



CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

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10/15/23, Ecclesiastes 7:7 “Oppression & Bribes”

ESV, Surely oppression drives the wise into madness, and a bribe corrupts the heart.

KJV, Surely oppression maketh a wise man mad; and a gift destroyeth the heart.

JPS, for cheating may rob the wise man of reason and destroy the prudence of the cautious.

כִּי הָעֲשָׂק יְהוֹלֵל חָכָם (kheey ha-Ō-sheq y'-hō-LĀL cha-KHAM)
וַיִּאֲבֹד אֶת-לֵב מִתְנָה (veey-ab-BĀD et-LĀV mat-ta-NAH)

I. Particular Insights from this Verse

A. prophetic & messianic, **v7a**; *for oppression drives the wise into madness*

1. “for” or “because” from vv5-6

a. John 7:20; 8:22, 48; 10:20

B. pitiful men, **v7a**

1. seemingly madness because of the gospel’s sake

a. Acts 26:24-25; 1 Cor 1:18

2. sorrowful heartache in Christ’s redeemed

a. Ecc 5:8

3. susceptible to unreasonableness in the best of men (oppression of evil)

a. Ecc 3:16

C. prophetic of Messiah’s work, **v7b**; *and a gift destroyeth the heart*

1. Acts 4:12; Eph 2:8-9

D. pitiful men, **v7b**; *a bribe corrupts the heart*

1. Ex 23:8; Deut 16:19; Prov 15:27

2. Acts 24:26