

Beware the Limits of Wisdom

Ecclesiastes 7:19-24

I. Limited In Righteousness (19-20)

A) Wisdom and Strength (10)

B) Righteousness and Weakness (20)

II. Limited In Expectations (21-22)

A) Oh Be Careful Little Ears What You Hear! (21)

B) Oh Be Careful Little Mouth What You Say! (22)

III. Limited In Scope (23-24)

A) The Irony (23)

B) The Limitation (24)

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19 Wisdom strengthens the wise More than ten rulers of the city.

20 For there is not a just man on earth who does good And does not sin.

21 Also do not take to heart everything people say, Lest you hear your servant cursing you.

22 For many times, also, your own heart has known That even you have cursed others.

23 All this I have proved by wisdom. I said, "I will be wise"; But it was far from me.

24 As for that which is far off and exceedingly deep, Who can find it out?

Small Group Questions

1. Compare and contrast the useful worldly wisdom which Solomon speaks of here in 7:15-24 and Jesus's wisdom in Matthew 5-7
2. Read through James 3 and talk about how his teaching intersects with Solomon's from this morning's passage.
3. Solomon says in verse 24 that there are things too distant and deep for us to figure out. Man is always trying to understand further and deeper. How has Satan used this desire? What tools has he used?