

CHAPTER 5

KEEP thy foot when thou goest to the house of God, and be more ready to hear, than to give the sacrifice of fools: for they consider not that they do evil.

2 Be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thine heart be hasty to utter *any* thing before God: for God *is* in heaven, and thou upon earth: therefore let thy words be few.

3 For a dream cometh through the multitude of business; and a fool's voice *is known* by multitude of words.

4. When thou vowest a vow unto God, defer not to pay it; for *he hath* no pleasure in fools: pay that which thou hast vowed.

5 Better *is it* that thou shouldst not vow, than that thou shouldst vow and not pay.

6 Suffer not thy mouth to cause thy flesh to sin; neither say thou before the angel, that it *was* an error: wherefore should God be angry at thy voice, and destroy the work of thine hands?

7 For in the multitude of dreams

and many words *there are* also *divers* vanities: but fear thou God.

8 ¶ If thou seest the oppression of the poor, and violent perverting of judgment and justice in a province, marvel not at the matter: for *he that is* higher than the highest regardeth; and *there be* higher than they.

9 ¶ Moreover the profit of the earth is for all: the king *himself* is served by the field.

10 He that loveth silver shall not be satisfied with silver; nor he that loveth abundance with increase: this *is* also vanity.

11 When goods increase, they are increased that eat them: and what good *is there* to the owners thereof, saving the beholding of *them* with their eyes?

12 The sleep of a labouring man *is* sweet, whether he eat little or much: but the abundance of the rich will not suffer him to sleep.

13 There is a sore evil *which* I have seen under the sun, *namely*, riches kept for the owners thereof to their hurt.

14 But those riches perish by evil travail: and he begetteth a son, and *there is* nothing in his hand.

15 As he came forth of his mother's womb, naked shall he return to go as he came, and shall take nothing of his labour, which he may carry away in his hand.

16 And this also *is* a sore evil, *that* in all points as he came, so shall he go: and what profit hath he that hath laboured for the wind?

17 All his days also he eateth in darkness, and *he hath* much sorrow and wrath with his sickness.

18 ¶ Behold *that* which I have seen: *it is* good and comely *for one* to eat and to drink, and to enjoy the good of all his labour that he taketh under the sun all the days of his life, which God giveth him: for *it is* his portion.

19 Every man also to whom God hath given riches and wealth, and hath given him power to eat thereof, and to take his portion, and to rejoice in his labour; *this is* the gift of God.

20 For he shall not much remember the days of his life; because God answereth *him* in the joy of his heart.

CHAPTER 6

THERE is an evil which I have seen under the sun, and it *is* common among men:

2 A man to whom God hath given riches, wealth, and honour, so that he wanteth nothing for his soul of all that he desireth, yet God giveth him not power to eat thereof, but a stranger eateth it: *this is* vanity, and it *is* an evil disease.

3 ¶ If a man beget an hundred *children*, and live many years, so that the days of his years be many, and his soul be not filled with good, and also *that* he have no burial; I say, *that* an untimely birth *is* better than he.

4 For he cometh in with vanity, and departeth in darkness, and his name shall be covered with darkness.

5 Moreover he hath not seen the sun, nor known *any thing*: this hath more rest than the other.

6 ¶ Yea, though he live a thousand years twice *told*, yet hath he seen no good: do not all go to one place?

7. All the labour of man *is* for his mouth, and yet the appetite is not filled.

8 For what hath the wise more than the fool? what hath the poor, that knoweth to walk before the liv-

ing?

9 ¶ Better *is* the sight of the eyes than the wandering of the desire: this *is* also vanity and vexation of spirit.

10 That which hath been is named already, and it is known that *it is* man: neither may he contend with him that is mightier than he.

11 ¶ Seeing there be many things that increase vanity, what *is* man the better?

12 For who knoweth what *is* good for man in *this* life, all the days of his vain life which he spendeth as a shadow? for who can tell a man what shall be after him under the sun?

CHAPTER 7

A GOOD name *is* better than a precious ointment; and the day of death than the day of one's birth.

2 ¶ *It is* better to go to the house of mourning, than to go to the house of feasting: for that *is* the end of all men; and the living will lay *it* to his heart.

3 Sorrow *is* better than laughter: for by the sadness of the countenance the heart is made better.

4 The heart of the wise *is* in the house of mourning; but the heart of fools *is* in the house of mirth.

5 *It is* better to hear the rebuke

of the wise, than for a man to hear the song of fools.

6 For as the crackling of thorns under a pot, so *is* the laughter of the fool: this also *is* vanity.

7 ¶ Surely oppression maketh a wise man mad; and a gift destroyeth the heart.

8 Better *is* the end of a thing than the beginning thereof: *and* the patient in spirit *is* better than the proud in spirit.

9 Be not hasty in thy spirit to be angry: for anger resteth in the bosom of fools.

10 Say not thou, What is *the cause* that the former days were better than these? for thou dost not enquire wisely concerning this.

11 ¶ Wisdom *is* good with an inheritance: and *by it there is* profit to them that see the sun.

12 For wisdom *is* a defence, *and* money *is* a defence: but the excellency of knowledge *is*, *that* wisdom giveth life to them that have it.

13 Consider the work of God: for who can make *that* straight, which he hath made crooked?

14 In the day of prosperity be joyful, but in the day of adversity consider: God also hath set the one over against the other, to the end that man should find nothing after

him.

15 All *things* have I seen in the days of my vanity: there is a just *man* that perisheth in his righteousness, and there is a wicked *man* that longeth *his life* in his wickedness.

16 Be not righteous over much; neither make thyself over wise: why shouldst thou destroy thyself?

17 Be not over much wicked, neither be thou foolish: why shouldst thou die before thy time?

18 *It is good* that thou shouldst take hold of this; yea, also from this withdraw not thine hand: for he that feareth God shall come forth of them all.

19 Wisdom strengtheneth the wise more than ten mighty *men* which are in the city.

20 For *there is* not a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not.

21 Also take no heed unto all words that are spoken; lest thou hear thy servant curse thee:

22 For oftentimes also thine own heart knoweth that thou thyself

likewise hast cursed others.

23 ¶ All this have I proved by wisdom: I said, I will be wise; but it *was* far from me.

24 That which is far off, and exceeding deep, who can find it out?

25 I applied mine heart to know, and to search, and to seek out wisdom, and the reason of *things*, and to know the wickedness of folly, even of foolishness *and* madness:

26 And I find more bitter than death the woman, whose heart *is* snares and nets, *and* her hands *as* bands: whoso pleaseth God shall escape from her; but the sinner shall be taken by her.

27 Behold, this have I found, saith the preacher, *counting* one by one, to find out the account:

28 Which yet my soul seeketh, but I find not: one man among a thousand have I found; but a woman among all those have I not found.

29 Lo, this only have I found, that God hath made man upright; but they have sought out many inventions.

DEVOTIONAL COMMENTS

In chapter 5 the preacher emphasizes the importance of sincerity in religious service. In verses 4-6 he states that we should keep our promises to God literally. Too many people walk down an aisle and make a decision for Christ without following through. When you accept Christ as your Saviour, you also acknowledge Him as your Lord. God records every decision, and holds us accountable for our follow-through. It is wrong to use God as a fire escape or a foxhole in time of great emergency and need. The Lord wants to be invited into the common-place and everyday affairs of our lives. The Christian life is a relationship, not a religion!

After chapter 6 deals with the reality of death, Solomon feels that life is not worth living, because the ultimate end will be an untimely death. Once again we must view this as the perspective of the godless man. Death is not a horrible experience for a born-again believer. Death is graduation. "For to me to live is Christ and to die is gain," Paul said.

Chapter 7 is dedicated to the subject of Christian testimony. Verse 1 says, "A good name is better than precious ointment." The most precious possession we have, apart from salvation itself, is our Christian testimony. We should carefully guard it at all times.

The Bible urges us to be of good report among them which are without. Billy Sunday used to say, "When you get saved, you will change your hitching post." A good dose of Bible salvation will ruin you for this world! You must come out from among the worldly associations, habits, and haunts when Christ becomes real in your life. "How can two walk together except they be agreed?"

PROVERB FOR TODAY

"A prudent man foreseeth the evil, and hideth himself: but the simple pass on, and are punished" (Proverbs 22:3).

TREASURE PATH TO SOUL WINNING

ASSIGNMENT 25: For today's memory verses, follow instructions on page 7.

BIRTHDAY TODAY

MARGARET CHANEY

ON THIS DATE IN HISTORY

1680

MADAM GUYON WAS CONVERTED.

The favorite Scripture verse of this great Christian was Romans 15:13, "Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost."

1742

SUSANNAH WESLEY DIED.

On this date Susannah Wesley, mother of John and Charles Wesley, died. When John and Charles left for America and their preaching campaigns here, their mother said, "Had I twenty sons, I would rejoice they were all so employed though I should never see them again." What a wonderful mother Susannah Wesley must have been. Pray for your mother today and thank God for her. Write her a letter expressing your love.

1886

THE STATUE OF LIBERTY WAS UNVEILED.

Thank God today for the liberty of our country and pray that it shall ever be so.

1916

JAMES WHITCOMB RILEY DIED.

ON THIS DATE IN AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY

1848

PRESIDENT LINCOLN SUBMITTED DRAFT OF EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION to his cabinet.

1935

LESTER WALTON APPOINTED MINISTER TO LIBERIA.

1939

JANE MATILDA BOLIN APPOINTED JUDGE OF COURT OF DOMESTIC RELATIONS IN NEW YORK CITY, by Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia and became the first black woman judge.

The Story of the Psalms

PSALMS 62

AUTHOR: David

THE STORY BEHIND THE PSALM:

Absalom's rebellion began as all rebellion begins—with gossip and talk. It starts innocently enough, and then it spreads. Absalom was talking about the inefficiencies of his dad and how that he would judge the people better. He even insinuated that his dad was becoming senile. David, of course, began to hear bits of this gossip as it returned to him. Critical statements would leak back to David. It was while this talk was going around that David wrote the 62nd Psalm. Who is there among us who has not felt the sharp dagger and the piercing sabre of talk that we are unable to answer and verbal attacks against which we are unable to defend ourselves? As a preacher of the Gospel for over a third of a century, I have felt the hurt and pain of untrue statements and unjust criticism. In my early days I tried to trace it down, defend myself and explain my side, but this just widens the wound. All we can do is do our best to be sincere, to love God and serve Him with all the heart, mind, body and soul and let Him take care of our vindication.

It is always difficult when such verbal attacks are leveled against us. It is more difficult when they come from those whom we love. It is even more difficult when they come from our dearest friends, and it seems unbearable when they come from those who are flesh of our flesh, blood of our blood, and bone of our bone. Imagine David's heartbreak as the first echoes of his son's criticism and gossip leaked his way. 'Twas then that he penned the 62nd Psalm.

THE WAY IT WAS USED BY GOD'S PEOPLE:

It is obvious that this Psalm was used, read and sung when one was unjustly criticized.

Treasure Path to Soul-Winning

MEMORY VERSE TOPIC FOR THIS WEEK:

DIFFICULT PROBLEMS SOLVED: "I HAVE NO FEELING"

(Assignment 25)

Please recite all three components of each of these five verses aloud, five times each morning, and five times each evening, for seven days. The three components of each verse are: Subject, Scripture Reference, and Scripture Text. (For more details, see "The Treasure Path to Soul Winning" link back on the DailyKJV.com page.)

Justified by faith.

() Romans 5:1

Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Justified by His Grace.

() Romans 3:24

Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.

Justified by His Blood.

() Romans 5:9

Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.

Justified by Believing (Never by feeling).

() John 5:24

Verily, Verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

Justified in the name of the Lord Jesus.

() 1 Corinthians 6:11

And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.