

The showdown of Wisdom

Ecclesiastes 7:11-14

I. Wisdom's Advantage (11-12)

A) Background Concepts

B) Comparison and Contrast

II. God's Good Sovereignty (13-14)

A) God's Sovereignty and the Crooked (13)

B) God's Sovereignty and Wisdom

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11 Wisdom is good with an inheritance, And profitable to those who see the sun.

12 For wisdom is a defense as money is a defense, But the excellence of knowledge is that wisdom gives life to those who have it.

13 Consider the work of God; For who can make straight what He has made crooked?

14 In the day of prosperity be joyful, But in the day of adversity consider: Surely God has appointed the one as well as the other, So that man can find out nothing that will come after him.

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Small Group Questions

1. We noticed a number of things which are like shadows or safe places for us, our parents, money and wisdom. What else might be a safe place for us? Are they connected to God? How?
2. Share some times in your lives when God allowed suffering but which resulted in a surprisingly good outcome.
3. If why acknowledge the truth of God's good sovereignty in all of our times, why is it often so difficult to trust Him in the middle of the crooked