



**the Vapor Called Life**

## ***“The (Futile) Attempt to Straighten a Crook’d Lot”***

*Ecclesiastes 7:15-29 • part 12*

### INTRODUCTION

- buying the happy ending

Deut. 4:40  
Deut. 4:25-26; Ps. 55:23

- the benefits of God putting a crook in our lot

- but is there *any* way to straighten what God has bent?

### *1. Crooks in our lives (7:15-19)*

- the frustration of the absence of the happy ending

Job 13:15; Jn. 9:3  
Eccl. 3:11

- denouncing being “excessively righteous” and “overly wise”

Mt. 5:20, 48

- the “twins” will serve us well in this life

### *2. Crooks are for crook’d people (7:20-26)*

- even the “righteous” are pockmarked with sin

Rom. 3:10-12  
Jms. 3:8-10

- the path of Lady Folly will in no wise answer deep questions

Is. 6:5

### *3. Crooks are for crook’d people in a crook’d world (7:27-29)*

- was Qoheleth a sexist, a misogynist?

- the doctrine of original righteousness

### CONCLUSION

Jer. 13:23