

Ecclesiastes

Finding Joy in Heart Work

ECCLESIASTES 6:10-7:14

Overview

People strive for total control. That was the sin of Adam that repeats itself in every generation. Even as Christians we can be tempted to manipulate God to get our way. But the Preacher offers a better path toward a better life. It is found in a heart that is fixed on God and is surrendered to God.

Notes

Intro: God is in Control

6.10-11

Key Question: What is good?

6.12

*Answer: A Heart fixed on God
Perspective*

7.1-14
Verses 1-4

Teachability

Verses 5-6

Self-control

Verses 7-10

Wisdom

Verses 11-12

Conclusion: God is in control

7.13-14

Personal Application

How will you fix your heart on God this week?

Reflection Questions

1. How does the Preacher introduce his teaching (6.10-11)? What disputes tend to exist between God and people?
2. What do you observe about his proverbs regarding the better life in 7.1-12? How do these virtues help you fix your heart on God?
3. Of the categories listed above, which one grabbed your attention most and why? Is it something for you to grow in or to celebrate growth in?
4. What does the Preacher want you to consider (or see) in verses 13-14? Why is that so important?
5. How does the fact that God is in control impact how you live a better life?
6. Is there a particular way God wants you to fix your heart on him as a result of this study and discussion?