

Ecclesiastes 5:1-8  
"Veracity, Vows, & Violence"

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1. Introduction

a. Book of Ecclesiastes written by the "Preacher" (King Solomon), son of King David

b. Daily life can be so busy

- King Solomon had simple basic instruction
- \* Eccl 5:7 but fear God
- \* Eccl 12:13-14 Fear God & keep His commandments
- x for this is the whole duty of man

c. Three challenges in life

2. Worship Veracity

a. Go to the house of God

- walk prudently when going to church & in life

b. Purposeful approach

- come to worship with purpose
- Heb 10:25 do not forsake coming together in church
- come with diligence.

c. Passionate attention

- pay close attention to song & preaching
- be more ready to hear
- Prov 8:34 Blessed is the man that hears God
- Jms 1:19 swift to hear, slow to speak

3. Willful Vow

a. Jms 1:22 be doers of the Word

b. Thoughtful decision

- do not speak rashly
- let your words be few
- do not speak in haste

### 3c. Thievish delay

- your thoughts are words to God
- when you make a vow, do not delay to pay it
- \* better not to vow than to not pay it
- God is in heaven & I am on earth
- Is 1:18 Come now & let us reason together
- Prov 27:1 boast not about tomorrow - you don't know future

### d. Thin denial

- do not let your mouth cause you to sin (excuses, mistake)
- Num 30:2, Deut 23:21 oath or vow, do not delay to pay it
- sins of omission (forget to obey commands)
- sins of commission - active sins

## 4. Wasted Violence

### a. Hostile potentate

- current society hostile to Christians
- 2 Tim 3:13 evil men & seducers getting worse

- do not be shocked <sup>at</sup> evil acts

### b. Higher power - God Himself

- Rev 1:8 "I am Alpha & Omega, beginning & ending, who is, was, or will be"
- Rev 19:16 His name: King of kings & Lord of lords
- Philp 2:9-11 God has highly exalted Him (Jesus)... that at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow... & every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord