20 For he shall not be much mindful of *the* days

of his life,

For the *One*, Elohim, is keeping him humble
in *the* rejoicing of his heart.

In 5:19 Ecclesiastes speaks of natural happiness as being God's gift to the individual. The thought is amplified in :20 by the assertion that natural happiness, like all things belonging to the eonian system, is alloyed with humbling (*cf.* 1:13; 3:10).

That which is wrought under the sun, as also the times and seasons, has been designed by God for man's discipline and training. Parents spoil their children by giving free vent to their wishes; rulers corrupt manhood by lavish prodigality of favors to their supporters – but God's methods are adapted to man's present constitution, which is a strange admixture of good and evil. All of His ways have in view the debasing effect of unstinted gratification. His dispensation of the good that gladdens the heart is tempered by the humbling which chastens the spirit. In all of His methods is discernible a subtle combination: an exquisite of goodness and severity whereby spiritual rations are developed and heightened and baser instincts are curbed and subdued.

The vanity or transitoriness of the soul's yearning appears most fully in the light of death.

This too is a travailing evil; exactly as he came, so shall he go, and what advantage is it to him since he toiled for wind? (Ecc.5:16).

In concluding this composition Ecclesiastes dwells on this thought.

- 6:1 *There is an* evil under the sun that I have seen,
And it *lies* great *upon* humanity:
2 *When a* man to whom the *One*, Elohim,
gives riches and substance and glory,
And he has no lack to his soul of all that it
yearns *for*,
Yet the *One*, Elohim, *does* not give him power
to eat of it
Because *a* foreign man eats it,
This *is a* vanity, and it *is a* travailing evil.
3 *If a* man begets *a* hundred *children* and
lives *for* many years,
So that *the* days of his years
become *a* multitude,
Yet his soul is not satisfied with good,

- And also *there* is no tomb for him,
I say, A stillborn *child* is better off than he.
- 4 For it comes in vanity,
And in darkness it goes *away*,
And in darkness its name is covered *over*.
- 5 Moreover, it neither saw *the* sun nor knew *any-thing*;
Thus this had *more* rest than that *man*,
- 6 Even supposing he lived twice *a* thousand years and saw no good;
Are not all going to *the* same place?

Only two points need to be noted here. He has been describing the spectacle of accumulated wealth with happiness withheld by God, and pronounced it the worst of all fates – an abortion is better than he. He passes on to practical reflections:

- 7 All of *a* man's toil *is* for his mouth,
Yet even *then* the soul is never filled.
- 8 For what advantage has *a* wise *man* over the stupid *one*,
And what for *the* humble *man* who knows *how* to walk *in* front of the living?

The recognition of the ability to enjoy the details of passing life as a God-given thing, and the spectacle of the man to whom Elohim does not give the power to eat of his wealth (6:2), naturally lead on to the thought that God acts on fixed principles which the individual is powerless to alter.

- 9 Better *the* sight of *the* eyes than *the* roving of *the* soul.
This too *is* vanity and *a* grazing *on* wind.

- 10 What has come *to* be has already been called *by* its name,
And that which man *is* has been foreknown;
No *one* can adjudicate
against *Him* Who *is* mightier than he.

Hence, since man is incapable of resisting his Maker, what is the use of following “words” (“theories” or “doctrines”) which pretend to further man's welfare but in reality only multiply vanities?

- 11 When *there* are many words *the* vanity increases;
What advantage *is* that to man?
- 12 For who knows what is good for *a* man in life
During the number of days *in* his transitory life,
Seeing that He makes them like *a* shadow?
For who *can* tell *a* man what shall come after him under the sun?

Who can tell what is good for a human in this life, or who can tell what shall come afterwards? These questions are dealt with in the notes which fill the interval between this Book and the next notes.

Notes

- 7:1 A good name *is* better than *the* best attar,
And the day of *one's* death than *the* day of his birth.
- 2 *It* is better to go to *a* house of mourning than to go to *a* house of feasting
In that it *is* the terminus of every human;
Thus let the living lay *this* on his heart.
- 3 Better *is* vexation than mirth,



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For with a troubled countenance the heart
may be made better.

- 4 The heart of the wise is in the house of mourning,
And the heart of the stupid in the house of rejoicing.
- 5 Better to hear the rebuke of a wise man
Than for one to hear the song of the stupid.
- 6 For as the sound of the briars under the pot,
So is the mirth of the stupid man;
This too is vanity.
- 7 Extortion makes a wise man raving,
And a bribe destroys the heart.
- 8 The end of a matter is better than its beginning;
A long-suffering spirit is better than a haughty spirit.
- 9 Do not be rash to be vexed in your spirit,
For vexation rests in the bosom of the stupid.
- 10 Do not say, Why is it that the former days
were better than these present times?
For it is not in wisdom that you ask about this.
- 11 Wisdom is good with an allotment
And an advantage to those seeing the sun.
- 12 For in the shadow of wisdom it is as in the
shadow of silver,
And the advantage of knowledge is that
wisdom keeps alive those possessing it.

This series of sayings (7:1-12) is suggested by the two questions which concluded Book III, and which relate to the present life and the hereafter.

❖ *Who knows what is good for a man in life? ...*

❖ *Who can tell a man what shall come after him under the sun?*

I understand these questions as the interposition of an imaginary objector, and the notes that follow as the rejoinder of the Assembler.

The keynote to these sayings is found in the recurring word “better,” which reveals both the point and purpose of these sayings, and the relation they sustain to the discussion standing before them.

To the roving soul (6:9) casting an envious eye on another’s wealth Ecclesiastes says (in view of the instances considered), “Since appearances are often misleading, it is not possible to decide that one’s life is truly prosperous and happy until we know how it terminates.” To the questions bearing on what is good in life and the hereafter the Assembler answers, (1) “What is really good is not determined by personal preferences, but by the general effect of a thing upon humanity”; (2) “Man’s future may, in general, be inferred with a certain degree of probability from the present.” The thought developed in this string of responses rests upon a series of “oppositions” arranged in two groups, which must be taken together, though the proverb of 7:7 separates them:

- ❖ A good name, established at death and the consideration of death as the terminus of our lives exert a wholesome influence on the living (7:1-2).
- ❖ Vexation and a troubled countenance and the seeking of self-improvement in the house of mourning work to the heart (7:3-4). ▶



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- ❖ Rebuke from the wise is better than giddy mirth which is transitory (7:5-6).
- ❖ The end of a matter, establishing the truth of a forecast, is better than the beginning where questions are raised as to the possible outcome (7:8).
- ❖ Patience is better than a rash spirit which is a sign of stupidity (7:9).
- ❖ It is not wisdom to judge the present, which is incomplete, by the former days, which afford a complete view by their entirety (7:10).
- ❖ Both wisdom and silver defend against external attack, but wisdom also affects the life - the life of character (7:11-12).

THE WORK OF GOD

In the Fourth Book (7:13-9:15), Ecclesiastes returns to the subject dealt with in Book II: the work of God. There he emphasizes the antagonism between good and evil. Here he considers the relation between the two opposites. The opening sentence strikes the keynote of the whole section.

- 13 See *the* work of the *One*, Elohim;
For who can set in order that which He has overturned?
- 14 In a day of good be *resting* in *the* good,
And in *a* day of evil, be vigilant;
Indeed the *One*, Elohim, has made
this *one* along with that *one*
For *this* reason, that *a* man cannot
find *out* anything *about* his hereafter.

This is an epitome of the thesis which our author proposes to consider. In accord with God's Word as a whole, the Assembler traces all to God.

A detailed exposition is not in harmony with the suggestive character of these studies. Hence we must content ourselves with noting the general drift of thought and offering a few remarks on the more obscure passages.

Having stated that God has made the day of good along with the day of evil, Ecclesiastes instances familiar experiences supporting the assertion (7:15-22), and then, surveying the totality of things, expresses the conviction that man lacks the power to solve the mystery of the whole.

- 15 I have seen all *this* in my days of vanity:
There is the righteous man who perishes in his

righteousness,

And *there is the* wicked man who is prolonged in his evil.

- 16 Do not be abundantly *self*-righteous,
And do not be *thinking yourself* superlatively wise;
Why should you *make yourself* desolate?
- 17 Do not be abundantly wicked, and do not be frivolous;
Why should you die when *it is* not your season?
- 18 *It is* good that you hold to this,
And from that also do let your hand rest;
For *he who is* fearful of Elohim
shall *come forth from* them all.
- 19 Wisdom *itself gives* more strength
to *the* wise man
Than ten *men of* authority who are in *a* city.
- 20 For *there is* no righteous man in *the* earth
Who does good and never sins.
- 21 Moreover, to all the words that *people* speak
do not give your heart's *attention*,
That you may not hear your servant maledicting you;
- 22 For even many times your heart knows
That you *yourself* also have maledicted others.
- 23 All this I probed by wisdom;
I said, I shall be wise,
Yet it *was* far from me;
- 24 Far *away is* that which has been, and deep,
deep -
Who *can* find it *out*?

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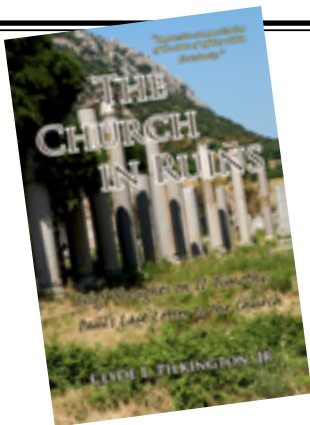


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This book is not a call for a re-awakening of "the church," because it is apparent that this is not Father's plan. Rather, it is a call to individual men – men whose place in the Christian religious system has left them empty, stagnant, and restless – to awaken to Father's call to be His faithful servant and stand outside of that system to look for other faithful men as well.

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