

YOUR DOSE OF REALITY

Ecclesiastes 7:1-14

A good name is better than precious ointment, and the day of death than the day of birth. 2 It is better to go to the house of mourning than to go to the house of feasting, for this is the end of all mankind, and the living will lay it to heart. 3 Sorrow is better than laughter, for by sadness of face the heart is made glad. 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 for a man to hear the rebuke of the wise than to hear the song of fools. 6 For as the crackling of thorns under a pot, so is the laughter of the fools; this also is vanity. 7 Surely oppression drives the wise into madness, and a bribe corrupts the heart. 8 Better is the end of a thing than its beginning, and the patient in spirit is better than the proud in spirit. 9 Be not quick in your spirit to become angry, for anger lodges in the heart of fools. 10 Say not, "Why were the former days better than these?" For it is not from wisdom that you ask this. 11 Wisdom is good with an inheritance, an advantage to those who see the sun. 12 For the protection of wisdom is like the protection of money, and the advantage of knowledge is that wisdom preserves the life of him who has it. 13 Consider the work of God: who can make straight what he has made crooked? 14 In the day of prosperity be joyful, and in the day of adversity consider: God has made the one as well as the other, so that man may not find out anything that will be after him.

When we consider reality under the sun, hope is found in responding with beyond the sun wisdom.

1. There is No Special Immunity to Genesis 3 Reality for God’s People.

Ecclesiastes 5:8-6:12, Psalm 103:14-15, Isaiah 45:9

What disappointing adversities in the world shock you most?

When do you find your greatest temptation to argue with God?

Why will you never obtain eutopia in the Genesis 3 world?

2. Contemplating Reality With Beyond the Sun Glasses Guides Us in Godly Responses.

Ecclesiastes 7:1-14, Psalm 90, Galatians 2:20.

List wise and godly responses to worldly adversities.

3. Conclusion

What needs to change in your life to respond in faith?

Church Announcements

- New Wednesday Series – “Irreducible” Wednesday 7pm
- Tuesday special church prayer time: 8:30pm Zoom. “Pray for One Another.”
- Sunday School: children’s classes: 8:30am Zoom.
- Men’s Discipleship – see your leaders.

Special Request

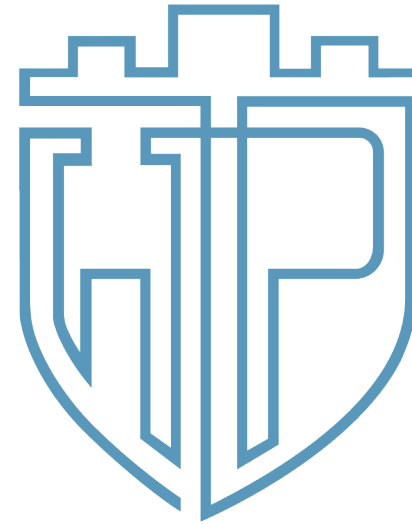
- Pray for wisdom, care, health and loving fellowship as we look to reopen.
- Pray for our deacons as they manage the church’s finances.
- Pray for Jamie and Mandy Smith.

Giving Information

Traditional Giving: A box is located at the rear of the auditorium.

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