



SHARING

Hymns (What we're praising God for):

Lessons (What God is teaching us):

Requests (What we're asking God to do):

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

Read the passage (Ecclesiastes 7:1-29) and answer the following questions:

1. What stands out most and why?
2. What does the passage reveal to us about God?
3. What does the passage reveal to us about ourselves?
4. What are the immediate application points?

DEEPER DISCUSSION

1. Verse 1 explains that a "good name" is better than wealth. How can we nurture a good name (or reputation)?
2. Solomon says, in essence, that attending a funeral is better than attending a feast. What does pondering death teach us about life? Why do people avoid the topic of death?
3. The rebuke of wisdom is better than the laughter of fools (v. 5-6). What does Solomon mean here? (Read Pr. 27:5-6). How can we build friendships marked by that kind of wisdom and love? Why is rebuke so poorly received?
4. In verse 14 we are reminded that God is sovereign over seasons of prosperity as well as seasons of poverty. Why does that come as a shock to us? What does it reveal about us if we treat "comfortable" seasons as blessings, but "uncomfortable" seasons as burdens or curses? What can we do to ensure we approach "blessings" and "burdens" with the right perspective?
5. Verses 15-18 discuss the extremes of righteousness and wickedness. Why is fanaticism (or over-righteousness) so detrimental? How can we be delivered from these extremes (v.18)?